



OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL

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OCTOBER 2025 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

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.

FALL/WINTER HOT LUNCH ORDERING IS NOW CLOSED

Ordering for the fall/winter hot lunch program is now closed. Orders that have not yet been paid may be cancelled. Payments were due by **Friday, September 26th at 3 p.m.**

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

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR GRADES 3-7

The Italian Cultural Centre will once again be offering Italian classes for students in Grades 3-7 on **Fridays from 2:45 – 4:45 p.m. from October 3rd – December 12th**. **There will be 8 classes in total with no classes on October 24th, 31st and November 21st.** If you are interested, please see the [attached](#) flyer and contact the Italian Centre directly for registration and payment at 604-430-3337 ext. 223 or gianna@iccvancouver.ca. Please note that this program will only run if the minimum registration requirement is met.

Students enrolled in Italian classes will be dismissed from the school's front door.

ARTONA PHOTO 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 30th**.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR UPDATE

Thank you to all OLS students, parents, and staff for a successful book fair. Sales were over \$10 500! The school will get 50% of that in book fair rewards which are used to purchase books for the school library and class libraries. A special thank you to all the parent volunteers who ran the book fair desk.

Ms. Guzzo

OCTOBER 1-31, 2025 – READ-A-THON

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

OCTOBER 6 - 10, 2025 – FOOD DRIVE & “TALE OF THE TAPE”

The first House Colour Challenge of the year **“Tale of the Tape”** will take place on **Friday, October 10th**. Students can bring in their food items starting **Monday, October 6th**. Please bring items in a box or bag with the student’s house colour labelled on it by **Thursday, October 9th**. **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 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 7, 2025 – GRADE 4 MASS

Mass will be held on **Tuesday, October 7th** at 9:00 a.m. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us. Full uniform is required.

OCTOBER 13, 2025 – THANKSGIVING DAY – NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on **Monday, October 13th**. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

OCTOBER 14, 2025 – 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.**

OCTOBER 15, 2025 – HEAD LICE CHECKS

The next school-wide lice checks will be conducted on **Wednesday, October 15th**. Thank you to Mrs. Pia Fasan for doing this.

OCTOBER 22, 2025 – LIVING ROSARY

The Living Rosary will be prayed in the Gym at 10:45 a.m. Students are expected to be in full uniform this day.

OCTOBER 24, 2025 – HALLOWEEN BASH

This year's Halloween Bash will be held on **Friday, October 24th 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 26, 2025 – FAMILY MASS – 11:30 A.M.

The Family Mass will be held on **Sunday, October 26th** 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 30, 2025 – INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS RETAKE DAY

Retakes will be on **Thursday, October 30th**. 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 31, 2025 – 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 2025 HOT LUNCH DATES

Thursday, October 2 nd	Ragazzi Pizza
Thursday, October 9 th	Blowfish Sushi Lunch
Thursday, October 16 th	Columbus Meats Chicken Strips
Thursday, October 23 rd	Columbus Meats Beef/Veggie (Cheese) Burgers
Thursday, October 30 th	EDO Japan – Rice / Noodle Bowls