

# Our Lady of Lake Huron School

## Update - Friday, July 20, 2018

It is hard to believe that July is quickly coming to a close. It has been busy in the principal's office with planning and preparing for the new school year. I hope that this communication will serve as a way to keep you updated on the happenings that concern the school. If at any time you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. The easiest way at this point is through e-mail. My e-mail address is [cgoulet@ollhschool.org](mailto:cgoulet@ollhschool.org). I will be on vacation from July 26-August 6, but will occasionally check e-mail.

### **CLASSROOM AND TEACHER UPDATES:**

First, know that postings for the teaching positions have been put on various websites including over 40 Career Centers affiliated with major colleges and universities in the Midwest and Northeast. We have also received letters of interest and resumes from local applicants. Information is also going into the local newspapers.

We hope to fill positions soon and I will communicate to everyone the teaching assignments once everything is in place. I promise to do this as soon as it is possible. I know that this is of concern to all of you.

Also, if you know of anyone looking for a teaching position, please encourage that person to contact me and/or send their letter of interest, resume and credentials to me via e-mail or U.S. mail.

Finally, as I have mentioned in prior communication, Father George offered this position to me as a full-time principal. It is my commitment to help the school grow and focus on the needs of you and your children as well as the needs of the teachers and staff. I thank you for your support and patience as we work together through this transition.

## **OFFICE UPDATES:**

Thank you to Margaret Clor and Marge Halifax for all they have done to help cover the office along with the assistance they have given to me during my transition as principal.

Jess Siemen will be back in the office after a brief absence. She will return on Monday, July 23, 2018. With her breadth of knowledge and skill as school/parish business manager, Jess will continue her good work for the school, parish and service to the OLLH community.

## **LUNCH PROGRAM:**

I have been asked by many about our school's lunch program and if we will be outsourcing to Al's Restaurant. At this time, the lunch program will stay as is, but please know that if there is a change it will be communicated to you. With this said, as with tuition, lunch payment needs to be timely and sufficient if you are intending for your child(ren) to eat a hot lunch at school. We are trying to devise a system that will keep you informed of lunch account balances. Again, once something is in place, you will be notified.



## **TUITION:**

Paying tuition in a timely manner is a fact of sending your children to a parochial or private school. It is expected that all families pay tuition either in a lump sum, twice per school year, or on a monthly basis. If you are experiencing a hardship, please ask about the tuition assistance program and/or other payment options.

Next, the payment of back tuition is a must. The school operates with the support of the parish, but also with your tuition dollars. Father George has asked that I take over the role of tuition collection which also includes delinquent accounts. I will be contacting families owing monies to the school/parish over the next few weeks. If payment arrangements are not made; there will be forfeiture of attending OLLH. Yes, it seems harsh, but this is the reality of the situation for all of us.

Finally, please sign up for FACTS to make your tuition payments. You will find this on the school's website [ollhschool.org](http://ollhschool.org). Click on the FACTS logo at the bottom

left side of the home page. Earlier this summer you were sent a letter to set up a FACTS account. There are various options in using FACTS. You may make a full payment of tuition and there is no fee. If you opt for 2 payments, the fee is \$20.00. Finally, there is the monthly payment option which requires a \$50.00 fee. Whether we like it or not, our school is a type of business and this fee is the cost of doing business. You have a deadline of July 29<sup>th</sup> to set up this account. If you are having trouble in doing this, please contact me or Tracy Bischer. Thank you for your timeliness in this matter.



## **REGISTRATION:**

Registration packets will be mailed to your homes in the next week. Packets will include the yearly family registration form, a permission slip for walking field trips for each student and a free and reduced lunch form. Included in the packets for incoming Kindergarten families will be the one-time school registration that is a part of the permanent school record and the health form that must be filled and signed by your health care provider.

I encourage you to take the time to fill-out the information on the free/reduced lunch form, **PLEASE**. Even if you do not intend to use this program, our school receives some funding through the federal government Title 1 grant for any applications that have been completed. These funds may be used to pay for personnel to help students struggling or academically at-risk students, classroom materials and/or teacher in-servicing and workshops. This is all dependent upon what is written into the school-improvement plans. Any information that you give on this form will be held in strict confidentiality.



## **FESTIVAL:**

The festival is upon us and I thank each and every one of you for the time and efforts that you put into making this a success. My husband planned a vacation for us during this time, so I will not be able to attend this year. However, I will be sure to mark our calendar for next year's festival and unless there are unforeseeable circumstances, I will be there! Enjoy, have fun and stay safe!

## **RECRUITING NEW STUDENTS:**

In order to help with getting the optimal class sizes at OLLH School, there are measures underway to publicize our school in order to recruit new families and students. Look for yard signs, flyers, advertisements and articles in local newspapers and social media. Please share the wonderful things that happen at our school with anyone and everyone. It takes at least 10 positive comments to erase 1 negative comment, so let's talk up the pride we have in Our Lady of Lake Huron School!



## **MEET-THE-TEACHER NIGHT:**

Mark your calendar for Monday, August 20, 2018. Meet-the-Teacher Night will be held from 6:00-7:00PM. We will begin the evening in the multi-purpose room where all staff will be introduced along with other pertinent information. I look forward to seeing you there!



## **FINAL WORDS:**

I will do my very best to keep you informed of changes, new items of interest or a calendar of events. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns or just want to meet to discuss your child(ren), I am here to help you. Thank you for this opportunity and the privilege of working with you and your family.

