



August 25, 2021

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Our Lady Star of the Sea School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! We are looking forward to a productive, faith-filled partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and the school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience, adhering to all safety protocols.
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Prays daily to develop a love for God and a knowledge of their faith.
- 5) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 6) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 7) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college, the military, or trade/vocational school.

Please consider participating in our school fundraisers and volunteer program as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. We seek volunteers to help us in many areas throughout the year. Please keep an eye out for forthcoming information.

I am asking that you and your child(ren) review a copy of our school rules (Our School Handbook is available online at www.olsss.org) so that you and your child will be familiar with the expectations and procedures. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or to discuss them with your child's teacher. It is very important that you and your child are fully informed regarding standards related to appropriate behavior for a safe and productive school year.

The staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to working with your student (s) this year.

Stay happy, healthy and holy!

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

Principal



OLSS PARISH FAITH FORMATION

OLSS parish is accepting registration for the upcoming 2021-22 program that begins Aug. 29 at 9:30am in the Parish Church. The faith formation program is for children in PK - Confirmation II, who were baptized and want to grow in their Catholic faith as well as for children who have not been baptized or children that are behind on sacraments. School Families, sacraments come from the parish (church). If you are a member of OLSS and have a child preparing for the sacraments of First Holy Communion, Confirmation I or in need of RCIC classes, you too will need to register [HERE](#).

NEWS & REMINDERS:

MORNING DROP-OFF:

- 1) Please do not arrive at school before 7:30am. This is the time that teachers arrive in their classrooms, and students report directly to their rooms.
- 2) Please do not get out of your vehicles and please do not ask staff lengthy questions that will hold up the flow of the car line. Please call or email the school office with questions.
- 3) If dogs are in your car they must not get in the way of our staff taking your child's temperature.

AFTERNOON PICK UP:

- 1) THE DOUBLE LINE OF CARS IS ONLY INSIDE THE PARKING LOT, NOT ON THE ROAD. Alexander Street is a public road that must be kept clear. As soon as the parking lot is full of waiting cars in the car line, the line that forms behind it must stay in single file.
- 2) Please keep your car rider sign clearly visible until you exit the parking lot with your child.
- 3) Parents may stand next to their vehicle once they have stopped in the front pick-up section with the engine turned off. It helps for your child to see you and walk to their car more quickly.

HANDBOOK: The 2021-22 Parent/Student Handbook is posted on the school website. Hard copies will be sent home with each family shortly.

ROOM PARENTS: If you are interested in helping your child's teacher and class by being a Room Parents, please email our coordinator Heather Hankins at hahankins87@gmail.com. If you have been a room parent in the past, we would like to give another parent the opportunity first.

ADW FAMILY SURVEY: ADW Catholic Schools Office collects income data annually on families in order to participate in federal and state programs, grants, and funding opportunities. All schools are required to participate to determine eligibility for federal education services. Please return your form ASAP.

LUNCH VOLUNTEERING: If you have completed the Virtus Child Protection Program and would like to volunteer with the lunch program please sign up [HERE](#).

LIFETOUGH PORTRAITS: Lifetouch Studios will be taking student portraits at OLSS on **Thu, Sep. 2** and will email parents with package and purchasing info. Students should wear dress clothes to school that day.



We hope everyone had a great 1st Day of School!

