

Principal- Parents' Information Session

**Our Lady of the Hamptons
Regional Catholic School**



**Pre-SEPTEMBER
2022**



Please read and keep handy for
reference in the days ahead



A VERY DIFFERENT YEAR

- + The past two and one half years have added new vocabulary to our everyday life: zoom....distance learning....new normal...shared screen-time.....became part of the family routine of going to school in pajamas, having groceries delivered (like in the 'old days"), staying apart from elderly loved ones, going to Mass via TV, and trying to get as much outdoor fresh air as possible..... even if meant playing games by oneself. Hopefully, family suppers became routine, and possibly real time to talk to and listen to each other.
- + So many of the wonderful events and activities that define OLH were done virtually...or even postponed: the National Honor Society Inductions, Primary and Intermediate Science Fairs, May Crowning, Senior Citizens Luncheon, the spring concerts and show...even the three different graduations. Gradually, we were able to ease back in to much of our in-person traditions in 2021-22.
- + Now, as we begin this journey that is 2022-23, we are hopeful that we will be able to reinvent our academic lives, restore a sense of full normalcy and grow from the lessons we learned about ourselves....and what really is important!
- + The notes that follow here are intended to help to keep you on track this fall. Together, we can do something wonderful for our children...our community...and our God!

STUDENT POPULATION

The OLH community has grown in size! Our family now numbers 30 children the Pre-school at St. Rosalie's in Hampton Bays and 320 at the "big school". We welcome our new families , and pray that, in time, someone our waiting list may be able to join us.

Our community extends from Amagansett and Shelter Island to Yaphank on the south fork , New Suffolk to Wading River on the north fork, with the largest groups coming from Southampton and Water Mill, Hampton Bays and Riverhead.

The diversity of our school is seen in the family origins from several European and Asian countries, a well as almost every Central and South American country.

+ CURRICULUM

- + **DAILY ACADEMICS** OLH follows the New York State Education department curriculum in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.
- + The strength of the school is based upon strong catholic teachings, with daily lessons, faith development, liturgy , sacraments ad service.
- + All lessons will be visible on GoogleClassroom, and readily available in the event of a need to revert to virtual learning.
- + **TESTING** will be done in all grades...to identify and address the academic gaps cause by the pandemic. The main testing vehicle will be iReady, a computer based platform with fast results.
- + **ASSESSMENTS** will be presented in December, March and June, with daily and weekly access to the children's portfolios on Power Grade Book.

FINANCES

+ **TUITION**

- + The base tuition fee was increased this school year in an effort to help balance the modest increases afforded to our teachers, as well as to offset the costs of fuel, utilities and maintenance.
- + The current, in-parish base rate per child is \$6800 plus fees and insurance. (Other rates apply to non-parishioners and non-Catholic families)
- + According to the school budget, the teacher salaries and benefits are covered by the payment of tuition.

+ **PARISH SUBSIDIES**

- + Each of our parishes contributes a monthly subsidy which covers approximately \$500 per child of a parishioner.
- + Subsidies cover the cost of maintaining the school building
- + Each family claiming to be registered in a parish is expected to SUPPORT that parish by attendance at mass and financial contributions in weekly collections

+ **FUND-RAISING**

- + Fund raising events and drives account for approximately 15% of the costs of the school each year and are used for program development, upgrades of facilities, benefiting each child..
- + This year's three major events are the September GOLF OUTING, the spring Ladie Luncheon, and the BUCKS FOR BOOKS drive.
- + . One thousand B4B tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Once the prizes are distributed, we SHOULD net \$75,000 for the school.
- + Each family is asked to sell a minimum of five tickets. There are incentives for those who sell more, including a chance to have \$5000 toward next years tuition.
- + We are always seeking benefactors from the community who may be willing to underwrite specific events, assist with the tuition fund and contribute toward future development.

COMMUNICATIONS

Keeping in touch with parents is essential to the success of our school. This can be done in several ways:

TELEPHONE during the school day: 631-283-9140 (PreK: 631-723-3740). Please do NOT call between 8:30-9AM or 2:30-3PM

EMAILS Every staff member can be reached at first initial...last name8656@olhamptons.org. We ask you not to email a teacher during the school day. Teachers may NOT answer you while the children are present in the room, nor may they call or text you during class time.

EMERGENCY CARDS Each family will receive a card in the colored folder being sent home during the first week of school. ONE CARD must be filled out for each family. Please be sure that both sides of the card are filled out....and returned to the homeroom teacher by Friday, September 18.

******Please print clearly...especially your email address.....and give the phone number where you REALLY can be reached during school hours.***

WEBSITE Make a habit of checking every day for updates: www.olh.org and www.olhamptons.org

SCHOOL MESSENGER is the service we use to contact you as a group by hope message, email or text. If you receive a phone call from 631-283-9140, please say :hello" and listen for a message. Do NT call the school to ask what we are calling for,

IN PERSON METINGS can be arranged by contacting the teacher or the office. Please try not to ?appear" asking to see a teacher. Call or email ahead and an appointment will be scheduled.

QUICK REMINDERS

GYM DAYS

- + Gym classes will begin on September 12...with full gym attire...(Prep must wear all 3 pieces on Gym Day...) ***The assigned days MAY change once the new schedules are finalized.
- + MONDAY GRADES 2,4,5
- + TUESDAY GRADE 3 AND PREP 7
- + WEDNESDAY PREP 6 AND 8
- + THURSDAY GRADS K AND 1

- + We have all sizes of the Grade K-5 sweats available for sale in the office
- + SNEAKERS are worn to school ONLY on Gym day!

AFTER CARE

- + IS AVAILABLE EACH SCHOOL DAY FROM 3-5 PM.
- + Look for a flier from the coordinators: Miss Claire Zaneski

- + Cost is \$20 per child (\$25 for family)

- + CELL PHONES are NOT permitted in school at any time. (Once activities begin, that may be eased)
- + If a student needs to make a call, that will be done from the principal's office only
- + If a cell phone is seen during the school day, it WILL be confiscated.

LUNCH

Until further notice, we ask that

- ALL lunches be brought disposable paper bags
- Nothing be included in lunch that requires utensils, rinsing objects, eating
- Younger children be instructed in how to open packages
- No nut products be sent for lunch. We are a NOT FREE SCHOOL

HOT LUNCH will be defined before the first week of school. Hot lunch is served on Tuesdays...with Pizza on Thursdays.

TREATS AND SNACKS should be discussed with the classroom teachers. Food items should NOT be sent in for birthdays at this time.

+ WALKERS AND RIDERS

- + Notes are required of any students being picked up at dismissal rather than taking the bus. Notes must be submitted by 9AM
- + Permanent walkers and riders need only one note at the beginning of the term
- + In an effort to provide security and safety, we ask that parents NOT call during the day to change play dates, etc
- + In the case of an emergency pick-up, the call must go to the office...and parents must come to the front door for pickup and sign out
- + Prep 8 students MAY walk to the library (IN UNIFORM) PROVIDED THAT A NOTE HAS BEEN SENT IN ADVANCE