



OUR LADY OF VICTORY

Weekly School Newsletter

Our Lady of Victory is a Catholic Parish School Dedicated to Living our Victory Values. We Pray, We Study, We Serve, and We Witness our Faith. Virtuous living + Intellectual growth + Christ-like behavior + Teamwork + Opportunities for service + Respect for all + Yes to Forgiveness

Message from Mrs. Szuba:

WELCOME BACK!

Never before have those words been more true than this year! This place is not the same without the students in the building! Now we can see them in person, hear their laughter, and be able to teach them all the new and wonderful things that go with being back in school!

We begin this new school year with our theme, **We walk by Faith, not by Sight** (2 Corinthians 5:7). This is a fitting theme to start a new school year with a lot of unknowns. We do know that with God leading us, we will go where he leads. We have faith that we will get through these uncertain times together, with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit by our side.



We appreciate everyone's patience as we navigate through the start of the year with different protocols in place, such as changes to lunch, recess, and PE classes. With some trial and error we are finding what is working best.

We want to offer a welcome to **Mr. Schneider** our new PE teacher, **Mr. Lurie** our new Music teacher, **Mrs. Paterra** in middle school Writing & Grammar, **Mrs. Weipert** in 4th and 5th Reading and Writing & Grammar, **Mrs. Wright** in grades 3-5 TLC, **Mrs. Davis** subbing in middle school Science, **Ms. Zylka** subbing in middle school Religion (she will be joining us as a full time study skills teacher in the K-2 wing at the end of the month), and our assistants in the Preschool program: **Mrs. Oakleaf, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Sharon Szuba, and Mrs. Strasser**. Lots of new faces joining our fantastic OLV faculty!

Next Week Events:

Monday, September 7
Labor Day: No School

Wednesday, September 9
School Mass, 8:30 a.m. (grade 3)
1st Communion Celebration - 3rd graders dress in First Communion clothes (change after Mass)

Thursday, September 10
Virtual PTO Meeting 8:30am

As we implement our new student information system, please let us know if you are not receiving information. We know a lot has gone to spam, but some people it is hit or miss with certain correspondence. We want to fix it on our end if there is a problem.

Please read through the newsletter; there is a great deal of information that will help you stay informed.

Have a great long weekend!
Kate Szuba, Principal

8th Grade HSPT

The 8th grade High School Placement Test is currently cancelled. It looks like high schools will be looking at Star standardized testing scores and report cards. When we get more information from the AOD we will update the students and parents.

COVID Testing

If you are getting a child tested for COVID, you **must** keep all siblings home until you get a negative result. For any other illness, keep siblings home based on doctor recommendation or parent discretion.

Dismissal

Please be mindful of where you are parking in the church parking lot. We have had a few near misses recently. Please only park in the lanes that are facing East and West. No one should park in any of the spots that are by the grassy area or in line with the parish office. Also, the driveways off of Orchard should NEVER be used at dismissal.

Outside Lunch

We tried on a most perfect day to have the students eat outside. It was not the most successful. It took a great deal of time, and we battled bees and acorns dropping from trees. It was more difficult to help the younger students, and it was not easy getting all the items back to the correct owners. We will stay in the classrooms for lunch until we can use the cafeteria again.



Forgotten Lunches

Lunches can be dropped off and left in the container in the vestibule. Because we do not have the cafeteria in use, we do not have extra lunches. Please make sure your child comes to school everyday with a lunch.

Forgotten Items

If a student has forgotten an item at home (besides a lunch), we are asking parents to not drop them off at school. We are trying to minimize the traffic of people into the building.

please join us
VIRTUAL PTO MEETING
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 10
8:30AM

tinyurl.com/olvptozoom

Meeting ID: 786 0004 8312 Passcode: PTOMEET

Gym Class and Parking Lot Access

Starting Wednesday Sept. 10, gym class will be able to meet in the gym. However, they may still go outside on nice days. Therefore the parking lot may be closed off during the day so that classes can take place outside. Please be mindful of the barricades and cones that may be set up. It is for the safety of all of our students!

