

PANTHER PRINTS

August 2025

BACK TO
SCHOOL
EDITION



A note from Mrs. Organ:

OLP Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year. There is such excitement around seeing the kids return just a little bit taller and a little more prepared to take on the challenges that the new school year brings. While the summer time is always such a welcome break, we always hear how ready everyone is to get back to the routine the school year brings with it. I would like to extend a warm greeting to both our returning families and those joining our school community for the first time. Welcome especially to our new kindergarten class, the OLP class of 2034!

Our theme for this school year is Simply Serve. We will look for ways with our students this year to “do small things with great love” Saint Teresa of Calcutta. We will challenge our students this year to find ways of creating small intentional, acts of love each day and discussing the impact that these actions have on others.

As we prepare to welcome our students back to school, I want to take a moment to share some important reminders:

- **Homeroom class lists** will be posted on the school website on Monday, Aug 18 at 9:00 am.
- Please join us for **Meet the Teacher Night** on **Monday, August 18 at 4:30**. You may bring school supplies with you at this time (school supply kits, if ordered will be waiting for you in the classroom) This is a wonderful opportunity to visit your child's classroom, meet our dedicated staff, and learn about what to expect this school year.
- Our first day of school will be **Wednesday, August 20**. School begins promptly at 8:00, so we encourage all students to arrive early and be on time (school doors will open at 7:30). Remember, this is a half day with dismissal at 12:00. No lunch will be served and there is no after care on this day.
- The **Back to School Carnival** will be **Saturday, August 23, from 6:00-8:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet other families and give students an opportunity to make new friends and reconnect with the classmates.
- If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to our front office for assistance. Our school office is now open regular hours.

Please continue to check your emails for other upcoming OLP events.

We are excited for a year full of learning, growth, and community. Thank you for your continued support and for trusting us with your child's education. Let's make 2025-2026 a fantastic school year at OLP!

Go Panthers!!

Mrs. Marianne H. Organ

Principal

Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic School



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www.olpsschool.org



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A message from Father Tom Holder



WELCOME to the 2025-2026 school year at OLP. I hope you have enjoyed the summer months and had time for some relaxation and connection with loved ones. This time of year is filled with activity, new life, and lots of possibility, but it can also be stress filled. So please know of my prayers as you get back into the routines of the school year. We are grateful you have chosen a Catholic education for your children and look forward to partnering with you throughout the year.

As a school community, we all share in the mission of Catholic education to place Christ at the center of all we do and create an environment where children not only grow academically, but also in the ways of faith and love.

Our teachers and staff have 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 are one of the largest Catholic grade schools in our diocese, we also want to do our part to maintain a strong sense of community and family closeness in our school.

We stay busy around here throughout the summer getting lots of projects done. This includes additions and upgrades to 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. For those in the parish, your regular giving to the parish and support of our monthly Future Projects Fund collection helps make these things possible. The Fund-A-Need portion of our annual Auction back in April also generated funds for several school projects.

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 recognize our blessings and make this a faith-filled year as we work together to serve our children and be inspiring examples for them.

Many Blessings!



**SIMPLY
SERVE**

"DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE"
-SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

The school office will be **CLOSED** on Friday, August 15 due to an all staff retreat.



Monday, August 18
4:30-6:30

- Meet your teacher
- Drop off school supplies
- Gather info for the year ahead
- Pick up/Purchase spirit wear

BACK TO SCHOOL

Lunch

August Lunch Calendar

ALL SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE

Our first all school Mass will be on September 3. Students may wear Simply Serve shirts with uniform bottoms.

AUGUST

Important Dates

- 18** Back to School Night
- 20** First Day of School
Noon Dismissal - Wear school uniforms.
- 23** PTO Back to School Carnival
6pm-8pm
- 25** Curriculum Night
Grades K-4
- 26** Curriculum Night
Grades 5-8



OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION
KINDERGARTEN WELCOME

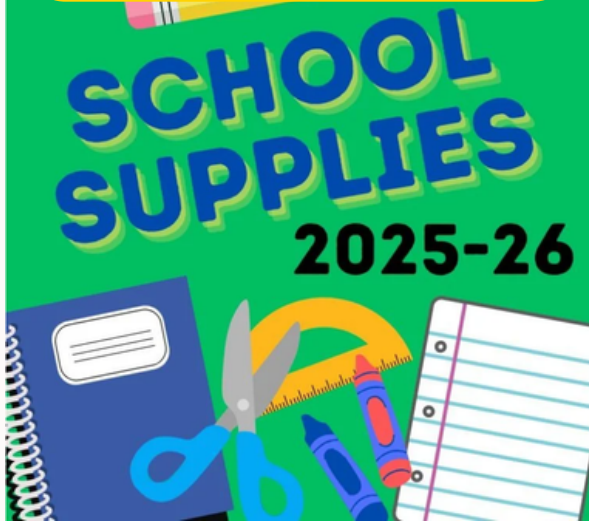
 **Sunday, August 17th**
2:00 – 4:00 PM
 **OLP Auditorium**

Open house style – drop in any time
 Families are welcome

We can't wait to see you there!



