



OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL

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JANUARY 23, 2024 WEEKLY E-LETTER

Dear Parents,

We wish to thank our students and families for the wonderful turnout for our Archbishop Michael Miller parish and school visit last weekend. It was a wonderful experience for our students who impressed our Archbishop with their knowledge and love for their faith! I also wish to thank the many students and families who were able to attend and celebrate with the Archbishop at the weekend Masses. It was very inspiring for our parish leaders to see such an amazing response that confirms “what an amazing and vibrant parish and school community we really are”! Thank you to all our volunteers and staff who prepared for the Archbishop’s visit. It was truly inspiring weekend for all.

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

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. Please visit the Notre Dame website to view a video presentation with open house information.

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 26, 2024 – CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

The Grade 6 class will begin their Cross Country skiing lessons on **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.

Please note, the Grade 6 cross-country skiing previously scheduled for January 19th will be rescheduled for a later day, weather permitting.

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 attend 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 students and families to attend and **participate** in the **required** Sunday liturgy.

JANUARY 2024 HOT LUNCH DATES

Thursday, January 25 th	Chicken Strip Lunch
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FEBRUARY 1 & 2, 2024 – OLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT CONCESSION

Concession preorder forms for the Gr. 5 Basketball Tournament have been sent home. If you would like to order any concession items, please return the form, and enclose cash or cheque by **Friday, January 26th**. Please note that there was an error on some of the order forms regarding the cheque payee. **Please ensure all cheques are made payable to “OLS Grade 7 Fundraising Committee”.**

PREVIOUS 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.

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 are being 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 years 2020 or 2021, please complete and return the attached [Preschool Pre-Registration Request Form](#).

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 and are not easily seen in the winter. Thank you!***

EXTREME WEATHER & SNOW WEATHER PROCEDURES

If you are unsure of what to do on a snow day, review the Extreme Weather and Snow Procedures instructions which are located under the *Documents – School Information & Procedures* section on our homepage (www.ourladyofsorrows.ca). Please do not call the school after 8:00 a.m. as all the information will be available online. Our website will be updated by 7:15 a.m. as it is difficult to predict how extreme the weather will be. Thank you for your diligence.