

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



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## JANUARY 2023 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! Welcome back!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We are excited to start the next term of our school year. We wish to remind parents that although we are operating all our programs as before the COVID pandemic, we are still under Public Health Guidelines to minimize the spread of new variants, as well as other respiratory diseases. As you may have heard on the news, there are more variants affecting other areas and coming to BC. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/british-columbia/article-covid-omicron-variant-xbb15/>. We again are asking parents to continue to be vigilant with keeping sick kids at home, distancing, and hand washing, and wearing masks when needed to help stop the spread. It also recommended to test for COVID if there is any fever or long term cold/flu like symptoms. Please see the BC CDC's website and the Personal Tool Kit Checklist for keeping safe (<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/prevention-risks>). Thank you for continuing to do all you can to stop the spread of communicable diseases. We continue to pray for good health for all our families for 2023! Thank you!

### **ABSENTEE NOTICES**

If your child has been absent and you have received an absentee email request from the office, please ensure you respond with a reply email as soon as possible. Absentee notices are a mandatory requirement by the Ministry of Education. Thank you to those who have promptly replied.

### **JANUARY 5, 2023 - DRIVE THRU RECYCLE FUNDRAISER - BOTTLE DRIVE**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual '[Drive Thru' Recycle Fundraiser](#) is happening on **Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** from 8am - 9am. Bags can be dropped off in the school parking lot. Please ensure you label each bag with your child's grade. The class with the most bags collected will win a FREE pizza lunch!

### **JANUARY 5, 2023 - GRADE 7 HOT LUNCH SESSION- LAST CHANCE!!**

The grade 7 fundraising committee is offering hot lunch sessions starting in the new year – ordering will open on **Monday, December 19, 2022**, and the deadline is **Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 3 p.m.**

Once the ordering is closed, we cannot accept any other orders. **Orders that have not been paid for by Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.** will be cancelled. **If you are sending cash or cheques, it must be received by Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.** so that we can adjust your account.

The session includes all lunches for the rest of the school year, from January until June. All lunches

in the session must be ordered by the January 5th deadline.

Payments can be made by cheque or cash (dropped off at the office in an envelope with your child's name and grade on it) or by credit card online. Please note, the school is charged transaction fees for the credit card payment so if you'd prefer to pay by cheque or cash, which is welcome. **Cheques payable to 'OLS Grade 7 Fundraiser'**.

If you have NEVER logged into the munch lunch program, please follow this link to register:  
<https://munchalunch.com/schools/ourladyofsorrows/>

If you have already registered and just need to log in, please follow this link:  
<https://munchalunch.com/login>

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU UPDATE YOUR CHILD'S GRADE AND ADD ANY SIBLINGS THAT ARE NEW TO THE SCHOOL.**

When you are ready to order, click on the "order lunch" tab on the top left-hand side of the website.

Feel free to send any questions or comments to [oloshotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:oloshotlunch@gmail.com).

**JANUARY 11, 2023 – MASS**

Parents/grandparents are welcome to join the OLS School on **Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>** at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**JANUARY 19 & 25, 2023 – CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING.**

The Grade 6 class will begin their Cross-Country skiing lessons on **Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please refer to the information package sent home from Mr. McCloskey. Please note it is very important that the students are dressed appropriately for this event.

**JANUARY 29, 2023 – FAMILY MASS – 11:30 A.M.**

The Family Mass will be held on **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 a.m. We invite all families from OLS to celebrate the Family Mass. This is a wonderful way for our families to attend and participate in the **required** Sunday liturgy.

**JANUARY 2022 HOT LUNCH DATES**

January 12 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	Ragazzi Pizza Lunch
January 26 <sup>th</sup> (Thursday)	Chicken Strip Lunch

**FEBRUARY 11, 2023 - MIAMI NIGHTS – BACK TO THE 80'S**

The Grade 7 Fundraising Committee is hosting a fundraising night on **Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**. Dust off your best 80's attire and be ready to have some fun! Tickets will be on sale in the new year. This is an adult only event. Can't wait to see you all there! [Event details](#).

## **REMINDERS**

### **ONGOING BOTTLE DRIVE – RETURN-IT EXPRESS**

The Grade 7 Fundraising Committee is collecting bottles again this year. It's easy! Simply place your empties in clear bags and drop them off at any "Return-It Express" depot (link to locations [here](#)). The school's account is under our main phone number - 604-253-2434.

### **EXTREME WEATHER AND SNOW WEATHER PROCEDURES**

Please refer to the School Office Reminder's (<https://ourladyofsorrows.ca/site/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/School-Office-Reminders-2022-2023-1.pdf>) for our Extreme Weather and Snow Weather Procedures.

### **KINDERGARTEN 2023-2024 REGISTRATION**

If you know of any families with children born in the year 2018 that would like to register for our Kindergarten class, please forward them the attached [New Student Pre-Registration Request Form](#).

### **PRESCHOOL 2023-2024 REGISTRATION**

We are also accepting applications for 3 and 4 year old preschool. If you have a child born in the year 2019 or 2020, please complete and return the attached [Preschool Pre-Registration Request Form](#).