

Our Lady of Lake Huron School
February 2019



WINTER WONDERLAND

It is hard to believe that it is February! The days are getting starting to get longer, the daylight is peeking through as we come to school in the morning. If the weather would cooperate!!! As information becomes available to me, I will let you know if OLLH students and staff will be required to make-up any days due to our time off for the weather.

Since we rely on the public school for busing, if you have not been receiving the phone calls from Superintendent Bishop regarding HBCS cancellation, please let me know. I will get your contact information to HBCS. I try to get the school closing message to you as soon as I am able through e-mail and REMIND text messaging. However, the phone call is probably faster getting to you. I don't mean to be redundant in all messages, but want to be sure that everyone has notification.

Finally, thank you for your patience and understanding when school is cancelled. I realize this is a hardship for those parents who do not have the flexibility in the work schedule. Please know that when school is cancelled for the weather it is a thoughtful decision made with the consideration of children's safety.

NWEA AND DIBELS

As we move into our school routines this week, some students and classes will be finishing the NWEA assessments. DIBELS assessments for grades K-5 have been completed. I am happy to report that our students have done very well! Approximately 90% of these students are at or above the benchmark for their grade level. All students have made growth!

DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Students will be outside for recess if either the actual temperature or wind chill adjusted temperature is 5 degrees or above and the playground conditions are good. With the colder weather, please dress your child in warm coats, hats, gloves, and boots. It is our intent to go outside for recess whenever conditions are appropriate. WE DO GO OUTSIDE IN THE SNOW...WEAR BOOTS AND SNOWPANTS!

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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE DIOCESE OF SAGINAW: February 1, 2019

Bishop Hurley Announces Welcome Scholarships for Catholic School Students

SAGINAW – More students will have access to a high-quality, faith-based Catholic school education because of a new scholarship program announced today by the Most Rev. Walter A. Hurley, Apostolic Administrator of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw. The Welcome Scholarship fund is a new program open to any student not previously enrolled in a Catholic school of the Saginaw Diocese, regardless of religious affiliation or household income.

The scholarship is being funded by a generous \$100,000 contribution from the Saginaw-based Wolohan Family Foundation, with a match by the Diocese. “Catholic schools have a unique ability to set high academic standards, offer a robust sense of community and develop a strong foundation of Catholic faith,” Bishop Hurley said. “Because of the generous donation from the Wolohan Family Foundation, more students in our region will have access to all the benefits of a Catholic school education. I am extremely grateful for their partnership and long-time generosity, and thrilled the Diocese can match these funds.”

The Diocese will offer \$1,000 scholarships for high school students; \$750 for grades 1-8; and \$500 for kindergarten, and has pledged to provide additional funds to ensure every request is met. The commitment comes in the midst of Catholic Schools Week, a nationwide celebration shared by nearly 2 million students across the country. The week-long observance of Catholic schools highlights the many contributions they make to the Church and greater community. In addition to planned service projects, there will be special masses and fun school activities taking place within the Diocese. There also are several open houses for families interested in learning more about Catholic school education.

There are 13 Catholic schools in the 11-county Diocese, which this year are educating nearly 2,100 students. Nationally, Catholic school students have a 99-percent graduation rate and 94 percent pursue advanced degrees. As part of their well-rounded, faith-based education, students feed the poor, visit the elderly, raise awareness of important social issues, and serve at local charities.

For more information on this and other financial support for current Catholic school students, contact the Office of Catholic Schools at 989-797-6651.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

02/11 – Home School Council Meeting @ 6:00	02/18 – President’s Day
02/12 – 8 th Grade Field Trip to HATC	02/18 – Mid-Winter Break Day
02/14 – Happy Valentine’s Day	02/21 – Communion Service hosted by 8 th grade
02/14 – 2 nd Grade Sacramental Prep @ 6:00	02/21 – 2 nd Grade Sacramental Prep @ 6:00
02/15 – Communion Service hosted by K/1 FRIDAY SERVICE THIS WEEK	02/22 – Popcorn Day
02/15 – Early Release	02/22 – Early Release
02/15 – Little Caesar Pizza Kit Order Forms Go Home	02/25 – Penny War Begins This Week
	02/26 – STEM DAY for 6 th and 7 th grades
	02/27 – 2 nd Grade Sacrament of Confirmation Practice @ 6:00

LOOKING AHEAD

- The Home-School Council has the following events planned for you and your children:
Mother/Son Bowling – Saturday, March 2
Daddy/Daughter Dance – Saturday, March 9
More information will be coming your way.
- The OLLH Mardi Gras brought to us by the 8th grade class and the talent show will be held on **Tuesday, March 5**
- Pizza Kit order forms are due on **Tuesday, March 5**
- Pizza Kit Pick-up on **Tuesday, March 19**

OLLH MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in our Catholic faith, Our Lady of Lake Huron Schools nurtures character through service, promotes academic excellence, and develops Christ-centered virtues.

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