



OUR LADY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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Dear Families,

I want to begin by thanking all of you for the congratulatory messages. I am truly grateful for continuing to work with you in making our school an amazing place for our students to learn. I personally want to thank Dr. Cruz for all her hard work and dedication she put into OLSCA. I couldn't have asked for a better mentor and helped in making this a smooth transitional process.

As you know, another school year is fast approaching. To begin the school year, we are hard at work in preparing to make the first day of school and year a positive productive one. We are blessed with a faculty who has been so faithful to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Academy. They are dedicated to giving your children the best possible education in a faith filled environment. The faculty is always striving to help students meet their full potential by providing an environment that is safe, supports-risk-taking, and invites sharing of ideas.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of opening school procedures for students entering Kindergarten through eighth grade. A separate letter was sent out to the families of students attending our 3K and Pre-K 4 classes, informing them of their individual starting dates and procedures.

A few important dates for you to keep in mind as we begin a new school year:

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 to Thursday, September 1, 2022 the school will be open from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for families to drop off their child's school supplies in the gym under the designated grade spot. Families are asked to please have all school supplies properly labeled with the child's name and grade.

Monday, September 5, 2022 the school will be closed for the Labor Day holiday.

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 is a full day faculty meeting for school staff. The school building will be open from 8:00am to 3:00 pm for families to drop off their child's school supplies in the gym. Families are asked to please have all school supplies properly labeled with the child's name and grade.

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 is our first day of school for Kindergarten through eighth grade. All students are expected to be in uniform. Students should arrive no later than 8:00 am. Kindergarten through fourth grade is to use the main entrance when arriving at school. Fifth grade through eighth grade is to use the cafeteria entrance of the school. All students are to assemble in the gym for a warm welcome, brief introduction, and prayer. Once our assembly is complete the teachers will bring their classes up to the classrooms to begin the day. We will have early dismissal for today only at 12:30 pm. Students will be dismissed at their designated locations. There is no after school program until September 12, 2022.

| Grade | Dismissal Time | Dismissal Location |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Kindergarten | 12:25 pm | Parking Lot Side Door (C) |
| 1 | 12:25 pm | Main Door (A) |
| 2 | 12:25 pm | Cafeteria Door (B) |
| 3 | 12:30 pm | Cafeteria Door (B) |
| 4 | 12:30 pm | Main Door (A) |
| 5 | 12:30 pm | Garden Door (F) |
| 6 | 12:20 pm | Garden Door (F) |
| 7 | 12:20 pm | Cafeteria Door (B) |
| 8 | 12:20 pm | Cafeteria Door (B) |

Our parish anniversary celebration also begins tonight. The Academy is hosting the opening mass at 7:00 pm. I invite and encourage all families and students to join us for the opening celebration. Students are asked to please wear their school uniform and we will sit together in church. After mass, we are hosting light refreshments in the gym. I will be sending a separate letter with more details of the parish anniversary events.

Thursday, September 8, 2022 is our first full day of school. Students who are scheduled to have gym class today should be in gym uniform. Those not scheduled for gym today should be in regular uniform. The students should use the same entrance as they did on the first day. They should be assembled and on their class line in the gym by 8:00 am. Once announcements and prayers are finished, the teachers will take the students to the classroom to begin the day. School lunch will be provided to the students. Students will be dismissed at regular dismissal time. There is no after school program today.

| Grade | Dismissal Time | Dismissal Location |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Kindergarten | 2:55 pm | Parking Lot Side Door (C) |
| 1 | 2:55 pm | Main Door (A) |
| 2 | 2:55 pm | Cafeteria Door (B) |
| 3 | 3:00 pm | Cafeteria Door (B) |
| 4 | 3:00 pm | Main Door (A) |
| 5 | 3:00 pm | Garden Door (F) |
| 6 | 2:50 pm | Garden Door (F) |
| 7 | 2:50 pm | Cafeteria Door (B) |
| 8 | 2:50 pm | Cafeteria Door (B) |

Friday, September 9, 2022 is our second full day of school. The After School Program will begin on Monday.

Save the dates with more information to follow.

Monday, September 12, 2022 the After School Program will begin from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Thursday, September 15, 2022 is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows with mass at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, September 29, 2022 is back to school night from 6 pm to 8 pm in person for Kindergarten through Eighth Grade

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Thank you,

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