



OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
PRE K-8 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*"Our Lady of Sorrows Elementary School provides an atmosphere rooted in the Catholic faith, dedicated to individual academic excellence while preparing life-long learners and responsible Christian adults."*

October 2, 2020

Dear OLS families,

Welcome to October! September is but a memory now – how quickly time goes when we are busy! The daily routines are set and the kids and faculty are officially “in the groove” of this new year. We have even completed our first set of security drills, including a fire drill and shelter in place. The kids didn’t leave the building for the fire drill per the Governor’s directives, but during the upcoming weeks each class will practice the drill using social distancing protocols.

As the temperature starts to become more fall like, we will continue to keep the windows open to ensure proper ventilation throughout the building. School sweaters will be a good idea, especially if your child feels the cold. As a reminder, spirit wear is worn on PE days and school sweaters on all other days.

Thank you for being so diligent with the daily temperature taking via Genesis. To answer the question regarding taking the temperature if your child is home sick – yes, please answer the question on Genesis. The Diocesan Report does not distinguish between those who are home sick versus those in school.

We have completed week one of the STAR Assessments, and the kids in grades 2 through 8 did terrific work completing the math portion. Next week they will complete the ELA portion during class. We are using these assessments as our baseline for the start of the year, so parent reports will be distributed after the next assessment in January. Thank you to the Remote Learning families for your help with this!

Thank you to the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Mrs. Courtney for hosting the First Friday mass today. Since they were the only class in the Church, everyone else watched the livestream in the classroom. The children read beautifully, and it was wonderful to see them in Church together.

We are excited for the first “New Families Breakfast” tomorrow morning from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM under the tent on the field. Thanks to the “outside the box” thinking of our PTA, they found a way to meet and welcome our new school families. Each family who visits can share conversation and bagels in a safe way, and come away with a small goodie bag of OLS trinkets. We look forward to seeing you!

This afternoon we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our June 2020 graduates. This has been delayed since March, so we are thrilled they will finally reach this very important milestone in their faith journey. Congratulations to them!

Remember to check the school website for information regarding the updated lunch menu, the school calendar for school events and upcoming days off, and PTA fundraising & event information. One item to note - the mum delivery is next Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> so please stop by in the afternoon to pick up your order. It was a tremendous success, so thank you to everyone who ordered!

Have a wonderful weekend, and thank you again for your support and collaboration this year. We are being successful in making this work!

Be well,

Mrs. Maureen Tuohy, Principal