



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."

October 14, 2022

Dear OLS families,

It has been a busy, productive week! There is much to share today, so thank you for taking the time to read about all that is going on.

This coming Wednesday, October 19th, the 3rd grade will lead our monthly prayer service. The prayer service will not only highlight the beauty and sacredness of the rosary, but honor Monsignor Gervasio and his 40th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. We will have a dress down day on Monday October 17th with a free will offering (at least \$1.00) for a gift for Monsignor that will be presented to him at the prayer service. This is a surprise, so please don't share this if you are speaking with him over the weekend! We will also have the induction ceremony for our 2022 – 2023 Student Council after we honor Monsignor. You are welcome to join us in the gym at 8:15 AM and share in this wonderful morning!

Uniforms! Things are looking a little messy right now, so here are a few reminders. The only jewelry students should be wearing: small earrings for the girls, a watch (not an Apple or anything that shares messages), and a religious necklace. The extra colorful bracelets, necklaces, rings, hair accessories – all can be worn outside of school. Middle school boys should be wearing ties for Friday mass, shirts should be tucked in, and belts on. Black sneakers are not school shoes, and should only be worn on gym days. Finally, no hoodie sweatshirts may be worn except the OLS one with the PE uniform. The school sweaters and zip up fleece jackets are permissible (and we have plenty in lost and found!). Please double check the School Handbook found under the Parent Resources tab on the school website if you have any questions about what is allowed

be worn. November 1st means changing to the winter uniform, so now is a good time to take a look and make sure the students have what they need.

I think I jinxed us when I complemented everyone on the morning drop off routine. Please remember we do have children in car seats and some people need a little extra time. DO NOT go around another car or cut through the parked cars to get in and out faster; you put everyone else in danger, including the teachers on duty (and ME!). As I have said on many occasions, there is not much of a line if you arrive before 7:30 AM so maybe aim for that timeframe. I appreciate your immediate assistance with this safety item.

The Parent Teacher conference form was due today. I sent out an updated form on Tuesday (10/11) because we left off the “in person” option on the original form. I apologize for the error; I will blame it on Covid brain! If you have not yet returned it, please send it in on Monday since that is when the scheduling process begins.

During Parent Teacher Conference times the Scholastic Bookfair will be open in our Library and I invite you to stop in and browse a bit. The Bookfair kicks off next Friday October 21st, and more information will be sent home with your child next week.

Thirteen of our middle school students had a wonderful opportunity to attend the annual “Catholic Schools Mass” with Bishop David O’Connell this past Wednesday at St. Robert Bellarmine’s in Freehold. We joined with 30 other schools from the Diocese of Trenton to celebrate Catholic education and the feast day of our Diocesan (and OLS) patron, Blessed Carlo Acutis. Our 8th grade girls Addison Rhodes and Ngozi Ubah were selected to carry in the Papal and American flags, and Max Roberts carried in the OLS banner. It was a joyous morning, and I believe the students truly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Mr. Prendergast for taking care of all the details, everything went so smoothly. You can find pictures of the day on the Diocese of Trenton’s website including a picture of us with the Bishop.

Field trips have returned! The Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders all had the opportunity to have some fun and visit Shadybrook Farms for a hayride and pumpkin picking. Each class had a wonderful time, and I am so glad they had the chance to do this. Thank you

to the teachers for organizing and to the parents for taking the time to drive your child and enjoy the day as a class!

The PTA has a few events coming up and you should have received specific information about each one via backpack mail. The Killarney's Dine Out is this Monday 10/17 and we are looking forward to a night of "no cooking"! Please bring the flyer with you to the restaurant so OLS gets the credit, whether you are taking out or eating there. "Pretzel Fridays" will begin this month, so if you would like to place an order, please complete the form and return it to Mrs. Siville c/o Claire 4th grade by Tuesday 10/18. Saturday 10/29 from 11:00 to 3:00 PM is the Halloween "Spooktacular" in our parking lot, and that should be an awesome day! The flyers for each of these events can be found on the school website, just in case you have any questions or need additional copies.

Enjoy the fall like weather this weekend, and get ready for the cooler weather next week. Have a wonderful weekend and stay well!

Take care,

Mrs. Maureen Tuohy, Principal