



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to our Disciples for August!!

Students were chosen for virtuous behavior and kindness. They will be treated with a pizza lunch on Tuesday September 2nd!



Front row: Izzabela VanAssen, Jaxon Dull
Back row: Ari Buccilli, Zephyr Buccilli, Avery Opperman

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2025-2026 School Calendar Link

Academic Progress!

Welcome back for our 2025/2026 school year!! All 4th-8th grade students grades will be posted on-line. Follow these links in the FACTS family portal to access their progress in each subject. Make sure you drop down to 4th MP.

- Family Portal
- Student
- Grades

Feel free to email your child's teacher concerning their academic progress/behavior.

- Pre-K/Kindergarten: sfinton@ollrcs.org
- K/1st: lrobb@ollrcs.org
- 2nd/3rd: ksmith@ollrcs.org
- 4th-5th: akoupal@ollrcs.org
- 6th-7th: mjohnson@ollrsc.org
- Secretarial staff: ollsc@ollrcs.org
- Principal: amckuen@ollrcs.org



Extra Recess!!!!

Every Student whose family sells and turns in 15 Big Cash Raffle Tickets by September 24 will receive an EXTRA RECESS on September 26!

See the link to the flyer below for more details.

[Link Big Cash Raffle Reward Flyer.](#)

Labor day weekend is a great time to sell at the three parishes. They will be packed with people looking to by tickets from your adorable children.

Sign up below to sell at Mass this weekend.

[Link to Church sign up](#)

MEETING

HOME & SCHOOL

All families are required to complete 100 service hours per school year. There are many ways to reach your hours. For example, volunteering for lunch, signing up to help out with fundraising, and much more.

[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

Safety Procedure Updates

We are all praying for our the families that were involved in the shooting in Minnesota yesterday. In light of yesterday's event, we are reevaluting our safety precautions for Mass on Wednesday. Attached is a letter from Father Matthew explaining our new safety procedures

[Mass Safety Procedures](#)

Lunch Help Needed Everyday!

To join our lunch staff, please sign up using the calendars below if your background requirements are completed:

[Link to September Lunch Calendar](#)

All hot lunches are available through our FACTS portal & must be purchased prior to 8am.



Healthy Lunch is a Must

Our lunch volunteers have noticed several students lunches that have had many sugary snacks. A healthy lunch is essential for students to maintain energy, focus, and overall well-being throughout the school day. Eating well-balanced lunches also promotes better mood and productivity, giving students the mental clarity they need to succeed in their studies and extracurricular activities. By choosing wholesome foods, students can improve their physical health, enhance cognitive function, and set the foundation for healthy habits that last a lifetime.

[Healthy Lunch infographic](#)

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.



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](mailto:amber.buccilli@nmcac4kids.org) 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](#)



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS:
THE 12TH ANNUAL STARGAZER
GALA FUNDRAISER



BACK
TO
80'S
Party



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2025

RAFFLES - AUCTION - DINNER - CASH BAR

80'S ATTIRE ENCOURAGED

Volunteers needed for the Gala!

[Link to sign up to volunteer](#)



UPCOMING DATES!

Monday, September 1st, 2025

- Labor Day No School

Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025.

- Gym with Mr. Pete. Bring Gym Shoes and Middle School. Bring a change of clothes
- No hot lunch, make sure to pack your child a nutritious snack and lunch.
- Pizza Lunch for August Disciples
- Houghton Lake bussing in the morning, no afternoon bussing

Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025

- Volunteerism with Mrs. Buccilli
- Mass at 9:00 am. All are welcome. You may sit with your child if you attend. No shorts for Mass. Students may bring shorts to change into after Mass.
- Chicken Nugget Day: Please order through our FACTS system by 8:00 a.m. If you need assistance, please get in touch with the front office at 989-366-5592.
- First full day of Houghton Lake bussing starts today!

Thursday, September 4th, 2025

- Art with Mary McInerney
- Buccilli Pizza Lunch: Please order through our FACTS system by 8:00 a.m. If you need assistance, please get in touch with the front office at 989-366-5592.
- No Houghton Lake Bussing

Friday, September 5th, 2025

- Science/Health with Heather King
- Pasta Lunch
- Middle School Field Trip No School

Saturday, September 6th, 2025

- Big Cash Raffle tickets are available to sell in three parishes. [Link to Church sign up.](#) You may sign out tickets in our school office, M-F.

Sunday, September 7th, 2025

- Big Cash Raffle tickets are available to sell in 3 parishes. [Link to Church sign-up.](#) You may sign out tickets in our school office M-F

Middle School Made for Mission Field Trip

Our first middle school mission trip is coming up very soon. Students will help to pass out food at St. Vincent's and will have a pizza lunch before returning to school. Permission slips will go home on Friday, September 5th, and need be returned no later than Friday, September 12th. Students who do not return a permission slip by the due date will have an alternative assignment and will still be required to come to school that day



Dear OLLRCS Parents,

What an exciting start to our school year! The First two weeks have been filled with learning, teamwork, and fun. Students have been busy learning routines and expectations, while also engaging in activities that encourage teamwork, respect and responsibility. It's been wonderful to see friendships forming and supporting one another.

We began reviewing key skills and laying the foundation for new concepts. As we move into the next few weeks, we'll continue building on this strong start by introducing more challenging content, group projects and opportunities for creativity.

Thank you for your continued support in making these first weeks such a success. We look forward to all that is ahead this year!
Yours in Christ

Angie McKuen
OLLRCS Principal

Nurturing Minds, Strengthening Faith,
Fostering Virtues