



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."*

May 29, 2020

Dear Parents,

We are in the homestretch! I can't thank you enough for the support you have provided over the past 11 weeks. The faculty and I know the transition to Remote Learning has not been easy, and we are beyond grateful for everything you have done to ensure your child's (or children's) learning has continued. The end of the school year will have a completely different feel for everyone this year!

Next week is the last week of Remote Learning, with the official last day of school on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. All work must be completed and submitted by Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> so the teachers have the opportunity to grade and record it. A quick reminder, this includes the Enrichment classes!

As I have mentioned in my previous communications, this year the students will come to school to drop off textbooks and borrowed laptops, and pick up any personal items that remain in the classrooms. For Pre K 3 through 7<sup>th</sup> grade this is either Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>. For the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, they will do the drop off/pick up on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>, which should have been their graduation day. These exchanges will occur outside the building (unless it is raining then we will be set up in the gym) for the safety of all. A schedule has been created so that we adhere to the social distancing and health protocols issued by Governor Murphy. My intent is to have minimal contact, avoid cross contamination, and maintain the health and well being of the faculty, the students and you. All teachers will be wearing masks and gloves to ensure we follow the specified guidelines. Each grade has been given a window of time at either Door #2 or Door #3, where a table will be set up for the drop off/pick up of materials. The schedule is attached, and I would ask for your help in several areas so this process flows smoothly:

1. Please come at your specified time – that is the time your child's homeroom teacher will be set up. If you come at a different time, there is no guarantee you will be able to pick up your child's things.
2. If you have more than 1 child, it is only necessary to make 1 trip so you can pick up everything at one time. You decide which pick up time works best for you and then

**PLEASE** contact your children's homeroom teachers via email to let them know which time you are choosing. Then they will make sure everything is ready for you.

3. Please place all "drop off" items in your trunk. When you pull in, pop the trunk and the teacher will take the returns out, and place your child's bag of items directly in your trunk. Items that the students need to return:
  - a. All textbooks
  - b. Borrowed Laptops
  - c. Overdue library books
  - d. Anything else borrowed from the classroom or school

What you will be receiving: art boxes, supplies, notebooks, folders, other books or personal items that belong to the student, as well as summer packets and supply lists.

4. If you wish to purchase a yearbook, please email me at [mtuohy@olsschool.us](mailto:mtuohy@olsschool.us) and a yearbook will be waiting at the pickup table. You may pay by check (made out to OLS) or cash at the time of pickup. Soft cover books are \$20.00 and hard cover are \$25.00.
5. As you drive away, your summer will officially have begun!

If you are unable to make your specified pick up time, then please contact your child's teacher or me and we will find another time that works for you. I realize that many of you are working during these scheduled times, and I apologize for any inconvenience this will cause. We ask for your patience as we work through this process, since like everything else associated with the pandemic, this is a new way of doing things!

Thank you to everyone who voiced your opinion on the Remote Learning and Catholic Identity Surveys. Pre K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents, your voices will be heard also – a survey will be published next week asking for your input on Remote Learning, and I look forward to hearing your feedback. The students will also be asked to complete a survey so we can learn how they felt about Remote Learning. Encourage them to answer thoughtfully and honestly, since that is the only way we will truly be able to assess our areas of strength and growth.

Please keep our graduates in your prayers this week. This should have been an exciting week for them with graduation practice, yearbook signings, a special prayer service, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade social and graduation. While a disappointing ending for sure, I am truly grateful that our students are healthy, and I am confident that our celebration later in the summer will honor and recognize their achievements. Enjoy your weekend!

Be well and stay safe,  
Mrs. Maureen Tuohy