



OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL

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JANUARY 2024 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! Welcome back!

EXTRACURRICULAR STARTUP

Extracurricular activities will begin the first week we are back from break. Please be on alert for notices your child(ren) may bring home.

JANUARY 9 & 11, 2024 – DOWNHILL SKIING.

The Grade 7 class will begin their Downhill skiing lessons on **Tuesday, January 9th and Thursday, January 11th**. 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 10 & 12, 2024 - DRIVE THRU RECYCLE FUNDRAISER - BOTTLE DRIVE

Our annual '[Drive Thru' Recycle Fundraiser](#) is happening on **Wednesday, January 10th and Friday, January 12th** during morning drop off. Bags can be dropped off behind the garage of OLS Parish in the school parking lot.

This will be a House Colour Challenge. Please ensure you mark your bags with the student's house colour. May the best team win!

JANUARY 15, 2024 – LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MASS

Parents/grandparents are welcome to join the OLS School on **Monday, January 15th** at 9:00 a.m. for Mass.

JANUARY 18 & 24, 2024 – NOTRE DAME OPEN HOUSE & PLACEMENT EXAM FOR GRADE 8

Notre Dame Regional High School will be having an open house on **Thursday, January 18th** at 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Hall. The Placement Exam will take place on **Wednesday, January 24th** at 12:30 p.m. We recommend checking the school's website to confirm times www.ndrs.org.

JANUARY 19, 2024 – SWEATPANTS AND SWEATSHIRT ORDERS

We will be placing an order for sweatpants and sweatshirts at the end of January. If you are interested, please complete and return the [attached](#) form by **Friday, January 19, 2024**.

JANUARY 19 & 26, 2024 – CROSS COUNTRY SKIING.

The Grade 6 class will begin their Cross Country skiing lessons on **Friday, January 19th and Friday, January 26th**. 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 23, 2024 – FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING

There will be a First Communion parent meeting on **Tuesday, January 23rd** at 7:00 p.m. in the lower hall. This meeting is for parents only and at least one parent from each family must attend.

JANUARY 24 AND 25, 2024 - LICE CHECK

With the colder and wetter weather upon us the students are indoors more often, and we would like to remind you to continue checking for lice at home on a weekly basis. The next school-wide lice check will be conducted on **Wednesday, January 24th and Thursday, January 25th**. Thank you to Mrs. Kraljevic for doing this once again.

JANUARY 28, 2024 – FAMILY & FIRST COMMUNION ENROLMENT MASS

All students in Grade 2 who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion will be required to attend this Mass on **Sunday, January 28th** at 11:30 a.m. We invite all families from OLS to celebrate this Mass. We again will have our Students reading during all Family Masses as well as our amazing children's choir! The Monthly Family Mass is a wonderful way for our families and students to attend and **participate** in the **required** Sunday liturgy.

JANUARY 2022 HOT LUNCH DATES

Thursday, January 11 th	Ragazzi Pizza Lunch
Thursday, January 18 th	Sushi Lunch
Thursday, January 25 th	Chicken Strip Lunch

REMINDERS

2024 PARISH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

The 2024 Sunday envelopes are now ready for pickup at the church entrance. You must pick up your new envelopes as all envelopes have new numbers.

KINDERGARTEN 2024-2025 REGISTRATION

Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year for OLS Parishioners is now complete. If you know of any families with children born in the year 2019 that would like to register for our Kindergarten class, please forward them the attached [New Student Pre-Registration Request Form](#), as parent interviews will be held in January. Thank you!

PRESCHOOL 2024-2025 REGISTRATION

We are accepting applications for 3 and 4 year old preschool. If you have a child born in the year 2020 or 2021, please complete and return the attached [Preschool Pre-Registration Request Form](#).

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 AND TRAFFIC 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. ***Also, Please remember to slow down in the drop-off zones as students can be walking between cars are not easily seen in the winter. Thank you!***