

Our Lady of Black Rock School News



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“A Diverse Community Where Great Minds Grow”

Wednesday, March 25th 2021

BISON Scholarship: Re-Certification Deadline is April 15th

1. If you are already receiving BISON tuition assistance, you should have received an email from BISON. Within this email is a link to complete the re-certification application for next school year 2021-2022. To complete this BISON application you will need:

- Your 2020 Federal Income Tax form 1040, pages 1 and 2
- Public Assistance and/or SNAP letters, Disability benefit papers
- Any child support papers

2. If you are new to BISON or have not been notified that you are off the waiting list you should file a new BISON Pre-Application online at: <https://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships/>

This year it is very important that you file your income taxes sooner than later. With changes to employment, due to the COVID Pandemic, your income determines what level of bison you will receive.

OLBR On-Site COVID-19 Testing:

Aveanna Healthcare will be here at OLBR: April 12th

to conduct COVID-19 rapid tests for 10% of our IN School students and staff.

If we have a signed consent form on file, your student maybe tested on this day. We understand that our school is not in a COVID restricted zone, but we do intend to keep up to date with testing in an effort to keep our school community safe.

Our testing date of March 23rd showed 100% Negative, No COVID cases to report.

Remote Learners:

We would like to emphasize the IMPORTANCE of In School learning at the end of a school year, when course study reviews are being done for final exams. At the end of this school year in particular, we would like to encourage ALL remote learners to come back to IN School Learning so we may finish the year together!!!



Looking Ahead, “Stronger Together”



Our Lady of Black Rock School and Catholic Academy of West Buffalo to unite as one campus in September 2021

A letter was mailed out recently to all school families regarding the merging of our school with Catholic Academy of West Buffalo for the next school year. Both schools having financial burdens would mean force closure of both schools. By uniting into one school, we are moving toward the future with great hope as we will be Stronger Together.

This is a great opportunity for all of our families to continue their child’s education in a diverse, faith based community where the learning needs of students are met.

Many OLBR teachers and staff members will be moving to the new campus as well. The Bison Fund has committed to help all families who qualify for tuition assistance. In addition, BISON will provide an extra signing bonus of \$300 (tuition discount) per child, for three full years, for all families who move with us to CAWB. This commitment will insure Catholic education will continue to be affordable and available for all.

Join us by registering your family NOW. Deadline for registration is May 1st. After May 1st, we cannot guarantee space(s) available for your child.

Registering:

How do we register our children for the new school campus at (Catholic Academy of West Buffalo)?

OLBR School has scheduled registration sessions so parents can come in, get their questions answered, and complete the registration packet process at Our Lady of Black Rock School.

With social distancing, we cannot assist several families at once. We request you call ahead to the OLBR School office at 873-7497 so we can schedule a time slot for and insure a safe environment for everyone.

OLBR will hold registration nights(s) on:
-Wednesday, March 31st from 3:30 PM to 6 PM

If you need Registration paperwork sent home, please call the OLBR School office at 873-7497

What do I need to bring to the registration night at OLBR?

Please bring with you to your registration session:

- Registration fee of \$100 for one child or \$175 for a family (two or more children)
- Federal Income Tax return, or other financial support verifications

Can we take a tour of the Catholic Academy of West Buffalo School building?

YES. OLBR Staff and CAWB are offering tours of the new school campus for all families who would like to visit the school building.

Dates and Times for CA tours are:
-Thursday, March 25th from 3:00PM-5:00PM
-Monday, March 29th from 5:30PM-7:00PM
-Tuesdays, March 30th from 3:00PM-5:00PM

****You MUST call the OLBR School office to book a tour time. Again, we must follow safety and health regulations and insure social distancing will be maintained.**

School Pictures

Next week, weather permitting, Inter State studios will be here at OLBR School. The purpose is to take an outdoor school picture with ALL our current students, teachers, and staff members. We will gather outside with masks on, and placed into a well-organized group. At the time of the photo we will remove our masks to show our smiling facing. After the photo has been taken masks will be placed back on. This photo will be place in our yearbook. An order form will also be available to order a 5x7 memory print for \$8.

Meals for Our Remote Learners

Please view the ATTACHED BPS Meal Distribution form to find a site near you for meal pick up. At these site all children 18 years of age and younger may receive meals.

Student Borrowed Laptops

Students that are using OLBR laptops and will be returning for IN PERSON School Learning MUST bring back these devices during Student BIN Drop Off times.

Students are NOT ALLOWED TO DOWNLOAD GAMES, MUSIC, MOVIES or APPS such as ROBLOX. We have a record of devices and who has them. Devices will be checked on return. If it's found that there were illegal downloads, your family will be responsible for any costs involved in cleaning hard drives or repairing abused/damaged devices. The charge to replace a device that cannot be repaired is \$400 per device, per family

Tuition Bills

OLBR Tuition Statements are sent out monthly. It is important that you MUST pay something on your tuition EVERY MONTH so we can continue to pay the operational costs to keep the building open (heat, electricity, water is NOT free). Tuition may be dropped off at school, using the RED OLBR Payment box, in the downstairs hallway near the office or payments can be mailed into school at:

OLBR School
16 Peter Street
Buffalo, NY 14207

Reporting OLBR Student Illness

OLBR School is required to do daily reporting to NYS Department of Health for all student and staff illness and absences, being **remote or in school learning**. The purpose of this requirement is to inform parents and the communities around us of potential COVID19 virus spread. *If your child gets ill at home, a regular practice is that you notify the school office in the morning (for any type of illness). However, **in the event that your child or any family member gets tested and is found positive for COVID19, we ask that you report this to the school as soon as you are able.*** The Erie County Department of Health is responsible for contact tracing. Sometimes this process may take a few days for parties that may have been exposed to be contacted. By you reporting a positive case to the school, it may help mitigate a potential spread right here in our school building. We thank you for your cooperation.