Letter from the AOD

[Click here](#) to read a letter from the superintendent of the Archdiocese of Detroit, Kevin Kijewski.

Mentor Families

Are you a new family in need of a mentor? Please contact Mrs. Wesley at ewesley@olvnorthville.net.

1st Communion Celebration: September 9th

Our third graders were all able to make their First Holy Communion! In honor of this most blessed occasion, the students will be presenting at Mass on **September 9th**. The children will be able to dress in their First Communion clothes. They will also receive their very own bible as a gift, a long-standing tradition at OLV. Their buddies from



last year would have presented them to each student. Unfortunately that won't happen this year, but they will have a special message in their bible from their buddy! Students are encouraged to change after Mass. They will get a dress down day!



FACTS STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM



We are still ironing out kinks in our new Student Information System, FACTS. Just a few reminders:

- This is a separate system (and separate log in) from the tuition management
- The district code is OLV-MI
- There is an app you can download for easy access to your child's information: RenWeb Home
- Middle School students will be receiving their own logins within the next week

STAR RENAISSANCE TESTING

The Archdiocese of Detroit has chosen STAR Renaissance testing for all of the schools throughout the archdiocese to use.

This will replace the NWEA and IOWA. This standardized testing will take place three times a year. We will test Reading and Math in grades 1-8. Each test is 34 questions and will take 30 minutes or less to complete.



These are computer adaptive tests, meaning the test questions will change according to how the student answers (if correct, they will get increasingly more difficult. If incorrect, they will get easier). [Click here to read a letter from Renaissance to parents.](#)

The testing window will begin on **September 14th**. Your child's teacher will communicate with parents when the test will be scheduled. PLEASE make every effort to have your child in school at this time. Because the testing is significantly shorter than we have done in the past, academic life will remain the same. We will simply give these tests during the math or reading time.

If your child is virtual for first quarter, they will be taking these tests at home. You will receive information on how to proctor this test for your child from Mrs. Kroll (bkroll@olvnorthville.net).

SPORTS UPDATES

The OLV Athletic Department is committed to giving your son/daughter a great experience in CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) athletics this year. Learning about and competing in a sport is an awesome way for your child to develop stronger relationships with classmates during their OLV experience.

In the current environment, it will end up being a bit more challenging and it's difficult to project how everything will unfold over the next few months. Our Lady of Victory sponsors teams; these are activities that are open to all parish members. Sports are **not** under the jurisdiction of the school; their governing body is the CYO. This is why some of the rules in regard to COVID policies are different than school policies.

For our fall sports, there have been some modifications:

1. Football has been re-positioned to the spring (start date TBD)
2. Cross Country is functioning as normal
3. Our cheerleading squad is running a conditioning clinic for 8 weeks outdoors
4. Our volleyball season is functioning with teams holding outdoor practices and we are awaiting word from the CYO as to when we can move indoors.

We've heard no information on basketball; we open registration in early September and our first organized practices are the first week of November. The CYO follows the MHSAA guidelines so the bigger decisions are made by them and forwarded to the Archdiocese, and that's who we take our directive from. Please email any questions to me at dgutowsky@olvnorthville.net and I will do my best to answer them so you can make the best sports decisions for your child this year.

We know that there are other sports options outside of the CYO that may be of interest to your family, and we encourage you to investigate them. Our recommendation is that you combine those other options with an OLV/CYO experience, and there are many ways to do that.

I look forward to talking with you soon, and Go Cougars! Dan Gutowsky, Athletic Director



Check out the OLV Dads' Club new Athletic Wear Store!

Open online all year long, and owned by an OLV family! Stock up on your favorite name brand athletic wear today!

https://stores.inksoft.com/our_lady_victory/shop/home

Shop for masks, t-shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts, zip-ups, pants, shorts, hats, coolers and more!

Orders will be brought to the school to send home with the students.

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