



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 5, 2021

Dear OLS Families,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! We have enjoyed the celebration so far, although thanks to Mother Nature, it will continue next week! If you have been at OLS long enough, you know that as soon as we begin Catholic Schools Week, we have some sort of "weather" event. Luckily, we could easily adjust our schedules, and the celebration will include next Monday, February 8th with the \$1.00 Dress Down Day for Mount Carmel Guild. The money collected will be donated to assist with feeding the hungry in the Trenton area, who need our help now more than ever. Thank you for your support of this service project. The final event, the Honor Society Induction Ceremony, will be held on Wednesday February 10th at 8:15 AM. Here is the zoom link if you would like to join us:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81006692942?pwd=OFM1dXNyZzRxWkIvd21Vc1dwWWpIdz09>

Meeting ID: 810 0669 2942

Passcode: F0Eud9

The children have enjoyed the activities, and as always, Bingo was a favorite event. It was awesome to see everyone in their OLS Spirit Wear too – who doesn't love a dress down day on a Friday? Thank you for your support of Catholic Schools, especially Our Lady of Sorrows.

Since returning from Christmas break, I have some concerns with absences and Remote Learning, so this is a good time to review those guidelines. Every family has the option to choose Remote Learning for the

month by submitting the Remote Instruction Preference Form. If there are times where a child isn't feeling well, or there has been a possibility of exposure to COVID, then Remote Learning should absolutely be used in those cases. Otherwise, children should be attending in-person learning. If your child is not coming to school, we should receive that call by 7:30 AM each day of the absence. It is very challenging to manage the absences if we do not hear from you, and quite surprising to the teachers if someone just appears on Zoom. Please follow the protocols we have established for the safety of your children. Additionally, the behind the scenes preparation for using Google Classroom is much more time consuming and challenging than it appears. The teachers are not always able to add materials to Google during class time or gather materials before class on short notice. We are doing our very best to provide both in person and remote learning, and we ask for your cooperation to make this a smooth process.

Today is the last school day of Catholic Schools Week, a day to thank and celebrate our families and volunteers. We have a partnership in educating your children, and I thank you for your support and for being a part of our school. I also want to thank our very active PTA for their time and dedication to providing so many activities for our students, faculty and families. I am beyond grateful to each of you! Speaking of PTA events, I wish the best of luck to everyone who participated in our first Super Bowl Pool. It was a tremendous success, and I am looking forward to seeing who has the lucky boxes. I am also looking forward to the Red Robin Dine Out on Wednesday February 10th. Yum!

Enjoy your weekend and stay safe.

Be well,

Mrs. Maureen Tuohy, Principal

