

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



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OCTOBER 2024 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

MORNING DROP-OFF

During morning drop-off, we are asking all parents to stay in their vehicles, stick to the right hand side of the cones, line up at the stop sign and **not** at the school doors and **always** follow the directions of our volunteer parking attendants. Thank you for remembering that these parents are volunteers and to always be kind!

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 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 stay in the rain for a minimum of 5 minutes if there is a fire or earthquake drill.

OLS & SFA NEW SCHOOL BUILD

Please see the attached letter from Father Rosemond and Father Lucca regarding the future of OLS and SFA and our new school.

OCTOBER 4-13 DECEMBER ITALIAN LANGUAGE LESSONS FOR GRADES 3-4 AND 5-7

The Italian Cultural Center will be offering Italian language classes on Fridays from 2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. for students enrolled at OLOS. There will be 10 classes in total with no class on November 22, 2024. Please note that this program will only run if the minimum registration requirement is met. For information and registration please follow link:

<https://www.italianculturalcentre.ca/ourladyofsorrowsform>

FALL/WINTER HOT LUNCH ORDERING IS NOW CLOSED

Ordering for the fall/winter hot lunch program is now closed. Orders that have not been paid yet may be cancelled. Payments were due by **Friday, September 27th at 3 p.m.**

If you have any questions or comments, please send them to oloshotlunch@gmail.com.

REGULAR UNIFORM NOW IN EFFECT

Regular school uniform is now in effect. Summer uniform will no longer be accepted. We ask that you ensure students have all items in good order and wear their proper uniform including shoes and sweaters to school daily. 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.

***Sweaters are mandatory for all school functions such as Masses, School Assemblies, Para liturgies, and outings when representing the school.**

ARTONA PHOTO'S UPDATE

Your child's photo is now available online! On photo day, your child brought home a notice from Artona with a QR code for ordering online. If you have any questions about ordering, please contact Artona at <https://www.artona.com/contact-us> or by telephone: 604-872-7272.

If you are not happy with your child's photo or missed photo day, photo retake day will be on **Thursday, October 24th**.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR UPDATE

A huge thank you to all parents and staff for making the Scholastic Book Fair a big success this year. We especially thank all the parent helpers who came out to work shifts at the desk as well as helped the younger grades write their wish lists. We sold over \$9,000 of books and accessories which means we have almost half of that as points to buy books for the school and class libraries. We've already bought \$1,500 of new books and students had a chance to help pick the new books that will be circulated in the library. We are excited to introduce a new young adult fiction section for grades 6 and 7. We couldn't do this without all the help of the library volunteers. So a big shout out to them as well. With gratitude, Ms. Guzzo and Mrs. Bortignon.

OCTOBER 1-31, 2024 – READ-A-THON

The Read-a-Thon has begun. For further details please refer to the notice that has been sent home with students. Reminder, **ALL** reading records need to be handed in by **November 1st at 3:00 p.m.** to be eligible for prizes.

OCTOBER 7 - 11, 2024 – FOOD DRIVE & "TALE OF THE TAPE"

The first House Colour Challenge of the year "**Tale of the Tape**" will take place on **Friday, October 11th**. Students can bring in their food items starting **Monday, October 7th**. Please bring items in a box or bag with the student's house colour labelled on it. **Please do not send a bag that you would want returned.** Last year, we raised over 3,000 individual items to be given to the needy. Items will be weighed, measured, and totalled, to determine points for each House Colour Team. May the best team win!

Items that can be donated:

- Canned Items (Tuna, Salmon, Sardines, Meat, Fruit/Vegetables, Sauce, Beans)
- Dried Food (Rice, Beans, Chickpeas, Lentils)
- Breakfast Items (Cereal, Coffee, Tea, Cookies, Sweets)
- Baking (Sugar, Cooking Oil)

We ask that all donated items be **non-perishable**, small, unopened, and **not** expired. Please avoid items that can be damaged easily such as glass.

We thank you in advance for your generous donations.

OCTOBER 9, 2024 – GRADE 4 MASS

Mass will be held on **Wednesday, October 9th** at 9:00 a.m. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us. Full uniform is required.

OCTOBER 14, 2024 – THANKSGIVING DAY – NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on **Monday, October 14th**. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

OCTOBER 23, 2024 – LIVING ROSARY

Students are expected to be in full uniform this day.

OCTOBER 24, 2024 – INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS RETAKE DAY

Retakes will be on **Thursday, October 24th**. Please have your child dressed in full uniform on this day if they wish to have their individual photo retaken. If you wish your child to have a retake, please let your child's classroom teacher know.

OCTOBER 25, 2024 – HALLOWEEN BASH

This year's Halloween Bash will be held on **Friday, October 25th from 6:00 -10:00 p.m.** More information will follow from the Halloween Committee. **There is no dress down day or costumes during this school day.**

OCTOBER 27, 2024 – FAMILY MASS – 11:30 A.M.

The Family Mass will be held on **Sunday, October 27th** at 11:30 a.m. We invite all families from OLS to celebrate the Family Mass. This is a great way for our families to attend and participate in the **required** Sunday liturgy.

OCTOBER 31, 2024 – HALLOWEEN COLOUR / COSTUME DAY

Students may dress down (e.g., orange, and black) or come in costume on **Friday, October 31st**. More information will be provided soon.

AGAPE STREET MINISTRY DONATIONS

Once again, we reach out to OLS families for their donations of extra Halloween candy. We will be accepting candy until **Friday, November 8th**. All candy donated will go to AGAPE Street Ministry.

OCTOBER 2024 HOT LUNCH DATES

Thursday, October 3 ^d	Ragazzi Pizza
Thursday, October 10 th	EDO Japan – Rice / Noodle Bowls
Thursday, October 17 th	Columbus Meats Chicken Strips
Thursday, October 24 th	Columbus Meats Beef/Veggie (Cheese) Burgers
Thursday, October 31 st	Ragazzi Pizza

