



OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY 7, 2024 WEEKLY E-LETTER

URGENT TRAFFIC UPDATE!

Thank you to all our parents who have already started to slow down in the drop-off zones. We have changed the morning drop-off spaces to allow greater visibility and slower exits as students may be walking between cars and are not easily seen. Please remember to stop at the END of the NORTH Door cones, and not the school entrance even if there are no cars in front of you as it quickly backs up and cars will start to pass each other. We are also asking the morning drivers NOT to EXIT THEIR CARS! If parents need to get out for some reason and help their children, please park OUTSIDE the drop-off zones so not to hold up the line. The drop-off zones are for students ready to exit on the right side of vehicles with their bags.

For afterschool pick up, we are also reminding all parents and students to ONLY walk behind cones and through the cars. As school let's out very quickly, we are asking that larger trucks and SUVs park in the second row and closer to the gym. The drop offs take less than 10 minutes from start to exit, (faster than at Starbucks!)

There may also be students exiting the gym and the lower hall at the end of the day due to PE or music classes. Therefore, please be careful passing cars or reversing during drop offs as there may be students exiting. Again, thank you to all our amazing volunteer supervisors who come weekly and help keep everyone safe! Let's continue to respect our volunteers and continue to slow down and follow directions for everyone's safety. Thank you!

FEBRUARY 1, 2024 – MORNING CARE

We are still evaluating the needs of our families and appreciate those that have completed our Morning Care Survey. Morning Care has now started and runs Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. This service will be provided on a drop in basis. The cost will be \$8.00 per day per child or \$30.00 per week per child, if all five days are attended. If you are interested in using this service, please email the office (office@myolosschool.com) so we can forward you the Morning Care Club Guidelines & Expectations. This document needs to be signed and returned to the office before you may use this service. The Minimum is 3 students to continue our morning care program, and the maximum occupancy for this program is 20 children.

FEBRUARY 9 – 16, 2024 – WINTER/SPRING HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Ordering for our next hot lunch session will be open **Friday, February 9th** and will close on **Friday, February 16th at 3 p.m.** Once the ordering is closed, we cannot accept any other orders. **Orders that have not been paid for by February 16th at 3 p.m. may be cancelled. If you are paying by cash or cheque, it must be received by February 16th at 3 p.m.** 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 by credit card online. 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, February 22nd** to **Thursday, June 13th**. All lunches in this session must be ordered by the **February 16th at 3 p.m.** deadline.

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 oloshotlunch@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 12 – 16, 2024 – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Monday, February 12th is the start of Catholic Schools Week. This week is designed to promote the many aspects of the Catholic school community. This community helps guide its people in their devotion to the Faith. By celebrating different facets of Our Lady of Sorrows School, we continue to strengthen the bonds that are the foundation of this Catholic community. The school will be having a variety of activities. **Please have your child bring \$5.00 to participate in these activities. The donations will be divided up between a variety of charities.**

- **February 12th (Monday) – Jersey Day**
 - Students may come dressed in their favourite sports jersey.
 - Staff and Gr. 7 student Floor Hockey Game.
- **February 13th (Tuesday) – Red Colour Day**
 - Students may come dressed in Red.
 - One of our school families is generously donating a pizza lunch on this day, as a thank you to all our wonderful students and for all they do in support of each other! All students will receive 2 free pieces of pizza on this day. Please pack any additional snacks or drinks as needed.

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 – ASH WEDNESDAY – GRADE 3 MASS

Ash Wednesday Mass will be held on **Wednesday, February 14th** at 9:00 a.m. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us. Students **must** be in full uniform (sweaters and black shoes).

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 – LENT BOXES

Lent boxes will be sent home on **Wednesday, February 14th** (Ash Wednesday) (Grades 1-7). All boxes will be collected after Easter Monday, **Tuesday, April 2nd**. We ask that **ALL** students label their box with their name and house colour. We also ask that you print the amount collected on the box. Please use this opportunity to encourage your child to give alms (to do charitable work).

FEBRUARY 15 AND 16, 2024 – CATHOLIC EDUCATORS' CONFERENCE – NO SCHOOL

All teachers will be attending the Catholic Educators' Conference on **Thursday, February 15th and Friday, February 16th**. The school will be closed for these two days.

FEBRUARY 19, 2024 – FAMILY DAY – NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on **Monday, February 19th** due to the Family Day holiday.

FEBRUARY 25, 2024 – FAMILY MASS

The Family Mass will be on **Sunday, February 25th** at 11:30 a.m. We invite all families from OLS to celebrate the Family Mass. This is a wonderful way for our families to attend and participate in the **required** Sunday liturgy. Our next class readers for this Mass will be our Grade 5s. Also, remember to join our Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast after the Mass.

2024 SCHOOL DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

The 2023 school donation tax receipts were sent home on Monday with your oldest child. If you have not received this, please check your child's backpack. School tax receipts are claimed as a charitable donation, it is NOT a tuition expense.

MARCH 6, 2024 - IMPORTANT DATE! MANDATORY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Mandatory General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 6th at 6:45 p.m.** in the school gym. A member from each family must attend this mandatory meeting or a fine will be charged as per the Policy Handbook on Page 12 of your child's Agenda. If you are unable to attend due to illness, vacation, etc., a letter must be sent addressed to the Parish Education Committee explaining why you will be absent from the meeting.

2024-2025 SCHOOL REGISTRATION PACKAGES

Registration packages will be distributed at the Mandatory Annual General Meeting being held on **Wednesday, March 6th**. Please note that packages will not be given out prior to the meeting.

FEBRUARY 2024 HOT LUNCH DATES

Thursday, February 8 th	Columbus Meat Market Chicken or Veggie Burger
Tuesday, February 13 th	Donated Pizza Lunch

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.

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](#).