



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 9, 2020

Dear OLS Families,

Welcome to our first long weekend of the year, which, believe it or not, means we are halfway through the first trimester. This also indicates that it is time for Progress Reports, which were sent home today with grades K – 2, and available via the Parent Portal for grades 3 – 8. As a follow up to the progress reports, you should have received a letter via backpack mail today regarding our Virtual Parent Conferences, which are scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday October 28th and 29th. I have attached a copy of the Parent Conference letter to this communication just in case you didn't see it in your child's folder. I encourage you to schedule a conference to touch base and discuss your child's progress; it is an important 15 minutes, whether you have a Kindergartener or an 8th grader. It is always good to meet the faculty and discuss strengths and challenges – this is how student growth happens.

Please continue to utilize Genesis each day to indicate temperature checks and your child's general health. It is critical that we partner together to ensure all children are healthy. We do have children who have runny noses, coughs, allergies, etc. – it is that time of year and I do anticipate children will catch colds, have viruses, not feel well and will be absent or need to be sent home. But if parents are checking for symptoms and communicating with us, we can work together to ensure everyone is on the same page. If your child is absent because he/she is sick, please let them recuperate and do not worry about having them on the class Zoom for a day or two. If your child is home as a precautionary measure, let us know as soon as you can so if they are going to use Zoom for the day, we can have the work uploaded on Google Classroom. If all the necessary books are not at home, please just do what can be done and the rest will be taken care of upon the return to school. I do not want you to stress over this!

I would like to offer a few reminders regarding the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. We do have many morning car drop offs, and the busy time is between 7:35 and 7:45 AM. Please be patient with those who need to release children from car seats – we all know this is a process and not always easy to do when rushing. Do not drive around others to leave the parking because that creates a very dangerous situation. All drop offs must be from a car; no one should be walking through the parking lot to the door. My greatest fear is someone getting hit and this week it was a very close call for one child. If you are helping your child out of the car, please have everything ready for them to grab as they get out. Please take into account there are others who are behind you, and try to move as quickly as possible. At the afternoon pickup, everyone should be parking in the large lot and walking to the back door. No one except Pre K parents should be in the small lot by Door #8. If you have any questions, please let me know and I will clarify any of the above information.

The field remains closed except for PE and recess. Once you have picked up your child at dismissal, please do not let them on the field or the playground equipment. I realize the weather has been beautiful and everyone wants to stand and chat, but we are doing our best to keep the children separated while in school and at recess, and I do not want to see our efforts go in vain.

As we did in the spring, we will be sending out a “Parent Survey” that is looking for your opinion about the start of school and your experiences since school has opened. The link will be sent to you on Tuesday, October 13, and will be available for one week. Please be honest with your responses; I take your opinions seriously and want to make sure you and your child are truly happy at OLS. Changes are made based on your input, so please take 10 minutes and participate in the survey.

Finally, we are closed for Columbus Day this upcoming Monday. I hope you have a restful weekend, and I want to thank you for your continued support this school year. Enjoy the beautiful weather while it is here, and stay well.

Thank you, and be well,
Mrs. Maureen Tuohy, Principal