

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



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## WEEKLY E-LETTER September 18, 2024

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all our parents who supported our special Our Lady of Sorrows Feast Rosary, Mass and Gala last week! We are grateful to have such a supportive faith community! We invite you to continue to attend our weekly Masses and special Family Masses to help support your child's faith journey and especially in their Sacramental years! Thank you to our Pastor, Father Rosemond, Father Testamar, and our new Salesian Sisters, Sister Natalie and Sister Corra for providing us with such great opportunities to be involved. Please follow the Parish website [www.olos.ca](http://www.olos.ca) and our @olseagles Instagram for future updates!!

### **SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 – COMMISSIONING SUNDAY MASS**

On **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 11:30 a.m., there will be a Commissioning Mass for all Staff Members of Our Lady of Sorrows School. This will be our first Choir Mass as well. This Mass will be hosted by our Grade 6 students, and all families are encouraged to attend our regular Sunday Family Masses as their regular obligations to our Catholic School Community. Thank you!

### **2024 – 2025 FALL/WINTER HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

Ordering for the fall/winter hot lunch program is **now open and will close on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.** Once the ordering is closed, we cannot accept any other orders. **Orders that have not been paid by September 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. may be cancelled. If you are paying by cash or cheque, it must be received by September 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. so that we can adjust your account.** 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**. All lunches in this session must be ordered by the **September 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:oloshotlunch@gmail.com).

### **NEW PROVINCIAL CELL PHONE IN SCHOOLS POLICY**

As of April 2024, the Ministry of Education of BC has mandated that cell phones or personal electronic devices (PEDs), which also includes phone synchronized watches, are not to allowed during school hours or on school grounds or events. Our school policy has always been for teachers to enforce this policy. If students are caught on school grounds (before or after school), or during class times, or washroom breaks with their phones, they will be confiscated and sent to the office. Students will have to pick up their phones at the end of the day. We do understand that students may need phones for safety walking home. If that is the case, they may keep them in a secure pouch in their bags until they leave the school grounds. Please refer to [School Policy #3](#) of our Policy Handbook. The Policy Handbook is also located on our website's homepage under 'Documents and Procedures'. We will discuss this policy more at the Meet the Teacher Evening.

### **FEDERATION OF LASER MASTER - TERM 1 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, September 20<sup>th</sup>** and the term end-date is **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** (there will be no class on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>). 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.

## **IMPORTANT DATES!**

### **SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 – BOOK FAIR AND READ-A-THON ASSEMBLY**

Our Read-a-Thon and Book Fair assembly will take place on **Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**.

Please note that Read-a-thon reading records and pledge forms will be sent home on **Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** in preparation for the Read-a-thon on October 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.

### **SEPTEMBER 20, 2024 – TERRY FOX RUN**

Mr. Crozier will be sending home our annual Terry Fox Run letter. This year's run will take place on **Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Students from Grade 2 – 7 will be walking to the Hastings Bowl track site. Grade k&1s will stay on site. We ask that all students give a minimum donation of \$2.00 on this day. Thank you for your support of this great and historic event for Cancer Research. Please remember to return your child's permission slip as soon as possible! (Grades 2-7 Students only).

### **SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 - INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS**

Students will have their Individual Photos taken by Artona on **Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform on this day. They must also have their gym strip under their uniform if there is gym that day.

### **SEPTEMBER 23 – 27, 2024 – SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The annual OLS Book Fair will begin on **Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** and will end on **Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you to those who have volunteered for the Book Fair. A confirmation note with your volunteer time spot will go home with your child on **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. ALL SPOTS ARE NOW FULL. Thank you so much!

### **SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 – MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT**

The first **Mandatory Parents' Meeting** will be held in person on **Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**. Coffee, water and snacks will be provided! We will begin at **6:45 p.m.** followed by one 15-minute session in the classroom. Please mark your calendars. This will be the **first Mandatory Meeting as indicated in the Policy Manual and Registration Guide! Do not forget to visit the Book Fair in the Library that evening.**

### **SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 – SWEATPANTS AND SWEATSHIRT SAMPLE SIZES VIEWING & ORDERS**

We will be placing an order for sweatpants and sweatshirts at the beginning of October. If you are interested, please complete and return the [attached](#) form by **Tuesday, October 1, 2024**. samples sizes will be available for you to view on **Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** prior to the meeting beginning.

### **SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 – USED UNIFORM SALE**

We will be hosting a used uniform sale on **Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** prior to the meeting beginning. Please see the [attached](#) flyer for further details and instructions.

### **REMINDER OF UNIFORM CONDITIONS AND UNIFORM POLICY**

Uniforms should be examined and replaced as needed due to children outgrowing them or regular wear and tear. Please ensure that all uniform items are not faded, ripped or discoloured. Also please refer to our [Uniform Policy](#), which is located in your child's school agenda, for compliance for Hair, Nails or Jewellery. The agenda is also located on our website's homepage under 'Documents and Procedures'. The goal of a Uniform is to ensure all students are not a distraction and are ready to learn. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### **SEPTEMBER 27, 2024 – ORANGE SHIRT DAY**

Orange Shirt Day will be held on **Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### **SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 – NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION – STAT HOLIDAY**

There will be no school on **Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. This day is to honour Indigenous children who were sent to residential schools in Canada.

## **REMINDERS**

Please review the attached School Office Reminders. This is also located on our website's homepage under 'Documents'