

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021

Dear Parents,

As we enter November, and our 3rd month of school, I wish to congratulate our students who have been amazing! Our students participated with great commitment and joy in all school activities. We especially wish to recognize our Boys Soccer teams who won medals at the CISVA Championships! Congratulations to our **Grade 5 and Grade 6 Boys** who finished in 2nd and the Grade 7 boys who won 1st Place and the **CISVA CHAMPIONSHIP!** To all our volleyball girls for all their hard work and dedication this season. A congratulations to our Grade 5 girls volleyball team for making it to the final 4. Thank you to our amazing parents for your support, and our coaches who worked hard to prepare our students for success!

COVID UPDATE

As Dr. Bonnie Henry's last provincial health update, the Provincial Mask Mandate has been extended indefinitely. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0190-002077>

We are continuing to follow all provincial orders as the COVID cases continue to rise.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021HLTH0069-002092>. We wish to thank our parents for continuing to follow 5 basic steps for COVID SAFETY and keeping each other safe!

- 1) Not attend school if ill (cough, colds, fever)
- 2) Wash hands frequently.
- 3) Wear a mask indoors
- 4) Respect individuals' personal space, and practice safe distancing
- 5) Continue to support each other by being kind and respecting each other's needs for safety.

Again, we are asking ALL parents to refrain from arguing with each other on the parking lot or in group chats to convince those people of opposing opinions who is right and wrong. We as an Independent school who receive Government funds, (50% Provincial Government plus 50% Tuitions) **must** follow all public health orders and will not enter parent debates. There will be some children exempt from masking in each class, as well as those with compromised immune systems. We are always aware of trying to include all students in all activities safely, while continuing to respect the needs of those who may need more protection. We are doing all we can in these tense and difficult times to keep our students safe, happy and learning. We continue to ask for your patience and kindness when speaking with the staff and communicating your child's specific needs. Thank you to our majority of parents for modeling proper Christian responses for each other and our students. May God continue to keep us all healthy and safe!

COLOUR DAY/HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL- CONGRATULATIONS!! THANK YOU!

The Halloween carnival was SUPER FUN for our students and a huge success for our school. Thank you to our sponsors for supporting this event!!!!

This event would not have been a success without all your support and generosity! Thank you to the amazing Halloween Committee for all their planning and organization: Mirella Gargiulo, Maria Hanson, Jennifer Ricci, Janice Amoruso, Teresa Haydamack, Damiano Di Popolo and Sarah Morreau! Thank you to our PEC members Cidalia Pashalidis and Lisa Mannella for all their help. Thank you for all the donated prizes and the school office and teachers for all their hard work in running the games and bingo! Thank you for making this school event another success! All proceeds will go to expanding our school green space for students.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS BLACK FRIDAY RAFFLE

The First Ever OLS Black Friday Raffle is here (details went home with students on **Monday, November 1, 2021**) and we have incredible prizes so you can get your shopping done!!! Tickets are \$2 each and all proceeds will go directly back to our school. Attached is one booklet of 20 tickets to sell to family and friends, or buy tickets for yourself. The tickets will sell for \$2.00 each or \$40.00 per booklet. All money raised will contribute to creating an outdoor green space for our school. Raffle winners will be announced on BLACK Friday, November 26, 2021 at 2:00pm. Prizes can be picked up at the school office. We are asking every family to please sell one book of 20 tickets. If you need more tickets, please contact the school office.

NOVEMBER 7, 2021 – DAY LIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on **Saturday, November 6th**.

NOVEMBER 8-10, 2021 – REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY DONATIONS

The Grade 6 class will be collecting a \$1 minimum donation for poppies between **November 8 - 10**.

NOVEMBER 9, 2021 - AGAPE STREET MINISTRY DONATIONS

Once again, we reach out to OLS families for their donations of extra Halloween candy. We will be accepting candy until **Tuesday, November 9th**. All candy donated will go to AGAPE Street Ministry.

NOVEMBER 10, 2021 – REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Remembrance Day Service to be held on **Wednesday, November 10th** in the school gym. Students must bring their gym strip and runners to school on this day if they have gym class. We will film the assembly and post the service to the OLS video's page.

NOVEMBER 11, 2021 – REMEMBRANCE DAY STAT HOLIDAY

There will be **no school** on **Thursday, November 11th**, as it is the Remembrance Day Stat Holiday.

NOVEMBER 12, 2021 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL

There will be a Professional Development Day for OLS teachers on **Friday, November 12th**; therefore, there will be **no school** for students on this day.

NOVEMBER 15, 2021 - READ-A-THON REMINDER

Reminder, all reading records were to be handed in by **Friday, October 29th** by 3:00 p.m. to be

eligible for a prize. All Read-a-thon pledges are due on **Monday, November 15th** by 3:00 p.m. There will be a Read-a-thon assembly on **Thursday, November 18th**.

NOVEMBER 22, 2021 – GREEN THUMB THEATRE

Green Thumb Theatre’s production of “*Like it or not!*” will take place at 1:30. Students from Gr. 3 to Gr. 7 will be attending.

NOVEMBER 26, 2021 – REPORT CARDS TO BE SENT HOME

Report Cards will be sent home on **Friday, November 26th**.

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 – FAMILY MASS – 11:30 A.M.

The Family Mass will held be on **Sunday, November 28th** at 11:30 a.m. We invite all families from OLS to celebrate the Family Mass. This is a great way for our families to attend and participate in the **required** Sunday liturgy.

NOVEMBER 29, 2021 – ADVENT PARALITURGY

Our first Advent Paraliturgy will take place on **Monday, November 28th** at 9:00 a.m. in the church led by the Gr. 5 & 6 classes. The Gr. 5 & 6 classes will be receiving confession on this day.

KINDERGARTEN 2022 SIBLING REGISTRATION FORM

A Kindergarten sibling registration form will be going home on **Thursday, November 4, 2021**. If you have a child born in 2017 (sibling only), please complete the form and return to the school office by **Wednesday, November 10th**. In order to secure your child a spot, this form must be returned by the due date. **If we do not receive this form, and we have completed the registration process, your child will not have a spot for the September 2022 Kindergarten class.** Please contact the school office if you did not receive one.

NOVEMBER 2021 HOT LUNCH DATES

November 4, 2021 (Thursday)	Sushi
November 18, 2021 (Thursday)	Sausage on a Bun

REMINDERS

NEW NOTIFICATION METHOD FOR ABSENTEES & LATE NOTICES

If your child is going to be absent or late, our two preferred methods of notification are as follows:

1. visit our website (<https://ourladyofsorrows.ca/lates-absences/>) and fill in all the requested information. Please note the new top tap ‘LATES & ABSENCES’; or
2. email us at office@myolosschool.com.

If you do not complete one of the options above, upon your child’s return to school, you must send a note to the classroom teacher explaining the reason for the absence. Please ensure you include all dates absent. If you have more than one child, we require a separate note for each one. This information is required for our annual Attendance Audit which determines our government funding for the year.

UNIFORMS

Please read the Policy Manual, which is included in the students’ Agendas. See page 5, item #5. Teachers will be starting uniform checks by next week. Please ensure all uniform items comply

with the Uniform Policy. As of October 1st, your child was required to come school in regular (not summer) uniform.

Please Note: Sweaters or vests are mandatory for all school functions such as Masses, School Assemblies, Para-liturgies, and Fieldtrips when representing the school.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKING

Please be kind and respect all local parking and road speed signs for the safety of the children! Out of respect for our neighbours, DO NOT park in front of their houses or block driveways.

Especially, do not backup or drive the wrong way in drop-off zones. Please leave enough distance between cars!