

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



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DECEMBER 12, 2023 WEEKLY E-LETTER

DECEMBER 24, 2023 – CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish celebrates a children's Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Children are invited to participate in this Mass with various roles. Please see the attached letter that was sent home today for the details. Please return the permission slip by **Monday, December 18th** if your child would like to participate in the play. First come first served for the roles. Students must be available for rehearsal on December 23rd from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in the church

DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2022 – CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - December 24th

5:00 p.m. – Children's Mass – English

8:30 p.m. - Spanish

12:00 Midnight – English

Christmas Day - December 25th

8:30 a.m. – English

10:00 a.m. – Italian

11:30 a.m. – English

1:00 p.m. – Spanish

No Evening Masses

DECEMBER 18, 2023 – ADVENT PARALITURGY (JOY)

Our third Advent Paraliturgy will take place on **Monday, December 18th** at 9:00 a.m. in the church led by the Gr. 3 class.

DECEMBER 18, 2023 – CHRISTMAS CONCERT DRESS REHEARSAL

All students may come to the school wearing Christmas Concert attire for the Advent Paraliturgy. See chart below.

COSTUME NEEDS

Grade	Outfit Description
K	Sunday best.

1	Animals - brown and black colored tops and bottoms.
2	Neutral colored tops and bottoms.
3	Cozy sweaters, toques, and scarves with denim bottoms (no rips)
4	Christmas colors – green and red tops and bottoms.
5	All black tops and bottoms.
6	Angels - white and silver tops and black bottoms.
7	Costumes for play. Everyone else all black.

DECEMBER 20, 2023 – CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This year's Christmas Concert will be held in the church. The Matinee is at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.) and the Evening show is at 6:45 p.m. (doors open at 6:15 p.m.). Entrance to the concert will be by donation. More information will be sent home soon.

DECEMBER 20, 2023 – GR. 7 FUNDRAISING WINE RAFFLE

Raffle tickets have now been collected and winners will be announced on **Wednesday, December 20th**.

DECEMBER 21, 2023 – PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & GREEN/RED COLOUR DAY

An order form for the "*Breakfast with Santa*" was previously sent home with students. All order forms must be returned by **Friday, December 15th**.

Students may dress in green, red, or other Christmas colours at no cost!

DECEMBER 21, 2023 – CHRISTMAS DESK CLEANUP!

Please have your child bring a large garbage bag to school to clean out their desks.

DECEMBER 22, 2023 – WINTER PJ DAY - DISMISSAL AT 12 P.M.

This is the last day of school before Christmas vacation. Students may come dressed in winter PJ's. Dismissal is at 12:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 31, 2023 – NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY CELEBRATION

This is one party you are not going to want to miss. This event is open to both OLS School Families and Parishioners, but tickets are limited so submit your order form ASAP before it sells out. Ticket order forms have gone home. Please click [here](#) to view the details and click [here](#) to view the ticket order form.

For those of you that have already ordered admission tickets, the food order forms have been sent home last week. Please click [here](#) to view the details.

This is a family friendly New Year's Bash starting at 7:00 p.m.! New Years will be celebrated with a balloon party and countdown at 9:30 p.m. for the kids and again at midnight for those who like to stay until the end.

The gym will be decked out with black curtains and decorations and will have a DJ, Lights, Concession, Cash Bar, 50/50 draw, light up surprises and prizes to be won! The lower hall is being transformed into a black light glow party with music, balloons and glow games!

Tickets are \$15/per person (no tickets will be sold at the door).

Get Ready for the OLS New Year's Eve Glow Up!

DECEMBER 2023 HOT LUNCH DATES

Thursday, December 14 th	Ragazzi Pizza Lunch
Thursday, December 21 st	Breakfast with Santa

JANUARY 8, 2024 – SCHOOL RE-OPENS

School resumes on **Monday, January 8th** at 8:45 am.

REMINDERS

FEDERATION OF LASER MASTER - TERM 2 ENROLMENT

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, January 12th** and the term end-date is **Friday, March 8th**. 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.

LOST AND FOUND

Please visit our website to view items in the lost and found.

WEATHER UPDATE

As the weather gets colder and rainier, **we are asking parents to ensure students come to school wearing proper jackets (with hoods) and appropriate shoes. Please do NOT send students who have gym in the morning wearing only their PE strip! They should be wearing their OLS sweatpants and sweatshirt over their PE strip.** Students **MUST** stay outside until 8:35 a.m. as we must ensure adequate supervision at school while teachers are in staff prayer. Also, students may have to be outside throughout the day for recess or movement between the buildings (Gym and Church) as well as be able to stand in the rain for a minimum of 5 minutes if there is a fire or earthquake drill.

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>

Our school community has been invited to participate in our public engagement for the Hastings-Sunrise (Clinton Park area) traffic calming project. The project area for this neighbourhood is bounded by E Hastings St, Renfrew St, E 1st Ave and Nanaimo St.

We're hoping to hear from members of the community in the following ways:

- 1) **Take the [online survey](#)** until December 17, 2023.
- 2) **[Sign up](#) for a virtual workshop** on Wednesday, December 13, at 6:30 pm.
- 3) **Attend an in-person event** at the following dates and locations:
 - Thursday, December 14, 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Garibaldi Annex (1025 Slocan St)
 - Saturday, December 16, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm, Garibaldi Annex (1025 Slocan St)

Community members can also visit shapeyourcity.ca/clinton-park-area-traffic-calming for more information.