CLICK HERE FOR SUPPLY LISTS



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

All volunteers are required to complete Virtus Training (virtusonline.org and <https://protectmokids.com/>). Both are available online and when completed certificates need to be emailed to or dropped off at the school office. These are both diocesan requirements for volunteers in any school.

Safe Environment Requirements>>



CAFETERIA HELPERS are needed to assist with serving lunch each school day. All volunteers must be Virtus trained prior to signing up. [Cafeteria sign-up](#)

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.

PARENT ON PATROL Half and full days available. Volunteers provide an extra presence around the school building, at recess, in the cafeteria, etc. If you are interested in participating in the POPPS program please contact Gaetano Falcone at popps@olplsschool.org.

CLASSROOM LISTS



Class lists will be posted on the website at 9:00am on Monday, September 18



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

New update to medications from Health Room:

The OLP Health Room will be offering 'STOCK MEDS' this year for all students who fill out a 2025-2026 Medication Consent Form.

We will offer Tylenol, Advil, and Honey Bees brand cough drops. We will have oral pills to swallow, chewable, liquid and dye free options available.

If your child needs medications administered at school other than Nsaids or cough drops, a medication consent is necessary. For controlled substances, a doctor's note is needed, and for all inhalers and EpiPen's an action plan needs to be filled out and given to Health Room. We will have all necessary paperwork in Health Room on back to school night. Please feel free to drop off meds, get necessary paperwork or just come by to say hello.

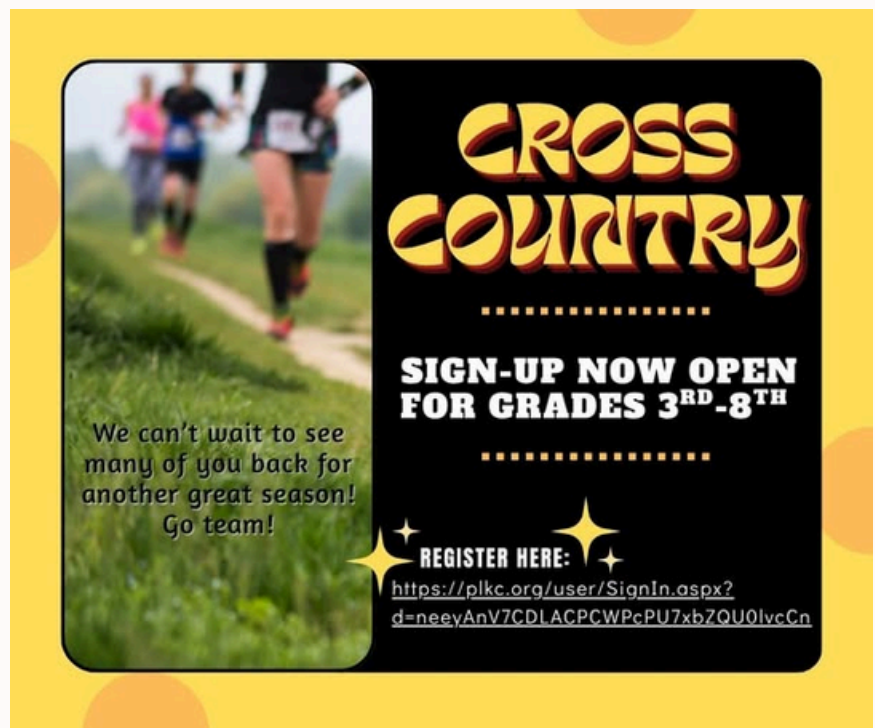
Thank you!

Diana Backer RN/Jennifer Lepage

OUR ATHLETICS

Sign up for Cross Country,
Football, and Girls Volleyball
online at

<https://www.plkc.org/home>



A poster for Cross Country sign-up. It features a photo of three runners on a grassy path. The text is in a bold, yellow, stylized font. The main title is 'CROSS COUNTRY'. Below it, it says 'SIGN-UP NOW OPEN FOR GRADES 3RD-8TH'. At the bottom, it says 'REGISTER HERE:' followed by a URL. There are also some decorative stars.

CROSS COUNTRY

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**SIGN-UP NOW OPEN
FOR GRADES 3RD-8TH**

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We can't wait to see
many of you back for
another great season!
Go team!

