



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."

February 19, 2021

Dear OLS Families,

Well, February can't end soon enough – and take this weather with it! Thank you for your flexibility with remote learning. There was no busing these past two days and the roads were extremely icy, so fortunately we have the ability to switch to the remote format. Fingers crossed that this is our last weather issue for the year.

Your "Knight to Remember" 50/50 tickets were sent home on Wednesday with your youngest child. Please make sure you have them since you did pay for them with this year's fundraising fee. All completed stubs are due back by Wednesday April 14th for the Friday, April 16th drawing. I encourage you to sell them to family and friends so you can make back the money you have paid. We do have extra tickets in the office if you need more. The more we sell, the bigger the prizes!

The March "Remote Instruction Agreement" is attached to this email. If your child will be a Remote Learner for the month of March, please complete the form and return it to me by next Friday, February 26th. If your child is currently remote and will be returning to school, please complete the "Return to School" notice and return by next Friday also. As a reminder, remote learning is to be utilized **only** for those who are Remote Learning for the month, are quarantining, or are not feeling well but can be online. While convenient for many, it is not convenient or easy for the teachers to make a sudden switch to Google, and creates much more "behind the scenes" work for them. I am asking that you respect the teachers time, and if your child is going to be

out for any other reason, then the child can be absent and make the work up upon returning to school.

Another gentle reminder: **PLEASE** remember to use Genesis and the daily temperature check. Too many families are forgetting to do this, and it is part of your responsibility to check your child(ren) each morning and then confirm on the system that you have done so. We are one of the few schools that allow students to enter without checking to see that this is completed, and I would prefer not to change my protocols at this time. I realize everyone is rushing in the morning, but I need you to make this check versus someone coming in sick and we revert to remote learning. I trust you to take care of this as we move forward.

Last week we had a service project "dress down day" to raise funds for Mount Carmel Guild in Trenton. I am thrilled to say we raised almost \$300.00 for them! Thank you for your participation and generosity; I know this donation will be greatly appreciated and will make a difference in other people's lives.

Try to send in your registration packets before March 19th to avoid the additional \$100.00 registration fee. I am very pleased with the number of registrations so far, especially with the lower grades. Even without our traditional "Open House" we are seeing registrations from the surrounding area, many of them based on your recommendations. I know we have a very special community, and what we do makes a difference. Thank you for your commitment to our Catholic school!

I am looking forward to ending February with a full week of in person learning. I miss being with the students, even though so many of them join me for prayers. Enjoy your weekend, stay warm and be safe.

Be well,
Mrs. Maureen Tuohy, Principal