



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."

January 13, 2023

Dear OLS Families,

Happy Friday the 13th! The first full week of school has been very productive as everyone got back into the full swing of academics. Next week grades 2 – 8 will take the STAR assessments in math, and ELA will be the following week. These assessments are one way to measure student growth over the course of the year, in addition to in-class assessments and work. You will receive a letter and report at the beginning of February showing the fall and January scores so you can assess your child's growth.

All are invited to the 6th grade Prayer Service on Wednesday, January 18th at 8:15 AM in gym. The January "Kindness in Christ" certificates will also be announced, so come join us as we begin our day with community prayer!

It is time for a reminder about morning drop off. Everyone should be waiting to pull forward in line. No one should be leaving the line and going around other cars UNLESS you are instructed to do so by one of the faculty members who are assisting outside.

We had a close call this week, and that is unacceptable. Thank you for your immediate attention to this; safety must be the priority, for our children and the adults on duty.

Also, all students should be in the building before 7:50 AM when prayers begin. Please make the effort to get here on time so the children get to their homerooms and start the day calmly. Thank you!

Catholic Schools Week is coming! The schedule of events will be sent home the week of January 23rd, but I wanted to invite you now to the opening mass on Sunday, January 29th at 11:00 AM in Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Immediately following mass we will

hold our Open House in the school until 3:00 PM. Please share this information with neighbors, friends and relatives so they can come see all the good things we have to offer. Flyers will be available for distribution next week if you would like to give them to anyone with school age children. Remember at Back to School Night I told you my goal was 200 students next September? Well I can use everyone's help with reaching this goal!

School is closed this upcoming Monday in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. My morning announcements this week have addressed being peaceful people, just as Mr. King spoke about. We can all bring peace to our own corner of the world by being tolerant, just, and kind, and this is what I have encouraged your children to do as well. Watching the nightly news reinforces how badly these ideals are needed in our world, and I believe we are the people to do begin the trend.

Have a good weekend and stay well.

Mrs. Maureen Tuohy, Principal