

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



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WEEKLY E-LETTER MARCH 28, 2022

As mentioned by Doctor Bonnie Henry during yesterday's update, masks will be optional after spring break for schools. There are no more indoor mask restrictions and faith services have now returned to 100% capacity. Please see the link for more details.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022HLTH0081-000324>

Again, I wish to thank our students, parents, and especially our teachers, staff and aides for continuing to follow all Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education Guidelines throughout these last two, most difficult, pandemic years! Many people within our school families and community have been impacted; however, we were able to stay open. Thank you all for doing your part to keep our students safe! Please be patient with the "return to normal" as some people will need more time to adapt.

We would like to personally wish all of you a safe and restful spring break! If you are planning to travel outside of Canada, children under the age of 12 traveling with vaccinated parents no longer have to isolate. Please see the link for more details.

<https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>.

Finally, thank you to all of our students who continue to pray for PEACE in the Ukraine and who brought donations for the Ukrainian relief fund today. We appreciate your efforts and may God bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

Pasquale Balletta
Principal

MARCH 28, 2022 – GRADE 7 EASTER FUNDRAISERS-DEADLINE ORDER

The deadline to order Purdy's is **Monday, March 28th**.

For the Cookie Decorating Kits and Lasagna order: Please check your child's bag for the flyer. You can also view the flyer [here](#). Deadline to order is **Monday, March 28th**.

Pick up for all items above will be on **Wednesday, April 13th** from 2:30-3:15 p.m. Cheques payable to OLS Grade 7 Fundraiser.

For Purdy's: Please click on link <https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1523203-94790> to join the campaign, enter your email to register. To view the online catalogue, select: 'Shop Online', then click 'Marketplace'. To view flyer, click [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support towards our Grade 7 legacy gift!

MARCH 29 & 31, 2022 – CURLING GRADE 5 & 6 STUDENTS

Grade 5 and 6 students will be participating in curling lessons this month. Grade 5 students **Tuesday, March 29th** and Grade 6 students on **Thursday, March 31st**. Further details to follow.

MARCH 30, 31 & APRIL 1, 2022 – CLOTHING DRIVE

It's time to clean out your closet because the OLS leadership council is having a Clothing Drive! We take donations that are clean and gently used. Click [here](#) to view the flyer. You can drop off your donation in Father Rosemond's garage on the following dates:

March 30 - 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

March 31st - 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. & 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

April 1st - 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

MARCH HOT LUNCHES

Friday, April 1 st (Gr. 7 Fundraiser)	Ragazzi Pizza
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REMINDERS

LENTEN BOXES

Lenten boxes have been sent home (Grades 1-7). All boxes will be collected after Easter Monday, **Tuesday, April 18th**. We ask that **ALL** students label their box with their name and house colour. We also ask that you print the amount collected on the box. Please use this opportunity to encourage your child to give alms (to do charitable work).

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool registration for the 2022-2023 school year is now open. If you are interested in registering for either the Three Year Old Program or the Four Year Old Program, contact the school office for an application form.

If you have any questions about our program, please feel free to contact the school at 604-253-2434 or email the preschool at preschool@myolosschool.com.

AFTERSCHOOL PICKUP

Due to the warmer weather, the children will now be spending more time outside. Therefore, the gate to the school parking lot will not be opened until 2:30 p.m. Please do not arrive earlier than 2:30 p.m. to pick up your child(ren) and wait at the gate as this creates a backlog of traffic and a

nuisance for the neighbourhood.

2021 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The 2021 school income tax receipts have been completed and sent home with students in the registration packages.

COVID-19 ANTIGEN TEST KITS

The Ministry of Education has provided one COVID-19 Antigen Test Kit per student, to be used at your discretion. These were sent home with students last week. Please check your child's backpack.

GRADE 7 BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

We will continue to accept recyclables at any Express Return-It location until the end of May.

- Bring unsorted containers in transparent bags to any Return-It Express location.
- Using the label kiosk, print off labels, tag each bag and leave it in designated area – use school phone number 6042532434 to log into the account.

Please visit <https://www.return-it.ca/locations/express/to> find a location near you.

Thank you for your continued support,
Grade 7 Fundraising Committee

CONTINUATION OF LEARNING

Students who miss school due to illness or isolation will be allowed to catch up any missed assignments prior to the end of the second term (March 4th). **Please notify the office and your child's classroom teacher of any absence that requires missed assignments.** All students missing 3 or more days in a week will be able to pick up assignments on Thursday's afterschool (until 3:30 p.m.) at the office door, or view them on Seesaw, or Google Classroom. Thank you for your diligence!

OPEN PARACHUTE

We are fortunate to have been granted a free licence to the Province of British Columbia and Ministry of Education's *Open Parachute Mental Health Program*, for students, teachers, and families. For more information, please read the letter that was attached to the February Monthly Newsletter.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS OR HOLIDAY TREAT UPDATE

Many parents are wondering about birthdays, holiday treats or class gifts. We will continue to allow commercially prepared food and hot lunches (as they are prepared with Food Safe protocols). We have been using a non-contact/touchless way for students to celebrate Valentines and Friendship week, which began February 14th and culminates on February 23rd (with our Kindness Colour Day). Please notify your child's classroom teacher in advance for birthdays as no treats will be accepted at the office. Thank you for your understanding, and again, let us continue to work together to ensure the safety of everyone!