# **OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL**



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# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025

#### **DEAR PARENTS**

We have been asked by our neighbours to please slow down when driving through Pender and Turner street (pickup and drop off streets). Please remember to give yourself more time as the roads are wet and more slippery as we go through winter. We need to continue to be respectful of our neighbours as we will need them to support us in the future growth of our school community. Thank you for slowing down!

# THE GRADE 7 FUNDRAISING HOT LUNCH PROGRAM – ORDERING DEADLINE NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>!

The Gr. 7 Fundraising Committee will be offering two pizza hot lunches in December. The two dates are <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday</u>, <u>December 9<sup>th</sup></u>. Ordering opened on <u>Friday</u>, <u>November 21<sup>st</sup> and will close today</u>, <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.</u> Once the ordering is closed, we cannot accept any other orders. <u>Orders that have not been paid for by November 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.</u> may be cancelled. If you are paying by cash or cheque, it must be received by <u>November 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.</u> 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'd prefer to pay by cheque or cash, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have NEVER logged into the MunchaLunch program, please follow this link to register: <a href="https://munchalunch.com/schools/ourladyofsorrows/">https://munchalunch.com/schools/ourladyofsorrows/</a>. If you have already registered and just need to log in, please follow this link: <a href="https://munchalunch.com/login">https://munchalunch.com/login</a>. 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.

# IMPORTANT AFTERSCHOOL CARE INFORMATION

#### No Afterschool Care on these dates!

- \*\*Wednesday, December 17th due to the Christmas concert preparation and staff availability; and
- \*\*Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> due to 12 p.m. dismissal as this is last day of school before Christmas Break.

#### NOVEMBER 28, 2025 – REPORT CARDS TO BE SENT HOME

Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, November 28th.

#### DECEMBER 1, 2025 – ADVENT PARALITURGY (HOPE)

Our first Advent Paraliturgy will take place on <u>Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup></u> at 9:00 a.m. in the church led by the Gr. 5 class. The Gr. 5 and 6 classes will be going to confession on this day. Full uniform is required (black shoes and sweaters).

# **DECEMBER 2, 2025 – READ-A-THON & FALL SPORTS ASSEMBLY**

We will be holding an assembly to recognize students for their Read-a-thon and fall sports achievements on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 2<sup>nd</sup></u> at 1:45 p.m. <u>All jerseys must be returned</u>! Read-a-thon certificates will be going home for prize winners. Kindly return the prize order form by <u>Thursday</u>, <u>December 4<sup>th</sup></u>. Thank you!

# <u>DECEMBER 3, 2025 – PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – NO SCHOOL</u>

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 3<sup>rd</sup></u>. Please refer to the information sent home by your child's teacher for more information. \*Please remember there will be no school for students on this day. Teachers only have 10 mins to meet with each family, if you feel you need more time, please book another appointment after your meetings.

# **DECEMBER 8, 2025 – ADVENT PARALITURGY (PEACE)**

Our second Advent Paraliturgy will take place on <u>Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup></u> at 9:00 a.m. in the church led by the Gr. 4 class. The Gr. 4 and 7 classes will be going to confession on this day. Full uniform is required (black shoes and sweaters).

# **DECEMBER 15, 2025 – ADVENT PARALITURGY (JOY)**

Our third Advent Paraliturgy will take place on <u>Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup></u> at 9:00 a.m. in the church led by the Gr. 3 class. The Gr. 3 class will be going to confession on this day. Full uniform is required (black shoes and sweaters).

#### **DECEMBER 16, 2025 – CHRISTMAS CONCERT DRESS REHEARSAL**

All students must come to the school wearing their Christmas Concert attire. More information will be sent home by your child's teacher.

#### **DECEMBER 17, 2025 – CHRISTMAS CONCERT – NO AFTERSCHOOL CARE**

This year's Christmas Concert will be held in the Church. The Matinee is at 1:00 p.m. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.) and the Evening show is at 6:45 p.m. (doors open at 6:15 p.m.). Entrance to the concert will be by donation. More information will be sent home soon. **There will be no afterschool care on this day.** 

#### **DECEMBER 18, 2025**

#### **Pancake Breakfast With Santa**

An order form for the "Breakfast with Santa" will be sent home shortly.

# Winter Pajama Day

Students may come dressed in their winter PJ's.

## **Christmas Desk Cleanup!**

Please have your child bring a large garbage bag to school to clean out their desks.

# **DECEMBER 19, 2025**

# **Green/Red Colour Day**

Students may dress in green, red, or other Christmas colours. There is no cost for this color day.

