

NEWS AND NOTES

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Important Back to School Parent Meetings!

On **September 9, 2015**, we will be hosting some very important meetings parents need to attend:

6:30- 7:00 - New Parent Meeting- Parent new to OLC, please come to learn all you need to know!

7:00 - 7:40 Grades 1-5 Curriculum Night- We will have group sessions with teachers to learn about everything that will be happening this year in your child's class (2 sessions will be offered in case of multiple children- parents may split up grades)

7:40 - 8:10 Middle School, Grades 6-8 – Meet with our Middle School team to learn about curriculum and procedures in our OLC Middle School

Due to these new meetings, the GOAL SETTING MEETING on September 24th has been cancelled. It will still remain a 1:00 dismissal day



Opening School Mass

Father Jose Martin celebrated our opening school mass with us on Thursday, August 27th. Grades 1-8 participated in this mass. Father spoke about the new year upon us and how much everyone has grown over the summer. Father blessed all the students at the end of Mass. Mrs. LeTourneau spoke after mass about 3 important points: our students have the right to practice and grow in their faith, they have the right to learn, and they have the right to feel safe.

Welcome Dr. Jim Rigg

New Superintendent for the Archdiocese of Chicago

Our Lady of Charity School warmly welcomes Dr. Jim Rigg, our new Superintendent of schools in the Archdiocese. Dr. Rigg will begin his new position in October. Please see the letter from the Archdiocese for more information.

Congratulations!

Please keep our new second grade teacher Mrs. Baltuska in your prayers as she celebrates her wedding this upcoming weekend! (to save our children from confusion, she has been using her married name since our first day of school)



School website is under construction!

It's getting there! Soon it should be up and running soon. You will find important documents there such as the REVISED student and parent handbook and REVISED school calendar.

Protecting God's Children

All adults working with children are required to meet some requirements. All of our school faculty and staff have met these requirements. These requirements also apply to our volunteers. If you volunteer for anything at OLC that involves children (ex: **field trips**, lunch duty, etc) you must fulfill the following requirements.

- 1) attend VIRTUS meeting. Dates and locations can be found at www.virtus.org. These sessions are available in English and Spanish.
- 2) Online background check at eappsdb.com
- 3) Complete Code of Conduct Form
- 4) Complete CANTS **every year**

Do you belong to Our Lady of Charity Parish?

Are you a registered parishioner of Our Lady of Charity Parish? If not, it is crucial that you bring a letter from the parish you are registered and attend mass at by December 2015. Families that do not bring this letter will see a \$350.00 fee added to their FACTS account in January. This is a parent obligation, please do not wait! If you are a registered parishioner, we must verify that you are active in the parish; otherwise, you may be charged the \$350.00 fee in January.

Student Morning Drop Off

It has been wonderful to see all the children in the morning. Our school staff is always ready to help if a child is nervous or just needs some extra help to their classroom. We do; however, remind parents should leave their child once they have reached the school's inside double doors. By having the child walk to their class by them self, they learn courage and independence. Classroom teachers will be assisting children in the classroom and getting their school day started. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please report to the office and we will have the teacher contact you. Please do not ask a teacher to speak with you before or while classes are in session as this disrupts the class and their learning. We appreciate your cooperation.

Uniforms

Do you have a gently used uniform that your child no longer needs? Please consider donating them to our school to put into our uniform exchange collection.

Morning Mass

All grades will attend Mass in the morning. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will take longer to start attending so that their teachers can prepare them for what will take place in the mass. Parents are always welcome to attend Mass with us! Mass schedule is as follows:

- Mondays - (will be) Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten
- Tuesdays- first and second grade
- Wednesdays- third and fourth grade
- Thursday- Fifth and Sixth grade
- Friday- Seventh and Eighth grade