



*“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.”*

OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
PRE K-8 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

October 21, 2022

Good afternoon OLS families,

I hope you have had a good week – we certainly did! Mrs. Nobile organized a Firetruck visit with our Pre K3 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students Tuesday morning and it was a fun visit. The kids enjoyed seeing the firemen and trucks, and did great when the firemen put on their coats and boots and the breathing apparatus. The kids love this visit, and we have the nicest group of community helpers in our Hamilton firefighters!

Thank you to those who attended our October prayer service on Wednesday. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade shared the mysteries of the rosary with us, we inducted our 2022-2023 Student Council, and celebrated Monsignor Gervasio's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. He was very surprised with the gifts, songs, cake and balloons, so thank you for your help making it a special morning for him. The readers and singers were awesome, and I am grateful to all!

Our Scholastic Book Fair begins today, and all information can be found on our school website. The fair runs through Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>, so if you are here for conferences I encourage you to stop by the Library and take a look. A portion of each purchase goes towards our school! If you prefer not to send cash with your child to purchase books, there is an “Ewallet” option that you can sign up for. Go to [www.olsschool.us](http://www.olsschool.us) for further information. Happy reading!

We have noticed an increase in students bringing in foods that contain nuts. We are a NUT FREE school, which means anything that contains peanuts, almonds, walnuts, cashews or ANY kind of nut is not permitted. If we see a student eating something containing nuts the food will be removed, including peanut butter sandwiches, granola bars or candy. With the Halloween parties just around the corner, please pay extra special attention to this. We take the health and safety of our children seriously, so I ask you to check all food ingredients carefully before sending them in.

Speaking of Halloween, Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> will be a free “orange and black” dress down day! Students may wear Halloween themed clothing, just no costumes. Save those for the Halloween Spooktacular on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> in our school parking

lot. I hope you have signed up for this event, because I believe it will be a fun day for everyone!

Each month we organize a Service Project so that the students learn to give of themselves and to do for others, just as our mission states. This month's project is aimed at helping those who have cancer, so on Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> we will have our "Pink Dress Down Day" to raise money for breast cancer research. Students wear pink or white shirts and jeans (no yoga pants). If your child would like to dress down, I encourage you to have him/her make the \$1.00 donation from his/her own money so that the idea of serving others becomes a little clearer. We teach them that service is from the heart, and this is a great way to reinforce that idea.

Conferences are next Wednesday and Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. These are half days, so students will be dismissed at 12:20 PM. ASP will be open until 6:00 PM both days, so if children are not picked up at 12:20 PM they will be sent to ASP. I hope you have scheduled a conference with your child's teacher as a way to check in and make sure everyone is on the same page. Just touching base for 5 minutes can make a difference, so please take advantage of this opportunity!

On November 1<sup>st</sup> the students begin wearing the "winter" uniform. This means boys wear a tie and long pants every day, and the girls wearing jumpers or skirts wear tights. PE uniforms also revert to the long pants. Please check the Parent – Student Handbook if you have any questions about the uniform, or reach out to me, I am happy to provide any additional details.

Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. We will attend the 9:00 AM mass as a school community, which will replace our usual First Friday mass. You are welcome to join us for mass and make it a prayerful start to your day.

There are a few attachments to my email today. One is the OLS Spirit Wear flyer which includes the new Port Authority Fleece Jacket, which is acceptable for students to wear in place of the school sweater. A portion of all purchases goes towards the school, so feel free to show some school spirit!

Bishop David O'Connell has begun a "Catechetical Series on the Eucharist" as part of the Church's Eucharistic Revival. I have attached the flyer that shares where you can listen to this series and the topic for each of the 5 broadcasts. He is a wonderful speaker, and the information he shares is very relevant to our understanding of the Eucharist.

Below is a link about attending mass with your child. It is well written and takes a realistic view of the challenges of bringing young children to mass, for both parent and child. I know that having children at mass requires patience, and I agree it does take

practice and getting used to the routine. However, we see how well they behave when we attend each week as a school community, so I know that children do listen and participate when they know what to expect.

[Blog: Updates and Inspiration from the Revival \(eucharisticrevival.org\)](http://eucharisticrevival.org)

I look forward to seeing many of you next week during Parent-Teacher conferences. Enjoy the weekend, and be well.

Take care,

Mrs. Maureen Tuohy, Principal