#### Dismissal At 12:00 P.M. – No Afterschool Care

This is the last day of school before Christmas vacation. Dismissal is at 12:00 p.m. **There will be no afterschool care on this day.** 

#### **DECEMBER 24, 2025 – CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish celebrates a children's Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Children are invited to participate in this Mass with various roles. More information will be sent home shortly.

#### DECEMBER 31, 2025 – DIAMONDS UNDER THE SEA NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY CELEBRATION

This is one party you are not going to want to miss. Come join us for the ultimate New Year's Eve celebration at Our Lady of Sorrows Gym! The "Diamonds Under the Sea" themed event includes with a kid's game room in the lower hall. Kids ring in the New Year at 9:30 p.m. with a video count down, lots of fun surprises and again at midnight for those who like to stay until the end. Step into a sparkling underwater world as the OLS Parish Hall is transformed into an oceanic paradise. There will be a DJ, concession and bar with slushies and exciting food options. Get ready to dance the night away and ring in the new year with friends and family. This event promises to be a night to remember, filled with laughter, music, and good vibes. Don't miss out on the chance to kick off 2026 in style!

Please click <u>here</u> or go to <u>www.olsfundraising.com</u> to view more details and to purchase your tickets. Do not miss out as tickets will sell fast (no tickets will be sold at the door).

# **DECEMBER 2025 HOT LUNCH DATES**

Tuesday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Gr. 7 Fundraiser)	Ragazzi Pizza
Thursday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Columbus Sausage Lunch
Tuesday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> (Gr. 7 Fundraiser)	Ragazzi Pizza Lunch
Thursday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ragazzi Pizza Lunch

#### JANUARY 5, 2025 – SCHOOL RE-OPENS

School resumes on Monday, January 5th at 8:45 am.

# GR. 7 FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS

#### **NEUFELD FARMS FUNDRAISER**

To help get ready for the holiday season, the Grade 7 Fundraising Committee will be having a Neufeld Farms product sale, perfect for Christmas entertaining (see <u>attached</u> flyer). Ordering is now available until **December 1**<sup>st</sup>. **Pick up is on <u>Wednesday</u>**, **December 10**<sup>th</sup> at **4:00 p.m.** 

**Please click here to order:** <a href="https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2025-our-lady-of-sorrows-grade-7-legacy-gift/ref/em">https://app.neufeldfarms.ca/fundraising/2025-our-lady-of-sorrows-grade-7-legacy-gift/ref/em</a>

#### **GR. 7 WINE AND SPIRITS RAFFLE**

### Grade 7 Wine & Spirits Raffle Ticket Fundraiser

Get ready to fill your wine racks and bar just in time for Christmas! The Grade 7 Fundraising Committee is raffling off some amazing wine and spirit prizes. Raffle tickets will be sent home on **Monday, December 1**<sup>st</sup>. Each family will receive two sheets of tickets. If you require more tickets, please email <a href="mailto:bcrescenzo@myolosschool.com">bcrescenzo@myolosschool.com</a>. Raffle tickets are due back on <a href="mailto:Monday, December 15th">Monday, December 15th</a>, and winners will be announced on <a href="mailto:Wednesday, December 17th">Wednesday, December 17th</a>.

# **OLS Christmas Concert Tickets & New Year's Eve Family Celebration Auction**

Bid on front row Christmas Concert tickets or VIP tickets to New Year's Eve Family Celebration.

Want the best seat for the evening performance at the Christmas concert? Then be sure to bid on front row seats for the evening performance.

New Year's Eve is almost here! Come and celebrate with the OLS community, bid on a VIP table for 8!

The auction link will be sent out shortly and will open <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 10<sup>th</sup></u> and close **Monday**, <u>December 15<sup>th</sup></u> at 9 p.m.

All proceeds will go towards OLS school. Thank you for your continued support! Grade 7 Fundraising Committee

# REMINDERS

#### **SAFETY REMINDERS!!**

As the weather gets darker and wetter, please remember to slow down and not stop to socialize in the drop-off zones. Drop off Zones are meant for quick exit and drop-off behind the coned areas. Please be quick to exit to prevent backing up and passing the stopped cars. Also remember to be good to our neighbours, and please slowdown driving through side streets. Thank you for your diligence with student safety!

# PARISH NEWS

#### **DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2025 - CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

Please see the Parish website for all Mass times (<a href="https://olos.ca/about/mass-times">https://olos.ca/about/mass-times</a>).