



Panther Prints

NEWSLETTER

BACK
TO
SCHOOL

August 2023

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School year!

It is such an exciting time of the year and there is nothing better than seeing the excitement of staff as they come into the building to prepare their classrooms and have their beginning of the year meetings. I know students are also eagerly preparing to return to school. I love to see students at Mass on Sundays during the summer or out and about in the community and ask them "Are you ready to return to school?" Without a doubt, they respond with a big smile (even the middle school students)! Of course they are eager to find out who their teacher will be for the school year and which friends will be with them in their homeroom class. We cannot wait to welcome them back and show them all the work that has been done to make the building a welcoming place for them in just a few days!



Our calendar is full of activities that will provide students with opportunities to grow academically, socially and in their faith. I pray this is a year of tremendous growth for all of our students as well as our community at large. I encourage all families to get involved in their child's education this school year as much as they are able. It is my sincere hope that all families feel a part of our school community. The easiest way to stay involved and know what is going on is to keep up with communications including our Panther Prints and other weekly school newsletters.

Our goal is to partner with you, the parents, as the first educators of your children. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your students' teacher when you have academic concerns early so that concerns do not build or go unaddressed. Plan to attend the Back to School Night on August 14 where you will have the opportunity to meet with teachers and other families as well as see the opportunities to get involved at OLP. (Please do not skip the gym area where booths will be set up). Also make sure you stop by the Back to School Carnival on August 19 as well as Curriculum Nights on August 21-22.

As I reflect on our theme of Encounter Joy, I cannot help but consider how easy this is in the months of August and September. The challenge will be, of course, how we are able to recognize that joy in the day to day of mid-year when we are all feeling the stress of our busy schedules and how something we have been looking forward to has not quite gone as we have planned. Let's work together to Encounter the Joy in the day to day and experience the growth and experience of our children through their eyes this school year.

Thank you for trusting and sharing your children with us.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace. —Romans 15:12

Marianne Organ, Principal

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I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.
John 15:11

We want to inform all parents that we participate in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph Asbestos Management Plan. If you have any questions about this, please contact the school office.



A message from Father Tom...

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and had time for some rest, renewal, and connection with those you love. It's time to begin another amazing year of school here at OLP. Blessings to all of you as we begin the 2023-2024 school year. This is always an exciting time filled with activity, new life, and lots of possibility. We are grateful you have chosen a Catholic education for your children and look forward to partnering with you throughout the year.

Our staff has been working hard to get ready for the return of our students to the classrooms. We should all be appreciative of their dedication and commitment. I hope you will take time to thank them as we begin the new school year.

In a special way, we welcome the new families joining our school community this year. I hope those of you who have been around for awhile will take time to make our new families feel at home. While we have become the largest Catholic grade school in our diocese, we also want to do our part to maintain a strong sense of community and family closeness in our school.

Over the summer, we have completed a number of projects and facility upgrades around our campus. There are still more to come this fall. I hope you will take time to check things out when you are in the school. We are blessed with a parish community that supports the school and makes many of these projects possible through the on-going stewardship and generosity of our parishioners. Donations to the Fund-A-Need portion of our annual Auction back in April also helped with some of the projects. I hope you will support our Auction and other fundraisers throughout the year and be a regular contributor to our parish.

Our theme this year is **"Encounter Joy"**, which aligns nicely with the Eucharistic Revival happening in our church right now. One of the beautiful aspects of a Catholic education is to allow our students to encounter Christ and grow in their relationship with Him so they always know the source of their joy. If you haven't done so, I encourage you to sign-up for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress we are hosting here on Saturday, September 9. This will be a great opportunity to grow in your faith and love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

I know summer can be filled with vacations and other activities, so if you have gotten out of the practice of attending church, now is a great time to recommit yourself and get back into the habit. There are so many benefits to participating in the faith life of our parish or your local parish or church. Let's make this a faith-filled year as we work together to serve our children and be inspiring examples for them.

Many Blessings!

Father Tom Holder, Pastor





August Lunch Calendar

2023-24 PRICES:

HOT LUNCH \$4.00
SACK LUNCH \$4.00
Vegetarian Salad \$4.25
Chef Salad \$4.50
MILK .50

SNACKS

Yogurt \$.75
Cheese \$.45
Fruit \$.75
Snack Bar \$1.00
Gogurt \$.75

QUESTIONS:

mwade@olpls.org

OLP PTO

SCHOOL YEAR AT A GLANCE

AUG	SEP	OCT
8/19 - Back to School Carnival	9/5 PTO Meeting 9/22 Golf Tournament	10/3 PTO Meeting 10/11 Konrad's Trivia Night
NOV	DEC	JAN
11/7 PTO Meeting 11/10 Veteran's Day Assembly 11/11 Turkey Trot 11/21 Special Person's Day	12/1 Bowling Family Night 12/5 PTO Meeting	1/9 PTO Meeting 1/29-2/2 Catholic Schools Week
FEB	MAR	APR
1/29-2/2 Catholic Schools Week 2/6 PTO Meeting 2/13 Culver's Night	3/5 PTO Meeting	4/9 PTO Meeting
MAY		
5/7 PTO Meeting 5/27 Field Day		

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Sunday, August 13:

Kindergarten Picnic, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Monday, August 14:

Back to School Event, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
 Come meet your teacher, drop off school supplies and gather information.

