



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."

September 11, 2020

Dear OLS families,

We did it – we completed our first week of the new school year! I believe it was a very successful week, and it was wonderful to have children back in the building again. I have been in every classroom and outside at recess, and you wouldn't believe how many students came up to me and told me how happy they are to be back in school. From Pre K through 8th grade they have been wonderful about keeping their masks on, learning new routines, maintaining their distances, and jumping into their classwork. I am very proud of how well they have handled this return to school, and told them so today.

As expected, there were some technical issues we each encountered, but we are learning how to maneuver through these and we are becoming more adept with each class. Sometimes the WiFi connection is unstable here, so if you lose a Zoom connection, please log back in and the teachers will re-admit you. Something else to keep in mind is that the teachers are moving between different classrooms, so a class may not start exactly on time. These are the things we need to fine tune as we move forward. No matter how many times you practice something, it's always different when you "go live." If your child is a remote learner, I suggest you spend a few minutes this weekend making sure they check each teacher's Google Classroom and they have the access codes needed to join their classes next week. We are adjusting from our end too, so if issues are encountered next week, please call so we can get everyone connected right away.

I have a few reminders as we wrap up week one and get ready for our first full week of classes.

1. Every student entering the building must have their temperature taken and have a symptom check prior to arriving at school. You are required to use Genesis and answer the Temperature Daily Form question. We receive a Diocesan report every morning with those who have not completed this, and beginning Monday, students will not be permitted in class if this question is not answered. I am required to do this – and I can only do this with your help. You are helping me keep everyone in the building safe and healthy, and I cannot stress enough the importance of this step. (This is not a requirement for Remote Learners.)
2. We are a NUT FREE school. Please check all snacks and lunches prior to sending them in with your child. No food containing nuts will be permitted to be eaten in school.
3. If you still have a Yahoo/AOL/Verizon email account, we are unable to respond to your emails. Please create a Gmail account and forward it to either me or Mrs. Engelhard.
4. The Lunch Menu can be found on the school website under the Student Life tab. Also, if you would like to use the “My School Bucks” online lunch payment account, this information is also found under the same tab.
5. If your child is a Remote Learner, please make sure you have the correct technology and equipment, including a printer, to complete all assigned work at home.

We had a great week, and I am thankful for the prep you provided to your children about the return to school. They have been excellent about following our safety precautions, and have settled into the new routines and protocols very nicely. This is not easy, and they have successfully done exactly as we have asked.

Have a wonderful weekend, and as always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Be well,
Mrs. Maureen Tuohy, Principal