

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



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MARCH 2, 2021 WEEKLY E-LETTER

Dear parents,

COVID UPDATE – IMPORTANT!

Thank you to all the families who have isolated or kept their children home over these past few weeks to ensure both family and classroom safety. As mentioned before, the incident in our school is directly related to the incident of exposures in the Community. There has been an increase in cases especially in Burnaby and our surrounding school community. There have also been more cases of COVID-19 variants occurring as well. Again, if in doubt please keep your children home and continue daily screening. Our preschool re-opened **March 1st**, and our **Kindergarten class will reopen for in-class sessions tomorrow, March 3rd**. We will continue to send home any missed assignments for those isolating or staying home as an extra precaution.

We are also asking if any families are travelling to their cabins or outside the lower mainland during breaks or weekends, to wait a minimum of 72 hours, symptom free, and to continue to monitor daily for any symptoms prior to their return to school. Also, all siblings must quarantine for 14 days if someone in your household has had a direct exposure to a positive case. Thank you to all our families who continue to do all you can to keep our OLS Community Safe!

<http://cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/what-you-need-to-know-covid-19-bc-march-1-1.5931571>

[What are the coronavirus variants and how should we respond to them? Your COVID-19 questions answered | CBC News](#)

Please take a moment to review our [School Reminders](#) (which includes the daily screening form).

HOMEWORK PACKAGE PICK UP INFORMATION

Please be advised, if you are picking up homework packages for your child, they will be available at the school office between 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

MARCH 10, 2021 - IMPORTANT DATE! MANDATORY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Mandatory Annual General Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on **Wednesday, March 10th at 6:45 p.m.** If you are unable to attend due to illness, vacation, etc., please send a letter addressed to the Parish Education Committee explaining why you will be absent from the meeting. This year we will be on-line and if you wish any questions to be answered, please submit those questions to the office by **Monday, March 8th by 3:00 p.m.** We will answer most questions at the

meeting. As the registration packages have been already sent home, we will have the PEC explain the updates to the package as well as any new procedures this year due to COVID. The meeting link will be sent on **Monday, March 8th by 3:00 p.m.**

MARCH 10TH – 12TH – SCHOOL REGISTRATION PACKAGES TO BE RETURNED

Completed registration packages are to be returned **March 10th – 12th** between the hours of **8:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.** Dropoff will be contactless. There will be a drop box outside of the front office doors. Please leave your envelope in the box provided. Cash Payments will also be accepted during this time **by appointment only**. Please email or call the office to schedule a time.

MARCH 11, 2021 GREEN DAY & KINDNESS DAY

Students may come dressed in green colours. A \$2.00 donation will be collected and donated To the Doors Open (ministry and shelter services).

MARCH 11, 2021 - DESK CLEAR OUT

Please send a large black garbage bag to school with your child on **Thursday, March 11th**. The students will need the bag in order to clear out their entire desk for Spring Break cleaning. **This does not pertain to Kindergarten.**

MARCH 12, 2021 - NOON DISMISSAL

There will be a half-day dismissal this day as the school prepares for a deep Spring Break cleaning.

MARCH 12, 2021 - REPORT CARDS – CHANGED TO APRIL 16th

Due to the number of students away we will be postponing the second term Report Cards. They will no longer go home on Friday, March 12th. The new date for Report Cards to be send home will be **Friday, April 16th**.

MARCH 14, 2021 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget that on **Sunday, March 14th** Daylight Savings Time begins and clocks "spring forward" one hour. The time should be changed one hour ahead before going to bed on Saturday evening.

MARCH 15 – 26, 2021 – SPRING BREAK

The school will be closed for Spring Break the weeks of **March 15th to March 26th**. School will reopen on **Monday, March 29th**. We would like to wish all families a safe and healthy Spring Break! **Again, if you are planning to travel to Whistler or interior cabins, please allow 72 hours symptom free prior to sending your child back to school. Any travel outside of the province requires a 2 - week quarantine period upon return.**

MARCH 2021 – LENTEN CONFESSION

Please note a Lenten Calendar will be sent home so students can track their Lenten Journeys prior to Confessions. A date will be chosen after spring break.

LENT BOXES

Lent boxes have been sent home. Please ensure your child has brought a box home. All boxes are due back by **Friday, April 9th**. We ask that **ALL** students label their box with their first and last name. We also ask that you **print the amount collected on the outside of the box**. Please use this opportunity to encourage your child to give alms (to do charitable work).

2020 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The 2020 school income tax receipts were sent home with your family's registration package. If for some reason you have not received your family's income tax receipt, please contact the office.

MARCH HOT LUNCHES

As a result of the current school environment, we have decided to cancel hot lunches until Spring Break. If your child is attending school, please make sure to send them a lunch. Credits will be applied to the accounts for those that have ordered on these dates. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cristina Morra at oloshotlunch@gmail.com

March 5, 2021 (Friday)	Burek-Beef
March 11, 2021 (Thursday)	Sushi
April 8, 2021 (Thursday)	Subway
April 16, 2021 (Friday)	Stan's Pizza

OUR LADY of SORROWS PARISH – PAD Agreement

A [letter](#) explaining how you can still support the parish during these difficult COVID times will be coming home with the students today, March 2, 2021. There are now added ways to do that. Many are already using these virtual services. The parish is allowing automatic debit at the request of our parents ([PAD Agreement](#)) as well. **If you wish to add the PAD method, please return the form to the school office by Thursday, March 11th, or directly to the Parish office by Thursday, March 18th.** Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

REMINDERS:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES & LUNCH DROP-OFF REMINDER

We would like to remind you that due to the current COVID 19 restrictions, we 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, including lunches, to school daily. Every time a lunch or school supplies are dropped off at the office, we increase our risk to exposure. Thank you.

WEATHER UPDATE

Please note, as the weather gets colder and rainier, we are asking parents to ensure students have proper Jackets and shoes, as well as NOT sending students who have gym in the morning only with 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.