Wednesday, August 16:

First Day of School - No Lunch Served
 NOON DISMISSAL / ACED Half Day

Thursday, August 17:

First **Full** Day of School

Saturday, August 19:

Back to School Carnival, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Monday, August 21:

Curriculum Night (Grades K-4), 6:30 p.m.
 *more details to come

Tuesday, August 22:

Curriculum Night (Grades 5-8), 6:30 p.m.
 *more details to come

Wednesday, August 23

All School Mass; 8:15 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 4: Labor Day

NO SCHOOL - NO ACED

The full school calendar is available on the website at olplsschool.org. The calendar may be printed or synced to your personal calendar by clicking the calendar icon at the bottom right of the calendar section of the homepage. The calendar is subject to change.

School News



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Crossing guards are needed to help with morning drop-off 7:30-8:00 a.m. If you are interested in helping get students through the parking lot safely before school, please email Mr. Podjenski, dpodjenski@olpls.org.

TUITION REMINDER: *Please make sure to keep up with tuition payment schedules. If you signed up to pay tuition over 12 months, payments should have begun in June.* If you signed up to pay over 10 months, please begin paying in August. If you have misplaced your tuition contract and need to find out your monthly payment amount, or have any questions about your tuition, please call the office.

- **CASH OR CHECK PAYMENTS** can be placed in the collection basket during Mass, delivered to the parish office or the school office, or simply sent into school with your child. Payments brought to school by children are collected by teachers daily and sent to the school office.

- **CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS** must be made online using Sycamore.

[Understanding Accounts in Sycamore](#)

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS: The [School Supply Lists](#) for all grades are available by clicking the link above. Grade levels are listed on individual pages. The list is also posted to the school website's homepage. If your family ordered a school supply bundle, it will be waiting for you at Back to School Night this coming Monday evening.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS: The weekly and monthly parent newsletters, ***Weekly Update*** and ***Panther Prints***, are published on **Thursdays during the school year**. These weekly newsletters are the most comprehensive place to find school information, details on school happenings, a calendar of events and messages from Mrs. Organ and Fr. Tom. Parents will receive an email with a link to the weekly newsletter, but newsletters are also available on the school website, olplsschool.org. Please take a few minutes each week to read the latest newsletter.

Have information you would like included in an upcoming newsletter? The deadline for submitting information to be included in these publications will be Tuesdays, by Noon.

FOLLOW OLP ON SOCIAL MEDIA:



Private Class Pages - Make sure you are also a member of the private Facebook Class pages for your student(s). Important reminders and updates are regularly shared on these pages. Simply search for *OLP'S Class of 20XX* (insert year of your student's OLP graduation). Request membership in this closed group. Please allow 24 hours for the administrator to approve your request.

School News

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Morning Drop-Off takes place in the North Parking lot, beginning at 7:30 a.m., and continuing until 7:55 a.m. Adult staff members are always in the parking lot to assist your child(ren) from 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Morning announcements begin at 7:55 a.m. and students entering the building after announcements are considered tardy.

Afternoon Pick-Up takes place in the gymnasium, beginning at 3:05 p.m. Students in grades K - 8 will be lined up with their classrooms by grade. You must walk up to your child's group to pick him/her up. Students grades 6-8 with no younger siblings will be taken to the Presbyterian lot by teachers and released to parents at that location.

*In the case of inclement weather, you will be notified to pick up your child(ren) in the school gym, in a similar manner as described above. **ALL students, (K - 8), must be dismissed individually from the gym.** Students are not allowed to exit the building unattended.

How to Make Lunch, Tuition & ACED Payments

Payments can be made by sending a check with your student or can be made with a credit card using the payment option in Sycamore, the school's information system.

Before and After School Care

ACED: After Care Extended Day program is OLP's before and after school childcare option. For registration information and costs, please visit <https://olplsschool.org/aced>.

Hot Lunch Program

OLP is fortunate to offer a hot lunch to students each full school day. Each day, students may order the hot lunch menu item or a sack lunch which includes a deli sandwich, chips, cheese stick and fruit. Students are also able to bring lunch from home. Visit the school website for more information on the Hot Lunch Program, <https://olplsschool.org/hot-lunch-program>.



