

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



In Faith and Love we build Christian Community

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Newsletter Reminders 2020-2021

OFFICE HOURS

Please note that our office hours for the 2020-2021 school year will be as follows: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Our after-school supervision ends at 3:05 p.m. No gatherings are allowed in the playground.

OFFICE EMAIL

For all absentees and inquiries, please email office@myolosschool.com.

STUDENT MORNING DROP OFF

As in our June re-start, we will be introducing longer drop-off times (8:30 - 9:00 a.m.) and pick-up times (2:30 - 3:00 p.m.) to prevent crowding. Masks must be worn by parents in all public places, and in the pick-up and drop-off zones when physical distancing cannot be accommodated.

***There is no- playtime outside, PRIOR or AFTER, the drop-off times. Students must go straight to classes and then straight home.**

All school students will enter from the West lot doors and sanitize prior to entering the building. Parents can walk them through the Turner and Slocan gate, however, the Pender gate will be drive – through and out only! (**Pre-school families will drop-off on the Slocan entrance to the Preschool. See Pre-school letter**).

PICK- UP PROCEDURES

We will be allowing parents PRIMARY (K-4) to park and pick up in the lot from 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Intermediate only students must be picked up outside the gates. Intermediate students will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Primary students will be walked out and released to their parents either in the lot or at the gates. Parents must remain in front or in their cars.

RECESS AND LUNCH BREAKS

Primary and Intermediate grades will have different recess and lunch breaks to stagger transition times and to provide a greater amount of space between cohorts on the playground.

Primary Grade 1 to Grade 4 (K when needed)

Recess: 10am – 10:15 am

Lunch: 11:55-12:20 p.m.

Intermediates: Grade 5,6,7

Recess: 10:15 to 10:30

Lunch 12:20-12:45

Students will need to be outside more often. ****Please ensure all students are prepared with proper jackets and footwear daily as we will also increase the air circulation in the classrooms as well. Students will need to wear sweaters and jackets more often.**

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

The After-School Club runs from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. The cost for this is \$5.00 per 30 minutes per student until 4:30 p.m. After 4:30 p.m., the cost will be an additional \$10.00 per student per 30 minutes. The Music Room is the location for the After-School Club. Children are to be picked up using the outside Music Room door (Turner Street side of school) and must sign out before leaving.

MONTHLY AND WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS

This year, we will continue with the weekly newsletter and monthly calendar. In order to keep you up to date on issues and remind you of special dates, there will be a weekly bulletin sent home via email as well as posted on our website: (www.ourladyofsorrows.ca). This will usually be sent every Wednesday, so please ensure you check your emails regularly. If there is a change in your email address, please contact the school and provide us with the new one as soon as possible. The monthly newsletter will be sent home with the oldest child as a hardcopy.

VISITORS

All visitor contact must be by phone, email or appointment due to COVID screening protocols.

For the safety of our students and staff, all visitors and parents are required to report to the school office upon arrival where a "Visitor" tag will be issued if needed. We ask that all parents/visitors only use the Main School entrance on Slocan Street to enter the school. During instructional time, parents are not to go to their child's classroom. Any supplies or lunches (labelled with child's name and grade) are to be left at the office. It is your child's responsibility (not the office staff) to retrieve their lunch or supplies from the school office. We also wish to restrict calls home for supplies and lunches, so please have your child review daily routines and help them to prepare for their day prior to bedtime. We encourage your children to bring all necessary items to school daily. Thank you.

ABSENTEES

It is very important that you call the school by 8:30 a.m. if your child will be absent or late. This will save time calling you to check if your child is home. Upon your child's return to school, you must send a note to the classroom teacher explaining the reason for the absence. Please also include all dates absent. If you have more than one child, we require separate notes for each one. This information is required for our annual Attendance Audit which determines our Government funding for the year. We ask that all notes be written at home, not last minute at the school office. Absentee notes may also be emailed to the following email address:

office@mylosschool.com

WEATHER UPDATE

Please note, as the weather continues to remain cold and rainy, we are asking parents to ensure students have proper jackets and shoes. As well, please do **NOT** send students who have gym in the morning only with a PE strip! Students **MUST** stay outside until 8:35 a.m. as we have to ensure adequate supervision in the school while teachers are in staff prayer. Also, students may have to be outside throughout the day for recess or movement between the buildings (gym and Church). Please send jackets with hoods for your children to school daily, as well as ensuring proper uniform. Thank you.

SNOW PROCEDURES

If you are unsure of what to do on a snow day, please follow the Extreme Weather and Snow Weather Procedures which is located in the download section on the school website (www.ourladyofsorrows.ca). Please do not call the school as the phones will be busy. Our Website will be updated by 7:15 a.m. as it is difficult to predict the exact times when snow may fall. Thank you for your diligence.