

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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Father Peter/Rolando Thank You & Best Wishes!

Father Peter Eke and Father Rolando Silva had a packed cafeteria of parishioners, school families, and friends expressing their gratitude for their ministry at OLL, St. Hubert's, and St. James. Both priests have been assigned to other parishes in northern Michigan and will be missed dearly from our community.



Welcome Father Matthew!

Father Matthew Cowan held his first Mass at Our Lady of the Lake on Monday, July 1st. Father Matthew is eager to meet our school families and will be a great addition to our team. Please stop by and introduce yourself when you are able and welcome Father Matthew with open arms, as we are so blessed to be graced by his ministry!

Big Cash Raffle Ticket Church Sign-up

Sign up to sell Big Cash Raffle Tickets at church. It is an easy and quick way to get in your service hours! One service hour earned for every 2 tickets sold! Tickets can be signed out in packs of 10-50 in the school office between 8am-1pm in July.

[Link to Church Sign-up](#)



Dress Code Reminders/Summer Shopping

We want to give everyone a friendly reminder of our dress code prior to school shopping. Please remember we have an overflowing supply of cloths that are in great shape in our uniform closet that you can take whatever you need anytime during business hours of 8am-1pm in July. Below were our biggest issues for 2024-25.

- Shorts, skirts/jumpers at least 2 inches above the knee or longer.
- Socks must be white, navy, khaki, or black. NO Multicolored socks.
- Minimal jewelry. NO dangly earrings, hoop earrings, makeup, tattoos, or nail polish.
- No flip-flops, sandals, boots, clogs, or heels may be worn.
- Students should have an extra pair of gym shoes that are only to be worn to gym-NOT OUTSIDE. This will preserve our gym floor finishing with your help.
- Hair accessories should be small. Hair length for boys should be above the shirt collar & out of eyes. NO unnatural hair color (red, pink, etc) or hair bling.
- Please refer to pg. 10 & 11 of our handbook for a full description of our dress code policy. [Link to 2024-25 School Handbook Uniform Policy](#)

Dress code violation Warnings will continue to be given next year. Students will report to Principal's office after 3 violations. Parents will be notified & recess detentions will be given after 6 dress code infractions.

We appreciate your cooperation & support in following school procedure.

Academic Progress!

Report cards were sent home the last day of school, June 11th. If you have any questions/concerns regarding your child's progress, please feel free to email your child's teacher concerning their academic progress/behavior.

- PreK: abawek@ollrcs.org
- Kindergarten: sfinton@ollrcs.org
- K/1st: rkruse@ollrcs.org
- 2nd: lrobb@ollrcs.org
- 3rd/4th: ksmith@ollrcs.org
- 4th-5th: akoupal@ollrcs.org
- 6th-8th: amckuen@ollrcs.org
- Secretarial staff: ollsc@ollrcs.org
- Principal: mjohnson@ollrcs.org



Annual Golf Outing Results

This year's golf outing/spring 50/50 Raffle was a record high raising \$18,176.20 thanks to our many generous parents, donors, and Scott Loose whom is Pine View Golf Course's new owner. Mr. Loose/Loose Plastics was a big contributor and I hope you would consider supporting Pine View Golf Course and Albatross 19 (food truck at Pine View) this summer! Thank you to the many families that participated & a special thank you to our golf committee members Lynnette Lezotte, Frank Schultz, Michele Schultz, Lori Korbinski, Jessica Sandoval, Dave Hock, Jack Champagne, Chris Coyne, and Henry Woida. Your time and support of our school is greatly appreciated. You are an incredible group of parents/parish community and your continued support of OLLRCS is the key ingredient to our success! A huge thank you to you all!

HOME & SCHOOL

All families are required to complete 100 service hours per school year. All hours completed now will go toward the 2025-26 school year.

[Link to Service Hour Form](#)

Please contact a Home and School officer if you have any further questions:

President: samantha.opperman@fmins.com

VP: heather.king3115@kirtland.edu

Secretary: rachelkrohn15@yahoo.com

Treasurer: krisandlea@gmail.com



Thank You for Registering

Thank you to those who have enrolled their child at OLLRCS for the 2025-26 school year. At this time, we have no waiting lists and have room at every grade level. Last school year we had a 13:1 student-teacher ratio school wide and we intend to keep it similar for the 2025-26 school year. Class configurations and teacher assignments will be dependent on our final student count and will most likely not be announced until August.

