



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."

June 5, 2020

Dear OLS Families,

You made it! It is officially the last day of the 2019 – 2020 school year! Without a doubt, this is the strangest ending to a school year I have ever witnessed, and I have been going to school for a very long time! I imagine you are relieved that homeschooling has come to an end, and I am sure your children are ready to be "Zoom free" and enjoy the summer days. Everyone has earned it.

There are a few items to wrap up as we close out the year. First, I have attached the pick-up/drop-off schedule for next Monday and Tuesday. Thank you for helping ensure this is a smooth process. Please bring all textbooks, library books and laptops (if borrowed) with you, and please adhere to the established time frames. If you are unable to make your set time, let me know and we will find a mutually agreeable time for you. I have received calls regarding Registration Packets – yes, please bring them to the drop-off! This will avoid you making a separate trip to the school or paying the postage to mail it. Reminder: report cards will be available on the Parent Portal on June 10th.

The Student Survey on Remote Learning is live! The survey will be open through next Friday June 12th, so please have your child take the survey now while he/she still remembers how they feel about Remote Learning. I appreciate your help with this – I truly want their thoughts and feedback. There are two links below: the first link is for Grades K through 5, and the second link is for the Middle School. If you have any problems accessing either link, please email me.

K – 5 Link: <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/137433/35209>

6 – 8 Link: <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/137436/35209>

I would like to congratulate the following 2019-2020 Handwriting Contest Winners. Normally we would announce these names after the closing mass on the last day of school, so I didn't want to miss recognizing a group of students who write so beautifully! Congratulations are given to:

Carlos Santiago - Kindergarten
Nathan McKee – 1st Grade
Annaliese Bomm – 2nd Grade
Kira Warrick – 3rd Grade
Sarah Cruz-Reyes – 4th Grade
Freddie Iezzo – 5th Grade
Daniella Ortega – 6th Grade
Michael Busa – 7th Grade
Isabella Matorana – 8th Grade

I would also like to recognize the 5th Grade Safety Patroller of the Year. This year the recipient is recognized for his effort, conscientiousness, timeliness, and dedication to doing the job every single day. He was always the last one out of the building because of his sense of duty, and we are proud to say Congratulations to....Jonathan Bates!! Well done Jonathan, you have been a fabulous role model!

Remember the Virtual Book Fair is ongoing all summer, so make sure to go to our school website to check it out. It might be very handy to have since the libraries and book stores are not open yet. OLS receives a portion of all purchases, so everyone, go find a good book to read!

The ending of the school year is definitely bittersweet for me. The last day is always full of excitement, a day like no other in a school. Everyone is looking forward to long, sunny days, no homework, vacations, summer camps, freedom from the alarm clock (for some!), and a more laid-back schedule. While I am truly happy about the warmer weather and a less stringent schedule, the usual excitement is not the same. I have missed the students, faculty, you, school and PTA activities, prayer services and masses, First Holy Communion, Graduation, and all the little daily activities that make our school so special. While the school year always brings its own stresses, especially the end of the year, the uncertainty and worry of the past 3 months has been more challenging than anyone could have ever imagined. Our OLS school community has been blessed during this time, and for that, I am beyond grateful. But how I wish to have everyone back in the building for our closing mass, to watch the kids cleaning up the classrooms and packing up their belongings, to hear their plans for the summer, to watch our 8th graders walk down the aisle at graduation, and to see the excitement in the teachers eyes as they leave the building for the summer. I pray that next year brings us a new year with the joy of being together and learning in one place. We have learned so much this past spring, and I know we are craving the normalcy of returning to our school building. Thank you for working as our partners these past three months. I know I speak for the faculty when I say we could not have done this without you, and we

applaud every effort you have made to make Remote Learning work for your child.
Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Finally, we keep our 8th graduates in our prayers today – this should have been their graduation ceremony. We will celebrate you in August – and I am looking forward to it.

Have a wonderful, safe, blessed summer. I will see you at the drop-off/pick-up next week, and as always, if there is anything you need, please don't hesitate to reach out to me over the summer. Enjoy!

Be well and stay safe,
Mrs. Tuohy