

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



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October 6, 2020 Weekly E-Letter

COVID – WEEKLY UPDATE!

As we enter our second month of school, we are thankful that parents are being careful and following our guidelines. We must continue to maintain our social distance and/or wear masks when needed outside our gates as parents wait for their children. You have all done a wonderful job at keeping our outbreak risk low and we must continue to be diligent until Christmas.

Again, as we approach the “regular” cold and flu season, it is important to note that any sick child will not function well at school. However, we acknowledge that it is OK to send kids to school if they have only mild cold type symptoms but not if they have any flu like symptoms. Please review the screening form. <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/about-covid-19/symptoms>

Again, our teachers will ensure that any missed assignments from students staying home will be caught up when healthy. We will be moving our screening and “when to send kids to school” procedures page to our Newsletter – Reminder Page (see link below and/or our website). Thank you for your continued diligence! Thank you to all our parents and families who have followed all our safety first protocols! Let us continue to do our part to keep COVID spread out of the OLS School Community! Please continue to contact the school office with any questions or concerns or leave a message for me to contact you privately. Thank you for your diligence and care for one another! Please follow the VCH website for updates. <http://www.vch.ca/covid-19/school-exposures>

CROSS COUNTRY- INTERMEDIATE FALL SPORTS UPDATE

Thank you to our wonderful student runners and Mr. McCloskey for participating so well in our adapted Cross-Country Program. Our students ran extremely well in PE and at their individual cohort meet today at Callister Park!

As we have all been able to carefully manage our cohort’s health so far, we will now be starting our boys’ soccer program next week. Please see the update from our soccer coaches later this week. As long as we stay healthy, our plan is to start soccer in October, and our boys’ and girls’ volleyball program in November. Hopefully as we continue on this positive trajectory of keeping COVID away from our cohorts through the fall, we are anticipating basketball starting in January. Thank you to all students and parents who are doing their part at staying active and safe while keeping our cohorts COVID FREE!

OCTOBER 1-31, 2020 – READ-A-THON

Please refer to the notice that was sent home with students for further details. Reminder, **ALL** reading records need to be in on **Friday, October 30th** by 3:00 p.m. to be eligible for prizes.

OCTOBER 8, 2020 – TALE OF THE TAPE

The first challenge of the year “Tale of the Tape” will take place from **Monday, October 5th until Thursday, October 8th**. Items will be counted. However, this year each grade will have the challenge as opposed to the House Colour Teams. The real winner will be our local food bank, where all items will be donated. *Please note our student leadership committee will be sending home information this week. Thank you to Mr. Basso and the Grade 6’s for co-ordinating!

OCTOBER 9th GRADE 4 THANKSGIVING MASS- 9 a.m.

As per our new Mass protocols, only the students of the grade will be attending the church for Mass and Communion. All other classes and parent will be able to watch virtually by going on the www.olos.ca website and clicking on the live link. Remember to visit our Parish Website often for all our updates.

OCTOBER 12, 2020 – THANKSGIVING DAY – NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on **Monday, October 12th**. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

OCTOBER 13, 2020 - UNIFORMS

Please note **Tuesday, October 13th** is the start of regular school uniform. Summer uniform will no longer be accepted. Also, please ensure that students have all items in good order and bring all items of their uniform including proper shoes and sweaters to school daily. Regular school uniforms do not include extreme haircuts, hair colouring and non-standard jewellery.

Please read the Policy Manual, which is included in the students’ agendas. See Page 5, Item #5. Teachers will continue to do uniform checks after this date. Please ensure all uniform items comply with the Uniform Policy.

***Sweaters are mandatory for all school functions such as Masses, School Assemblies, Para liturgies, and outings when representing the school.**

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS – OPTION 4 STUDENTS & RE-TAKES

The Return date for orders is **Tuesday, October 6th**. If you wish your child to have a retake on October 19th, please let your child’s classroom teacher know.

School Pictures for Option 4 students and those that wish to do a retake will be on **Monday, October 19th**. Please have your child dressed in full uniform on this day.

OCTOBER 21, 2020 – VIRTUAL LIVING ROSARY

Students are expected to be in full uniform this day.

OCTOBER 23, 2020 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL

There will be a **Professional Development Day for OLS staff** on **Friday, October 23rd**. There will be no school for students on this day.

OCTOBER 30, 2020 – COLOUR DAY

Students may come to school dressed in Halloween costumes or colours (e.g. orange and black) on this day. More info will follow from the Halloween Committee.

REMINDERS

Please see OLS's [Newsletter-Reminders-2020-2021](#) for additional school information.