

Our Lady of Lake Huron School

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

As I write this newsletter, the school day is well underway. Everyone had anticipation on their faces this morning. “Will my teacher be nice?” “Will my students like our classroom?” “Does everyone feel like they belong and are a part of our community?” Children are finding their desks, storing their belongings in lockers, learning and reviewing the expectations for being a respectful, responsible and safe student. We are setting the tone for what I know will be a wonderful year at Our Lady of Lake Huron School!

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, please address it first with your child’s teacher. The teacher has first-hand knowledge of student’s academic strengths and needs, situations that may have occurred in the classroom or on the playground. If you feel you need further assistance, then, please feel free to contact me at 479-3427 or cgoulet@ollhschool.org to set an appointment time to meet.

Finally, thanks to all of you who were able to join us for Meet-the-Teacher. It is time that is needed for children to see their new classroom and to become familiar with their teacher. It is also a night that passes so quickly! We had a wonderful turnout and it was great to see so many smiling faces.

CLASSROOM AND TEACHER UPDATES:

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Gayle Wooster to OLLH. Ms. Wooster is the 6th Grade homeroom teacher and will be instructing 6th grade ELA and social studies for the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Ms. Wooster has a strong background in ELA and literacy. She is very happy and excited to be joining the OLLH community.

Additionally, welcome Mrs. Andrea Rapson. Mrs. Rapson recently retired from her position at Zion, but enjoys time spent with young people and helping them in their learning process. Next week, Mrs. Rapson will begin teaching music to grades K through 5 as well as give Title 1 reading support to students in the lower grades.

Welcome back, Mrs. Paula Ceplecha. Mrs. Ceplecha is teaching physical education classes to children in grades K-5. She is a familiar face to OLLH as she has worked here as a substitute teacher. Mrs. Ceplecha has some great ideas to get kids moving at OLLH!

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Finally, another welcome back to Mrs. Ann Geiger who is filling-in for Mrs. LaPine while she is on a medical leave of absence. Mrs. Geiger is familiar to the 5th graders as she is Lizzy's mom. Mrs. Geiger is a former OLLH teacher. She has been wonderful in maintaining Mrs. LaPine's expectations for her classroom.

Please join me in prayers and good thoughts for Mrs. LaPine.

WELCOME!!!

We welcome 8 Kindergarten students to OLLH this school year. Ms. Fetting and the first grade students have made the transition from Pre-K to the "big school" an easy one for the younger children. At this time, we have 91 students at OLLH which includes three families new to our school. The number of families in the school is consistent with last year's numbers. This is good news for OLLH!



TUITION:

Thank you for taking the time to sign-up for FACTS for your tuition payments. If for some reason you have not yet done this, please take the time to do so, now. Tuition will be paid electronically through an account that you set-up on the FACTS website. Funds will be electronically deducted from your bank account. If you have any questions, concerns, or if you are making a one-time payment via personal check with an invoice, please contact me at cgoulet@ollhschool.org or contact Mrs. Siemen in the school office at 989-479-3427. If you choose to invoice payment and make the payment in a lump sum, it must be made by September 15. Finally, if you have not set-up a FACTS account nor have made contact with the school, you will be contacted regarding this matter.

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FESTIVAL:

This year's festival was a success! At this point with bills being paid and deposits made, the festival raised around \$54,000. Thanks to Mr. Ryan Ramsey for his role as chairperson for the Summer Festival. Also a thank you to the various committee chair people and volunteers. It takes each and every family to bring this event to fruition. Look forward to future Summer Festival meetings to review this summer's accomplishments and plan for next year's festival. Those dates will be announced through newsletters and the school web site.

BEAUTIFUL AND CLEAN:

A great big thank you to our maintenance person, Mr. Mark Gembariski. Mark worked tirelessly to get the school building ready for the students and staff over the summer months. This is the best I have seen the school since I have been at OLLH. A thank you also to Ms. Heather Lawhorn for her assistance to Mark and the work she has done for our school! A clean learning environment is so beneficial to children.

VIRTUS TRAINING:

Please consider to participate in Virtus Training on Thursday, September 27th from 6:00-9:00PM. This training is required by the Diocese of Saginaw for anyone working with and/or volunteering time to work with the children in our school. Traditionally, there have been overnight trips for grades 3-6 (camping experience every 3-4 years) and the 8th grade trip. Chaperones for these trips must have this training Please contact Mrs. Siemen in the office at jess@holynameofmaryparish.org or 989-479-3427 or to reserve your spot.

LUNCH PROGRAM:

The lunch menu was passed out at Meet-the-Teacher Night. If you did not receive a menu, you will find it on the school website www.ollhschool.org . If you need a hard copy, please let your child's teacher know or contact me. Ms. Heather will let us know if there is a change to the menu due to unforeseen circumstances.

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LOOKING AHEAD:

In the near future, there will be an evaluation of the OLLH behavior plan and perhaps changes will be made. These changes will be for the benefit of our students as well as make OLLH an even better learning environment. Also, there will be an review of the school's handbook which also includes dress code. More information will be coming to you as these items are addressed.

CALENDAR

8-29 First Fire Drill of the Year	9-17- SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 9-21
8-30 School Mass led by Teachers	
8-31 No School	9-17 Home School Council Meeting 6:00PM in Multi-purpose Room
9-03 No School Happy Labor Day!	9-27 SMILE! School Picture Day
9-11 Patriot Day PROJECT RED DAY for Grades 3 & 4	9-27 School Committee Meeting 6:00PM
9-14 Scholastic Book Fair Browsing Day	9-27 Virtus Training 6:00-9:00PM

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Sign up for important updates from C. Goulet.

Get information for Our Lady Of Lake Huron School right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for OLLH:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/k7743c

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

A smartphone screen displaying the Remind sign-up form. The URL "rmd.at/k7743c" is at the top. Below it is the heading "Join OLLH". There are three input fields: "Full Name" with the placeholder "First and Last Name", "Phone Number or Email Address" with the placeholder "(555) 555-5555", and a "Join" button at the bottom.

B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @k7743c to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @k7743c to (616) 499-3856.

* Standard text message rates apply.

A smartphone screen showing a text message. The "To" field contains the number "81010". The "Message" field contains the text "@k7743c".

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/k7743c on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

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A MESSAGE FROM HOME-SCHOOL COUNCIL

Dear Parents,

Do you or your family members shop on Amazon? If yes, it is easy to support OLLH School with each purchase! It only takes a few minutes to sign up and our school will get 0.5% of each qualifying purchase.

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support the OLLH Home School Council every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to our school.

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. When I first signed up it asked me if I would like to automatically be directed to smile.amazon.com when searching Amazon, this may vary depending on the browser you use. When using a phone, search smile.amazon.com on your browser and add/share the site to your phones home page. The amazon app does not support the smile program at this time.

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We will also add a link on the OLLH School facebook page so you can share it with your family and friends. We are very excited to add this program as a fundraiser for our school.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Renee DeShano (989) 450-4719.

Thank you for supporting our school!

Renee DeShano
Vice President, Home School Council

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