

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



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## WEEKLY E-LETTER September 20, 2023

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we wish to thank all our students and families for supporting our **Feast of Lady of Sorrows Triduum** last week. We had very good turnouts from our students and families throughout the week's events and culminating in an **Amazing Gala on Saturday Night!** Please visit the @olseagles and @olsvancouver Instagram pages for highlights! As Archbishop Miller mentioned in the Mass honouring Mary our Mother, and Patroness, we are a very vibrant and committed community of faith. Let us continue this year's theme of living our faith by continuing to participate in our many Parish community events! Again, thank you!

### **SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 – MEET THE TEACHERS NIGHT**

**The first Mandatory Parents' Meeting** will be held in person on **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin with a Welcome Back BBQ and Social at 6:00 p.m. The actual meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. followed by a 15 minute session in the classroom. Please mark your calendars. This will be the **first Mandatory Meeting as indicated in the Policy Manual and Registration Guide! Also, please do not forget to visit the Book Fair in the Library that evening!**

### **2023 – 2024 FALL/WINTER HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

This year we are lucky to have enough parents to have weekly hot lunches! Ordering is **now open and will close on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.** Once the ordering is closed, we cannot accept any other orders. **As well, all money must be received by 3:00 p.m. on September 29<sup>th</sup>.** 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 online by credit card. Please note, the school is charged transaction fees for credit card payments so if you'd prefer to pay by cheque or cash, it would be greatly appreciated. This ordering period will be for the regular hot lunches from **Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.**

If you have NEVER logged into the MunchaLunch 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>. When you are ready to order, click on the "order lunch" tab on the top left-hand side of the website.

**Please ensure you update your child's information/grade in your profile prior to ordering.**

If you have any questions or comments, please send them to [olshotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:olshotlunch@gmail.com).

### **SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 – BOOK FAIR AND READ-A-THON ASSEMBLY**

Our Read-A-Thon and Book Fair Assembly will take place on **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. Students will receive their Reading Record and Pledge Sheets at the assembly. A Book Fair Parent Volunteer Signup Form was sent home. Please check your child's bag for this information and please help to make our Book Fair and Read-A-Thon another great success!!

### **SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 – OLS / SFA CROSS-COUNTRY MEET**

Please refer to the Cross-Country notice for details. Please make sure students are dressed for the weather.

### **SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 – COMMISSIONING SUNDAY MASS**

On **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30 a.m., there will be a Commissioning Mass for all Staff Members of Our Lady of Sorrows School. This will be our first Choir Mass as well. **All families are encouraged to attend our regular Sunday Family Masses as their regular obligations to our Catholic School Community as well as supporting our amazing school choir! Thank you!**

### **SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 - INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS**

Students will have their Individual Photos taken by Artona on **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform on this day. They must also have their gym strip under their uniform if there is gym that day. **Their individual pictures will be taken before their gym times.**

### **SEPTEMBER 25 - 29, 2023 – SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The annual OLS Book Fair will begin on **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** and will end on **Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**. Further information will be sent home with students shortly.

### **SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 – SWEATPANTS AND SWEATSHIRT SAMPLE SIZES VIEWING**

Samples sizes will be available for you to view on **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** during the Welcome Back BBQ and Social.

### **SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 – USED UNIFORM SALE**

We will be hosting a used uniform sale on **Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** during the Welcome Back BBQ. Please see the [attached](#) flyer for further details and instructions.

### **SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 – FEDERATION OF LASER MASTER**

Laser Master will once again be offered after school at OLS for students in Grades 1-7. Classes will be held on Fridays after school from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. The start date is **Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** and the term end-date is **Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**. The classes are on a first come first serve basis with a maximum of 14 students. For registration and payment please visit <https://lasermaster.com/> and click on the Our Lady of Sorrows link.

### **SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 – ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

Orange Shirt Day will be held on **Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**. This day is to honour Indigenous children who were sent to residential schools in Canada. Orange Shirt Day challenges us to witness and honour the stories of Survivors and their families, and to commit to meaningful discussion and the ongoing process of reconciliation.

### **OCTOBER 2, 2023 – NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION – STAT HOLIDAY**

There will be no school on **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, in lieu of the statutory holiday on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. This day is to honour Indigenous children who were sent to residential schools in Canada.

## REMINDERS

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWS – IMPORTANT UPDATE!**

Thank you to all the families that have inquired and registered for our secured spots in our After School Club. We still have a few spots available. Please email the office ([office@myolosschool.com](mailto:office@myolosschool.com)) if you are interested in using this service. As a result of being licensed we are now only allowed to have **20 students per group per day**. Please call or email the office as soon as possible to reserve your spot!

As well, thank you for your understanding and patience for the first week of our new licenced After School Club.

### **FULL TIME CARE (2:45 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.) - STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP BEFORE 5 P.M.**

We have now secured our licence from the Ministry and have applied the fee reduction for the full-time families. Thus, we are pleased to be able to offer a \$10.00 per month discount per day. Please note that invoices will now be sent out at the end of the month.

**The new prices starting for this month will be:**

**\$280 / month for 4 days per week.**

**\$210/ month for 3 days per week.**

**\$160/ month for 2 days per week**

**\$80/ month for 1 day per week.**

**\*\*In order for OLS to apply the fee reduction program, students must be registered in advance.**

### **DROP IN CARE**

**We will now be allowing drop in care for intermediate grades (Grades 3- 7).** Families must be registered in advance for a **minimum of one day per week** and can drop in any other day (Monday to Thursday). You must notify the office in advance. Please be aware, however, that we only have 9-10 more spots available. Drop in session options are for a minimum of 1 and maximum of 2 hours only (cost is \$10 per hour). Please note that drop in rates are billed on an hourly basis. Families will be billed at the **end of the month for drop in care.**

## PARISH NEWS

### **FATHER & SON CLUB**

We invite Kids ages 7-12 and their dads to join the OLS Parish Father and Son Club. This program aims to empower the next generation of young men by nurturing virtues and life skills through shared father-son experiences. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the Month from 9 a.m. -11 a.m.

To register and for more information please visit <https://fatherson.club/>

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

The city of Vancouver is working to implement quick-build traffic calming measures in the Hastings-Sunrise (Adanac Overpass) neighbourhood. See the following link to learn more about their proposed traffic calming measures. <https://www.shapeyourcity.ca/adanac-overpass>