Payment questions should be directed as follows:

Tuition Questions – Mary Kay Hayde or Ashley Henry, School Office, mkay@olpls.org or ahenry@olpls.org

Lunch Account Questions - Melissa Wade, Cafeteria Manager, mwade@olpls.org

ACED Account Questions – Emily Bodenhamer, ACED Accounts Director, ebodenhamer@olpls.org

Absences, Late Arrivals, Early Pick-up. Please call the school office at 816-251-1150, or send a group email including Mary Kay Hayde, mkay@olpls.org, Ashley Henry, ahenry@olpls.org, and your child's teacher by 9:00 a.m. *If you are planning to arrive late, please be sure to give your child(ren)'s lunch order to Mary Kay or Ashley at the school office by 9:00 a.m. Lunch orders received after 9:30 a.m. cannot be accepted.

Students will not be allowed to check-out for appointments after 2:30 p.m. Please schedule your appointments accordingly. Parents will need to arrive before 2:30 p.m. to check students out for the day or wait for afternoon dismissal.

CHORISTERS:

Dear Current and Future Choristers,

We are in the midst of creating the 2023-2024 Choristers roster for students in grades 3-8, and I am already looking forward to another great year of music, fun, and learning!

For those of you who are unfamiliar, Choristers is the liturgical children's choir at Presentation School. Our main task is to provide music at Wednesday all school masses throughout the school year.

Rehearsals for Choristers are divided into two sections, dependent upon grade level:

-Middle School Choristers will rehearse on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 7:15am – 7:45am. - Elementary School Choristers will rehearse on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15pm – 4:30pm.

Both Choristers groups will combine and lead the music at all-school masses each Wednesday.

In addition to weekly school masses, Choristers will have the opportunity to provide music for special liturgies: occasional weekend masses, Christmas Eve Mass, and First Communion Masses.

The continued success of Choristers at Presentation is only possible with your support and encouragement. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Please let me know if you plan to join Choristers by sending an email to jwagner@olpls.org.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and making beautiful music with your children!

Best,

James Wagner, Director of Liturgy & Music
Our Lady of the Presentation

Choristers Registration Form



PANTHER PARTNERS: OLP appreciates the support from our amazing community! The new 2023-2024 school year fundraising efforts are underway and the **August 31 deadline** is just around the corner! Do you know a business or family who might want to donate to our school?

Pledge now, pay later! Sponsorship forms received by **August 31** could receive marketing at all of our school events, on our school grounds and in the Lee's Summit Community! On your sponsorship form you can make a general school donation or specify to donate specifically

to one or more of our school year events. Donations will be accepted the entire school year, but best to pledge early to take advantage of the entire school year marketing! Anonymous donations are also honored.

How do I sign up? You can either fill out the online sponsorship form and email it back to pantherpartners@olplsschool.org OR print and mail it/turn into the school address. **Questions?** Visit our school website for details or email the Panther Partner Committee!

Planning to play golf?

Panther Partners get first dibs on registering for the PTO Golf Tournament (it sells out fast!). Register as a Panther Partner by August 25 to ensure your golf spot. After this date, registration will be open to all and will be available on a first come, first served basis.



Join us for the first PTO meeting of the year! Hear about all PTO contributed to the school and community last year and exciting plans for this year! Meetings are typically the 1st Tuesday each month with food and drinks provided!! ALL are welcome!

Tuesday, September 5th
6:30 pm
Donovan Room

Panther Partners get first dibs on registering for the PTO Golf Tournament (it sells out fast!). Register as a Panther Partner now to ensure your golf spot. After Aug. 25, registration will be open to all and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Lady of the Presentation School
Golf Tournament
Friday, September 22, 2023
Shamrock Hills Golf Club
1:00 Shotgun Start

Enjoy complementary food & drink and terrific raffle prizes!

For Additional Tournament Information,
Registration or Sponsorship Opportunities
please email Golf@olplsschool.org



Mark your calendars for the OLP Back to School Carnival that will be held on **August 19** from 6:00-8:00p.m. This year's event will be sponsored by OLP PTO and is free to all OLP families.

Food will be available for purchase that night at the OLP Concession Stand (hot dogs, chips, nachos, water) as well as a couple of sweet treat food trucks. To make this event a success we need volunteer support. Please consider signing up for a thirty-minute shift (or more). This is also a great opportunity for high school students to earn service hours. [Volunteer Sign-up](#)

OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL

AUGUST 19, 2023
OLP SCHOOL GYM & PARKING LOT
6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

GAMES/PRIZES ENTERTAINMENT PETTING ZOO OLP SPIRIT STORE
CONCESSIONS /FOOD TRUCKS FACE PAINTING ROCK WALL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED [Click here to volunteer](#)

This event is sponsored by OLP PTO and will be free to OLP families. Food can be purchased onsite the night of the event with cash or via Venmo.



