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OCTOBER 2023 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 – MEET THE TEACHERS NIGHT FOR PARENTS ONLY

The first Mandatory Parents' Meeting will be held in person on **Wednesday, September 27th**. 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. This will be the **first Mandatory Meeting as indicated in the Policy Manual and Registration Guide!** Please note that this meeting is for parents only! No students are allowed to attend.

Also, do not forget to visit the Book Fair in the Library that evening!

OCTOBER 1-31, 2023 – READ-A-THON

Please refer to the notice that has been sent home with students for further details. Reminder, **ALL** reading records need to be handed in by **November 1st at 3:00 p.m.** to be eligible for prizes.

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

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

OCTOBER 2, 2023 - ARTONA PHOTO'S UPDATE

Your child's photo is now available online! On Monday, your child brought home a notice from Artona with details on how to order online. If you order by **Monday, October 2nd** you will receive free shipping to the school. For your convenience here is the link:

https://artona.com/student_requests/digit_code

If you are not happy with your child's photo or missed photo day, photo retake day will be on **Wednesday, October 25th**.

OCTOBER 6, 2023 – GRADE 4 MASS

Mass will be held on **Friday, October 6th** at 9:00 a.m. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us.

OCTOBER 6, 2023 – FOOD DRIVE & “TALE OF THE TAPE”

Students can bring in their food items throughout the week in a bag with their house colour on it. **Please do not send a bag that you would want returned.** Last year, we raised over 3,000 individual items to be given to the needy.

Items that can be donated:

- Canned Items (Tuna, Salmon, Sardines, Meat, Fruit/Vegetables, Sauce, Beans)
- Dried Food (Rice, Beans, Chickpeas, Lentils)
- Breakfast Items (Cereal, Coffee, Tea, Cookies, Sweets)
- Baking (Sugar, Cooking Oil)

We ask that all donated items be **non-perishable**, small, unopened, and **not** expired. Please avoid items that can be damaged easily such as glass.

The first House Colour Challenge of the year **“Tale of the Tape”** will take place on **Friday, October 6th**. Students can bring in their food items starting **Tuesday, October 3rd**. Please bring items in a box or bag with the student’s house colour labelled on it. Last year, we raised over 3,000 individual items to be given to the needy. Items will be weighed, measured, and totalled, to determine points for each House Colour Team. May the best team win!

We thank you in advance for your generous donations.

OCTOBER 9, 2023 – THANKSGIVING DAY – NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on **Monday, October 9th**. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

OCTOBER 18 AND 19, 2023 – HEAD LICE INSPECTIONS

The next school-wide lice checks will be conducted on **Wednesday, October 18th and Thursday, October 19th**. Thank you to Mrs. Kraljevic for doing this once again.

OCTOBER 20, 2023 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL

There will be a Professional Development Day for OLS teachers on **Friday, October 20th**; therefore, there will be no school for students on this day.

OCTOBER 25, 2023 – LIVING ROSARY

Students are expected to be in full uniform this day.

OCTOBER 25, 2023 – INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS RETAKE DAY

Retakes will be on **Wednesday, October 25th**. 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 27, 2023 – HALLOWEEN BASH

This year’s Halloween Bash will be held on **Friday, October 28th from 6:00 -10:00 p.m.** More information will follow from the Halloween Committee. **There is no dress down day or costumes during this school day.**

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

The Family Mass will be held on **Sunday, October 29th** 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.

OCTOBER 31, 2023 – DRESS DOWN / COSTUME DAY

Students may dress down (e.g., orange, and black) or come in costume on **Tuesday, October 31st**. More information will be provided soon.

OCTOBER 2023 HOT LUNCH DATES

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| Thursday, October 5 th | Fujiya Sushi |
| Thursday, October 12 th | Ragazzi Cheese Pizza |
| Thursday, October 19 th | Columbus Meat Market Sausage with Bun |
| Thursday, October 26 th | Columbus Meat Market Chicken Breast Strips |

REMINDERS

SEPTEMBER 25 - 29, 2023 – SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The annual OLS Book Fair will begin on **Monday, September 25th** and will end on **Friday, September 29th**. 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 27th** during the Welcome Back BBQ and Social.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 – USED UNIFORM SALE

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

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 – OLS / HC CROSS-COUNTRY MEET

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

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 29th** and the term end-date is **Friday, December 1st**. 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 29th**. 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. Students can come dressed in their favorite orange shirt.

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 – FALL/WINTER HOT LUNCH ORDERS DUE

This year we are lucky to have enough parents to have weekly hot lunches! Ordering is **now open and will close on Friday, September 29th 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 29th.** 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 would 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 5th to Thursday, February 8th.**

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.

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) 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>