

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



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OCTOBER 7, 2021, WEEKLY E-LETTER

DEAR PARENTS

Thank you for a great first month of school! Our students and teachers have been reintroduced to full student participation in classroom activities and to our restart of extra-curricular, while continuing to work through the new COVID masking rules. Again, thank you to all parents for complying to the new orders as well as the requirements for exemptions. Our goal is to continue to keep kids safe while keeping the politics out! Again, I am asking parents to please refrain from arguing the “science” from different sources and opinions especially in chats or on the parking lot, and to continue to focus on keeping our students happy and safe during this transitional COVID year. I am very proud of all the efforts of our students and staff and especially all our parents who are doing all they can to keep our school and parish community safe and continuing to follow our school’s safety procedures.

- 1) Not attend school if ill (cough, colds, fever)
- 2) Wash hands frequently.
- 3) Wear a mask indoors unless they cannot
- 4) Respect individuals’ personal space, and practice safe distancing
- 5) Continue to support each other by being kind in these most trying times.

Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM!!

Congratulations to Mr. McCloskey, our staff coaches and especially our runners for a great start to the 2021-2022 CISVA Athletics Season! Our top 36 cross country students from Grade 2-7 ran yesterday at the CISVA Cross-Country Championships at Swangard. It was a great day with many personal bests! We are so proud of the effort of our students as we again placed in the top 5 out of 40 elementary schools and in the top 3 in small schools (under 250 students). Our students were well prepared and well supported by our parents cheering for them in the stands! We are so proud of their efforts!! Check out our @olseagles Instagram page for pictures! Well Done OLS!!

OCTOBER 7, 2021 – “TALE OF THE TAPE”

Thank you, Parents, for supporting our first school challenge of the year “Tale of the Tape” taking place today! Items will be weighed and totalled; 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 further information home shortly. Thank you to Mr. Basso and the Grade 4’s for co-ordinating!

OCTOBER 11, 2021 – THANKSGIVING DAY – NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on **Monday, October 11th**. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

OCTOBER 20, 2021 – VIRTUAL LIVING ROSARY

Students are expected to be in full uniform this day.

OCTOBER 27, 2021 – INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS RETAKE DAY

Retakes will be on **Wednesday, October 27th**. Please have your child dressed in full uniform on this day if they wish to have their individual photo retaken. If you wish your child to have a retake, please let your child's classroom teacher know.

OCTOBER 29, 2021 – COSTUME DAY

Students may come to school dressed in Halloween costumes or colours (e.g., orange and black) on **Friday, October 29th**. More info will follow from the Halloween Committee.

OCTOBER 29, 2021 – HALLOWEEN BASH

This year's Halloween Bash will be held on **Friday, October 29th** during school hours. More information is to follow.

OCTOBER 31, 2021 – FAMILY MASS – 11:30 A.M.

The Family Mass will be held on **Sunday, October 31st** 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.

REMINDERS

****At this time and until further notice, there will be no birthday treats or special occasion treats, or holiday treats brought from home, for the classes.**

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@myolsschool.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!

ARTONA PHOTO'S UPDATE

Your child's photos are now available online! A notice from Artona went home on Friday with details on how to order online. For your convenience here is the link:

https://www.artona.com/schools/OLOS/programs/school_photo.

SEPTEMBER 24th – OCTOBER 4th – HOT LUNCH ORDERS FOR FALL SESSION

Ordering for the hot lunch fall session is now closed and we cannot accept any other orders. Thank you for supporting the hot lunch program.

The fall session includes all lunches from October 7, 2021, up to and including February 10, 2022.

OCTOBER 2021 HOT LUNCH DATES

October 7, 2021 (Thursday)	Pizza
October 21, 2021 (Thursday)	Hamburgers

NEW OLS WEBPAGE!

Please check out our NEW, www.ourladyofsorrows.ca parent resources section on our Web page. These resources will include updates from Vancouver Coastal Health, Provincial Health, and new parent resources for Anxiety and Emotional support. Please check out our new links to these parent supports and continue to inform your child's classroom teacher of any concerns in your child's behavior or emotional needs. Thank you to our webmaster, Mr. Alfredo Chu for his continued work on making our webpage and links a great source of information for our families. Please remember to check the website and calendars for updates PRIOR to calling the office. Thank you for keeping our school lines free for more serious and needed communications.