SCRIP UPDATE: Scrip is a PTO fundraiser. We do not sell candy bars, cookie dough, or wrapping paper. This is a fundraiser where you buy gift cards - at face value - for items you are already purchasing and a percentage of the total gift card is returned as a rebate. The PTO receives the first \$50 of rebates and then all rebates after that are split 50-50 with half going to the PTO, the other half

being applied to your child's tuition the following school year.

PTO uses this money to help take care of our teachers, put on events for your children and family, and purchase much needed supplies.

Does it take a little planning? YES! But it is so worth it! If used consistently, rebates REALLY do add up fast! Get Grandma and Grandpa involved. They always love to help the grandkids!

How do you get started? Set up your Family Account. Go to shopwithscrip.com and click on "Create Account." Fill in the required information and click "I Accept." Provide the answers to two security questions from the list. Finally, link your account to our school by entering our school code: E2LF4D9C8846.

With each business, you will be given the option to purchase an Ecard or a physical card (sometimes both). If you choose a physical card, many are kept in stock, but those that have to be ordered, usually arrive within the week.

You can pay by check, credit card, or checking account. There is also a new app that makes ordering scrip super easy. Download the app at: https://bit.ly/DownloadApp_RaiseRight. If you have any questions regarding Scrip, please contact the Scrip Coordinator, Nicole Thomas at scrip@olpls.org.

Extra-Curricular

EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC PROGRAM: If your student has interest in participating in the band, drumline, orchestra or ukulele program at OLP, please stop by the table at Back to School night to learn more or complete the [interest form](#).



Community



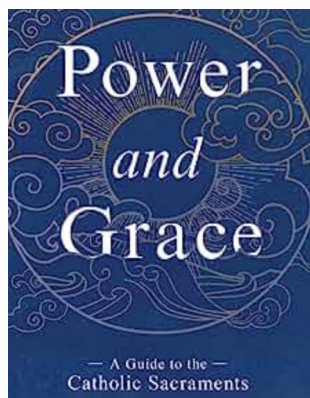
Welcome Back to School from St. Michael that Archangel Catholic High School! We are excited to visit OLP this year and see students from OLP at St. Michael throughout the year. Please know of our prayers for all OLP students, staff and families! Below are some **SAVE the DATES**:

September 14 – Middle School Night FOOTBALL

September 21 – Middle School Night VOLLEYBALL

October 7 – Open House

Parish Offerings

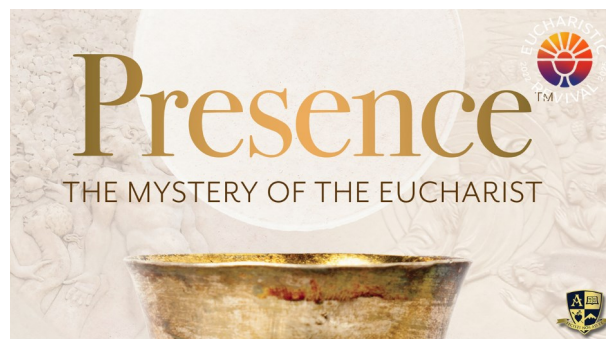


Join us for this video and discussion series featuring Father Mike Schmitz



Tuesdays, 7-8:15 p.m.
September 12, 19, 26
and October 3

Please sign up at
olpls.org/eucharistic-revival



A video and discussion series.
Tuesday mornings, 9-10:15 a.m.
August 22, 29, September 5, 12
Sign-up at www.olpls.org/eucharistic-revival



Fifth Annual

In His Presence

Diocesan
Eucharistic Conference
Saturday, September 9

Presentation Catholic Church
130 NW Murray Road
Lee's Summit, MO 64081

National Speaker Father John Burns
Holy Hour with Bishop Johnston
Mass
Confessions
and more

Youth Congress 6-9 p.m.
no charge

Space is limited!
Sign up today at
<https://kcsjccatholic.org/eucharistic-congress/>



"In His Real Presence" Eucharistic Congress 2023



Saturday, September 9

Our Lady of the Presentation Parish

Father John Burns
National Eucharistic Preacher & Author

Daytime Session: 9:15am-2:45pm
Mass: 8am

Cost: \$10 lunch included

Youth Night: 6-9pm (Free)
4:30pm Mass optional

Registration: scan QR Code or go to:
kcsjccatholic.org/eucharistic-congress

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction † Confession † Relic Room † Exhibitors