

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



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## JANUARY 2025 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! Welcome back!

### **MESSAGE FROM FATHER ROSEMOND**

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Christmas Farm Workers Dinner this year. Thank you for offering your talents, time, gifts and monetary donations to this event. We were able to welcome more than 350 Migrants for the Mass, Dinner and a Christmas Gift to each one of them. Without you, we would not be able to organize it. May God bless you.

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. (Isaiah 9,2)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas! Once again we are celebrating the Blessed season of Christmas. This is the time to reflect about the mystery of God who came to us as a baby to show us His light. Let us turn our hearts to the Baby Jesus in the manger. In Him we can see light. In Him we can see God's love, peace and mercy. If it is hard for you to see God's love at this moment, we may repeat the great preacher, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, who said once talking about God's love: *"Man does not love Me because he does not see Me; I will show Myself to him and thus make him love Me. God's love for man was very great, and had been great from all eternity, but this love had not yet become visible... Then, it really appeared; the Son of God let Himself be seen as a tiny Baby in a stable, lying on a little straw."* Wishing you the love Jesus, Mary and Joseph knew on that first Christmas night. You and your family will share a special remembrance in the Christmas Masses. We wish you a blessed Christmas 2024 and a Happy New Year 2025!

We, Fathers Testamar, Rosemond and Sisters Natalie, Corazon pray that this Christmas may be a blessed one for you and your family.

### **2025 PARISH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

The 2025 Sunday envelopes are now ready for pickup at the church entrance.

### **MESSAGE FROM MR. BALLETTA**

Dear Parents,

I wish to thank our parents and families for your continued generosity for all our charities and activities. Our staff would also like to thank you all for your generosity in support and your thoughtful gifts. It is our sincere honour to have your children here at OLS! We wish all our students, parents and families a blessed and joy filled Christmas. Enjoy a restful break.

God Bless You, Mr. Balletta

### **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 15, 2025 – LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MASS**

All parents and grandparents are welcome to join the OLS School on **Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. for Mass.

### **JANUARY 16 & 23, 2025 – CROSS COUNTRY SKIING.**

The Grade 6 class will begin their Cross Country skiing lessons on **Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please refer to the information package sent home from Mr. Crozier. Please note it is very important that the students are dressed appropriately for this event.

### **JANUARY 21, 2025 – FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS’ MEETING**

There will be a First Communion parent meeting on **Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** 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 23, 2025 – NOTRE DAME PLACEMENT EXAM FOR GRADE 8 ENTRY**

The placement exam will take place on **Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 12:30 p.m. We recommend checking the Notre Dame’s website to confirm times [www.ndrs.org](http://www.ndrs.org).

### **JANUARY 24 & FEBRUARY 7, 2024 – DOWNHILL SKIING.**

The Grade 7 class will begin their Downhill skiing lessons on **Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please refer to the information package sent home. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Crozier. Please note it is very important that the students are dressed appropriately for this event.

### **JANUARY 26, 2025 – 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 26<sup>th</sup>** 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 29 & 30, 2025 OLS GIRLS & BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Further information will be sent home soon.

### **JANUARY 2022 HOT LUNCH DATES**

Tuesday, January 7 <sup>th</sup>	McDonald’s Jr. Chicken Burger
Thursday, January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ragazzi Pizza Lunch
Tuesday, January 14 <sup>th</sup>	McDonalds Hamburger Lunch
Thursday, January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Edo Lunch
Tuesday, January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ragazzi Pizza
Thursday, January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sausage in a Bun
Tuesday, January 28 <sup>th</sup>	McDonald’s Jr. Chicken Burger
Thursday, January 30 <sup>th</sup>	Subway Lunch

## REMINDERS

### **KINDERGARTEN 2025-2026 REGISTRATION**

Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year for OLS Parishioners is now complete. If you know of any families with children born in the year 2020 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 2025-2026 REGISTRATION**

We are accepting applications for 3 and 4 year old preschool. If you have a child born in the year 2021 or 2022, 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 10<sup>th</sup>** and the term end-date is **Friday, March 7<sup>th</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.

## PARISH NEWS

### **COFFEE, CONNECTION & CLARITY WITH OLS PARISH**

If you are interested in recharging and connecting with other parents and parishioners, please go to [Coffee, Connection and Clarity - Our Lady of Sorrows](#) for further information.