REGISTER HERE:
[https://plkc.org/user/SignIn.aspx?
d=neeyAnV7CDLACPCWPcPU7xbZQU0lvcGn](https://plkc.org/user/SignIn.aspx?d=neeyAnV7CDLACPCWPcPU7xbZQU0lvcGn)



A poster for Eastland Guardians Football registration. It has a blue top half and a green bottom half. A large football is in the center. The text is in white and yellow. It says 'EASTLAND GUARDIANS FOOTBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN APRIL - SEPTEMBER 1ST'. Below the football, it lists sign-up information for 2nd-5th grade flag football (\$100) and 6th-8th grade tackle football (\$200). At the bottom, it provides contact information for Alex Ruiz and Nicole Sanders.

EASTLAND GUARDIANS
**FOOTBALL
REGISTRATION IS
OPEN**
APRIL - SEPTEMBER 1ST

SIGN UP AT [PLKC.ORG](https://www.plkc.org)
**2ND GRADE - 5TH GRADE
FLAG FOOTBALL - \$100**
**6TH GRADE - 8TH GRADE
TACKLE FOOTBALL - \$200**

**FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT
ALEX RUIZ AT OLPPANTHERS@GMAIL.COM
OR
NICOLE SANDERS AT
NICOLE.SANDERS88@YAHOO.COM**



A poster for Girls Volleyball registration. It has an orange background with a purple border. There are three volleyball icons. The text is in white and black. It says 'REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN' and 'Girls VOLLEYBALL'. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a volleyball net.

**REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN**

Girls
VOLLEYBALL

OUR PTO

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about PTO



OUR COMMUNITY

SKILLS & DRILLS

WEEKLY BASKETBALL CAMPS

Train with 2-Time District Champion Coach Phelps and Staff!

Get ready for the upcoming season with four high-energy, skill-building sessions designed for boys and girls of all ages!
September 7, 14, 21, 28

September Sessions (by Grade Level):
K-2nd Grade | 1:00-2:00 PM
3rd-5th Grade | 2:00-3:00 PM
6th-8th Grade | 3:00-4:00 PM

\$30 per session OR all 4 dates for \$100
• Walk ups are welcomed

- ✓ Improve Your Game
- ✓ Build Confidence
- ✓ Prepare for the Season

Link to sign up <https://omella.com/8770h>
Location: St. Pius X High School

Email for Questions
christianphelps2012@gmail.com

An Evening of Conversation for Parents with Bishop Johnston on *The Way*

All sessions will begin at 6:30 pm
and will conclude at 8:00 pm.

- Monday, August 25th:
Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph
- Thursday, August 28th:
Visitation, Kansas City
- Wednesday, September 3rd:
St. Thomas More, Kansas City
- Thursday, September 11th:
St. James, Liberty
- Wednesday, September 17th:
St. John Francis Regis, Kansas City (Spanish)
- Thursday, September 18th:
Our Lady of the Presentation, Lee's Summit
- Wednesday, September 24th:
St. Therese North, Parkville
- Monday, September 29th:
Holy Rosary, Clinton

Bishop Johnston invites all parents of the diocese to join him, along with staff from the Office of Domestic Church & Discipleship, for an opportunity to discuss the elements of our diocesan vision known as *The Way: Youth to Young Adult Initiative*.

Learn more about *The Way*:



kcsjatholic.org/theway

Raising children in The Faith is a challenge, and the Church wants to help!

Bishop Sullivan Center

FOOD

JOBS

AID

YOU CAN HELP



Stock the Pantry!

Red Bag Food Drive: August 13-17

Most Needed Items:

**Canned Beans
Canned Chili
Canned Ravioli
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Soups
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper**

Our parish service partner, Bishop Sullivan Center, operates two food pantries that together provide supplemental groceries and hygiene items for over 600 families per month. Thank you for your support!

WHEN THE
LIGHT
FINDS
US

WHEN THE LIGHT FINDS US BOOK DISCUSSION

Judy Henderson was a single mother with a successful small business of her own when she was arrested and convicted of a crime she did not commit. Sentenced to life in prison, Henderson faced the untenable: leaving her young children as she entered the brutal prison system. Even as she faced violence and mistreatment, Henderson persevered with hope and determination. Henderson was granted clemency and received a full pardon after nearly thirty-five years behind bars.



* Sign up with the QR code
Purchase the book on your own
or check out from the library.

Join us for discussion*
Monday, August 25
Monday, September 8
7-8:30 p.m. in the Etue Room



Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times:

**Thursday, August 14
6:00 p.m. (Vigil)**

JKV Bus transportation provided.
Residents must call ahead to schedule: 816-347-2178

**Friday, August 15:
6:30 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.
7:30 p.m. (Spanish)**