



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."

January 8, 2021

Dear OLS Families,

Happy New Year to you! I hope your holidays were joyful and you found peace in the birth of our Savior. I am praying for a year unlike 2020 – where we are all healthy and able to come together as a school community.

I know everyone is anxiously awaiting the video of the Christmas show, and I am sorry for the delay. Due to our remote learning in December, we were unable to video all the classes until the last day before the break, 12/22/20. Then it took time for the editing, but it was well worth it. While a virtual production is new to us, the kids really gave terrific performances, and we are so happy with the final product. The video will be ready and posted on our website early next week. I will send out a school wide message when it is available for viewing. I know you will enjoy it!

Remote learning will continue through Friday, January 15th. When we return to in person learning on Tuesday, January 19th the second round of the Renaissance STAR Assessment will begin. If your child will be remote for January, you will receive the assessment schedule and log in information on Friday, January 15th.

As we continue our remote learning for one more week, a gentle reminder about "online protocols." All children should be visible, seated at a table or desk with all materials on hand, and away from other distractions such as TVs/phones/IPads. We realize the difficulty of all of this, but we want to try to make class time as a productive time as possible.

Catholic Schools Week is rapidly approaching! This year it will kick-off on Sunday January 31st and last for the entire week. We are in the midst of planning activities that will be fun for the kids while maintaining our safety protocols. More info to come in the next letter! Re-registration packets will also be coming home during Catholic Schools Week, so please keep an eye out for that information.

Speaking of safety protocols, the NJ Department of Health has updated their COVID 19 quarantine guidelines. Effective January 4th, 2021 anyone who is a close

contact of someone who tests positive for COVID 19 will be excluded from school for 14 days. This change (from 10 days) is due to the increasing number of cases in New Jersey, and the fact that we are in the “High Risk/Orange” category. If you have any questions or are unclear about the guidelines, please contact our school nurse, Mrs. Patricia Foley, or me at any time.

I continue to Zoom prayers each morning and afternoon and encourage you and your child to join us. It is a wonderful way to begin and end our days, and it makes my heart happy to see the kids and hear their voices. Here are the links:

Morning (7:50):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86581209591?pwd=d1lYODlOT2s0VWJlYVRHanpsa3VDQT09>

Meeting ID: 865 8120 9591

Passcode: p1aR88

Afternoon (2:20)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87913731179?pwd=SWFrK2JOdIBRQ2dtYWpsM0ZlbiB2dz09>

Meeting ID: 879 1373 1179

Passcode: H4kK5Y

Enjoy the weekend and thank you for your continued collaboration as we begin 2021. I wish each of you good health and peace in the upcoming months.

Be well,

Mrs. Maureen Tuohy, Principal