



OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL

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December 2020 Newsletter

COVID UPDATE!

As mentioned by Dr. Bonnie Henry on Thursday, November 19, 2020, there are new community travel, confined space, and outside family group visitor restrictions until December 7th, 2020.

Your questions about B.C.'s new COVID-19 measures answered.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/7477354/covid-questions-answers-coronavirus/>

These **new restrictions** are a direct result of outbreaks from large gatherings without proper distancing or masking. These restrictions do not apply to schools or businesses provided that we continue to follow our safety plans. Therefore, it is critical that we continue to do all we can to maintain our excellent safety record. Please continue to stay apart and wear masks when picking up your children.

Also, please continue to follow all Public Health guidelines (www.bccdc.ca), as they do have the power to fine and close schools and businesses if we do not continue to do our part. I am sure you are following the many exposure and outbreak notices on the Vancouver Coastal Health website (www.vch.ca). We have yet to have an exposure because of your diligence and care as parents! Thank you!

ADVENT PARALITURGIES

Our first Advent Paraliturgie will take place on **Monday, November 30th** at 9:00 a.m. in our individual cohorts. Other grades will be watching the prayer and the lighting of the Advent Wreaths on-line from their classrooms or have their own Advent Paraliturgies. Due to the new Mass restrictions, there will be no confessions for students at this time.

DECEMBER 2, 2020 – VIRTUAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, December 2nd**. Each conference will be 10 minutes long. Please refer to the notice sent home with your child on **Tuesday, November 24, 2020**. If you wish to have a conference with your child's teacher, the forms are due back on **Thursday, November 26, 2020**. Please remember there will be no school on **Wednesday, December 2nd** for students.

DECEMBER 17, 2020 – VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our virtual Christmas Concert will take place on **Thursday, December 17th**. We will not be live streaming this event, but the video will be made available on our OLOS Video page after the event.

DECEMBER 18, 2020 – GREEN/RED COLOUR DAY \$2

Students donating \$2 on this day towards Holy Childhood Association, may dress in green, red or other Christmas colours.

DECEMBER 18, 2020 – 12:00 P.M. DISMISSAL

Friday, December 18th is the last day of school before Christmas vacation. **Dismissal is at 12:00 p.m.** There will be **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** on this day.

JANUARY 4, 2021 – SCHOOL RE-OPENS

School resumes on **Monday, January 4, 2021** at 8:45 a.m.

GRADE 7 FUNDRAISING UPDATES

Holiday Mini Photo Session information was emailed yesterday. Due to the popular response we have added another date, **Sunday, December 6th**. Please email linadeco@telus.net if you would like to book a spot. There will also be a Christmas raffle, information coming soon.

HOT LUNCHES

Thursday, December 3 rd	Subway
Thursday, January 7 th	Teriyaki Rice Bowl
Thursday, January 21 st	Pizza

WEATHER UPDATE

Please note, as the weather is starting to get 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! 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.

MASKS WORK! PLEASE WASH THEM REGULARLY OR THROW THEM IN THE DRYER DAILY!

As the news of COVID numbers increases every day, all we can do is our part to stay safe. It is critical to remember to continue doing the [daily screening checklist](#) (also found on OLS's website) and **NOT** send kids to school ill. Also, continue to follow the return to school procedures found in OLS's [Newsletter-Reminders-2020-2021](#) for additional school information.

PARISH MASSES

Please visit our Parish Website: www.olos.ca for the live Masses and updates. In this incredibly difficult time for many of us, our Parish, Father Richard, Father Testamar, and our Religious Sisters, do a wonderful job of providing us with **hope** and remind us that we are not alone; Jesus is with us. Masses as a family are a wonderful way to keep connected as a family and watch and pray together virtually.

REMINDERS

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