Thank you for your support and patience!

[Link to Registration Information](#)

OLLRCS is committed to providing a high-quality academic and spiritual education with small class sizes encompassed in a safe environment. Please contact the office at 989-366-5592 or email Mrs. Johnson at mjohnson@ollrcs if you have additional questions concerning registration for 2025-26 school year.

Specials Teachers Needed

If you are willing to help with some of the special classes and/or events (gym, art, music, library, play practice, talent show coordinator, etc) we have next year to receive service hours, please contact Mrs. Johnson at mjohnson@ollrcs.org.



Faith Formation Info.

If you would like to be more involved with our church ministry and see how your child can contribute, please contact **Amber Buccilli** at amber.buccilli@nmcac4kids.org. Our student-led Mass is every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9am. Hope you will consider sharing your child's talents with us.

[Link to Faith Formation Newsletter](#)
[Message from Bishop Walsh](#)

Vacation Bible School at OLLRCS!

Vacation Bible School at OLLRCS this summer Aug. 4th-8th. See the flyer below for details.



WE NEED SERVSAFE TRAINED LUNCH HELPERS!

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All servesafe trainers will be reimbursed for any fees if you submit a purchase request and a check request to the front office and you will receive 2 service hours for taking the course. We are looking for more servesafe certified volunteers for next school year.

[Link to Servsafe Course](#)

Requirements to Help in the School

All volunteers that work with students 8 or less hours/month need to have a background check and complete an online virus training. If you are working with students more than 8 hours a month, you will also need to get fingerprinted.

[ICHAT Background Check Form](#)
[Virtus TRAINING LINK](#)

For fingerprinting we use

<https://www.identogo.com/services/live-scan-fingerprinting> and the most cost effective is West Branch or Gladwin & we will pay half if you turn in your receipt.

Summer Homework!

You received an IXL username and password from your teacher to help with "summer slide" retention. If you need your IXL login information, please email your teacher and/or Mrs. Smith at ksmith@ollrcs.org. Studies show that students lose, on average, about 20 percent of their school-year gains in reading and 27 percent of their school-year gains in math during summer break. Below are some things you can work on over the summer:

[Link to "Summer Slide Statistics and Prevention"](#)

- Read for 15 minutes each day
- Flash cards of adding & subtracting for grades K-3 and multiplying for grades 3-8.
- Practice tying shoes, zipping coats, and other daily skills that can be done independently, even by our youngest students!
- Correcting mispronounced words with your child. When students do not/can not pronounce words correctly, it is increasingly more difficult to spell words and write.

"If we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us." John 4:12

Congratulations OLLRCS Alumni!

Owen Barnes - Roscommon Valedictorian

Sydney Horski - HL Co-Valedictorian

Trisha Kartz - HL High Honors



UPCOMING DATES!

- Mass Schedule for July 5th and 6th w/Father Matthew
 - Our Lady of the Lake Saturday, July 5th at 4 PM
 - Saint James Sunday, July 6th at 8 AM
 - Our Lady of the Lake Sunday, July 6th at 10 AM
 - Saint Hubert Sunday, July 6th, at 12 PM (Noon).
- Please call the office 989-366-5592 if you would like to get a head start on your service hours. We have a ton of summer opportunities to earn hours.
- Summer office hours: 8am-4pm in June and August. 8am-1pm in the month of July.
- Please sign out Big Raffle Tickets in the office during business hours.
- Feel free to visit our uniform closet during office hours.
- Please be on the look out for summer parent alerts for updates.



Dear OLLRCS Parents,
Happy 4th of July! We hope you can join us for Mass with Father Matthew Cowan this weekend and possibly sell tickets. We thank you for a great academic school year. There was so much growth made this year in all areas. We feel so honored to be a part of your educational journey and for sharing your most precious children with our staff. It is truly a blessing for all of us. Our administrative team is already working hard to provide the best education possible for the 2025-26 school year. Please help us by participating in at least one of our 3 fundraisers going on this summer. We are in the midst of our letter fundraiser, diligently planning for our Stargazer gala, and currently selling Big Cash Raffle Tickets. We appreciate those that have been so supportive and helpful in getting these main 3 fundraisers for our school running smoothly. As always, thank you for your continued support of OLLRCS and have a wonderful weekend!

Many Blessings,

Michelle L. Johnson
OLLRCS Principal

Nurturing Minds, Strengthening Faith,
Fostering Virtues



