



September 2, 2020

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 2020-2021 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. I ask that each student and their parent/guardian sign the School Handbook Acknowledgement Form (form #22) and return a paper copy to the school to be kept on file. Please complete this by September 8, 2020. If you have any questions about our rules and expectations, 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

NEW LUNCH SYSTEM:

- Our Hot Lunch Program begins Tue, Sep. 8; the September Lunch Menu is included with today's news.
- We will be using an electronic system to track lunch orders & will no longer be selling physical tickets.
- **LUNCH TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE THROUGH THE ONLINE SCHOOL STORE:** <http://olsss.school.corecommerce.com/lunch-tickets/> in increments of 10.
- Your purchase will be recorded electronically in the School Office, and the lunches your child uses will be deducted from your total.
- Please make sure your child knows each morning if they will be purchasing lunch that day.



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



NEWS & REMINDERS:

SCHOOL SCHEDULE: On Tue, Sep. 8, we begin full school days from 8:00am – 2:45pm.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: We will be holding Back to School Night virtually on Thu, Sep. 10 starting at 6:30pm. More info will be sent out shortly.

HANDBOOK: A copy of the 2020-21 Parent/Student Handbook is being sent home to every family. Please sign and return the School Handbook Acknowledgement Form by Sep.8.

MORNING DROPOFF: 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 after drop off.

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 complete your survey by Sep. 14. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J7RFTVP>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ✦ Mon, Aug. 31- Fri, Sep. 4: 12:30 dismissals
- ✦ Mon, Sep. 7: No School – Labor Day
- ✦ Tue, Sep. 8: Full school days begin
- ✦ Thu, Sep. 10: Virtual Back to School Night



Thank you to all who participated in the Face Mask Fundraiser!

Please follow us on Facebook for info on upcoming HSA events.