When an OLBR student is seen by our school nurse during the school day and you are informed by her that your child exhibits any of the following:

fever, cough, headache, congestion, sore throat, stomachache, vomiting, and diarrhea. These symptoms do not indicate your child has COVID-19, however, the symptoms do align with those who have contracted the COVID virus. Therefore, one of the three criteria **MUST** be met before your child can return back to school:

1. Your child's doctor provides an alternative medical diagnosis
2. Your child has a negative COVID19 diagnostic test
3. Your child stays home from school for 10 days and is symptom free

If your child tests positive for COVID-19:

All the following criteria must be met before he/she can return to school:

1. At least 10 days after COVID-19 symptom onset or ten days from his/her first positive test if asymptomatic **AND**
2. Fever-free for at least 72 consecutive hours without the use of fever-reducing medication **AND**
3. Respiratory symptoms are improving

Easter Break:

As we approach the Easter break, we ask that you notify the OLBR School office if you are planning vacations out of state. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo recently announced that domestic travelers will no longer be required to quarantine after entering New York from another U.S. State or U.S. Territory starting April 1st. NYS Department of Health still recommends quarantine after domestic travel as an added precaution. Mandatory quarantine remains in effect for international travelers. All travelers must continue to fill out the Traveler Health Form. Individuals should continue strict adherence to all safety guidelines to stop the spread - wearing masks, socially distancing and avoiding gatherings. Regardless of quarantine status, all individuals exposed to COVID-19 or returning from travel must:

- Continue daily symptom monitoring through Day 14;
- Must immediately self-isolate if any symptoms develop and contact the local public health authority or their healthcare provider to report this change in clinical status and determine if they should seek testing.

OLBR School Website: olbrschool.org

Important information and updates – you can find on our Home Page

Academic websites links – you can find near the bottom of our Home Page

Teacher email addresses – you will find listed blow

Teacher websites and Facebook pages – you will find on our Home Page

OLBR Teacher/ Staff email List: 11.2020



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2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS MEAL DISTRIBUTION

Updated 10-22-20

**MEAL SERVICE WILL CONTINUE DURING REMOTE LEARNING EVERY
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
FROM 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

WEST ZONE:

3- D'Youville Porter Campus - 255 Porter Ave. 14201
17- 1045 West Delavan Ave. 14209
18- Dr. Antonia Pantoja - 750 West Ave. 14213
19- Native American Magnet 97 W. Delavan Ave., 14213
30- Frank A. Sedita - 21 Lowell Pl. 14213
45- International School- 140 Hoyt St., 14213
198- International Prep – 110 14th St., 14213
207- Lafayette High School – 370 Lafayette Ave. 14213
304 - Hutch Tech H.S. – 256 S. Elmwood Ave. 14201

NORTH EAST ZONE:

54- Dr. George Blackman School – 2358 Main St. 14214
66- North Park Academy – 780 Parkside Ave. 14216
80- Highgate Heights – 600 Highgate Ave. 14215
81- School 140 Tacoma Ave. 14216
82- Early Childhood Center- 230 Easton Ave. 14215
156- Frederick Law Olmsted @ #203 319 Suffolk Ave. 14215
301- Burgard H.S. 400 Kensington Ave. 14214
335- Middle College at 363 Bennett H.S.– 2885 Main St. 14214

NORTH WEST ZONE:

64- Frederick Law Olmsted School 874 Amherst St. 14216
65- Roosevelt Academy – 249 Skillen St. 14207
79- Grabiarz School – 225 Lawn Ave. 14207
94- West Hertel Academy – 489 Hertel Ave. 14207
208- Riverside High School – 51 Ontario St. 14207

SOUTH ZONE:

27- Hillary Park Academy - 73 Pawnee Pkwy. 14210
67- Discovery School - 911 Abbott Rd. 14220
72- Lorraine Academy – 71 Lorraine Ave. 14220
93- Southside Academy – 430 Southside Pkwy. 14220
206- South Park High School – 150 Southside Pkwy. 14220

EAST ZONE:

31- Harriet Ross Tubman – 212 Stanton St. 14212
37- MJD Futures Preparatory School – 295 Carlton St. 14204
48 @ M.L.K. – 487 High St. 14211
53- Community School- 329 Roehrer Ave. 14208
59- Charles Drew Science Magnet – 1 MLK Jr. Pk., 14211
61- Arthur O. Eve School – 453 Leroy Ave. 14215
74- Hamlin Park Elementary – 126 Donaldson Rd. 14208
89- Dr. Lydia T. Wright- 106 Appenheimer St. 14214
92- BUILD Academy – 340 Fougeron St. 14211
99- Makowski Early Childhood Center- 1095 Jefferson Ave. 14208
97- Harvey Austin – 1405 Sycamore Ave. 14211
197- MST Preparatory at Seneca - 646 E. Delavan Ave. 14215
309- East High School – 820 Northampton St. 14211
Charter School of Inquiry- 404 Edison Ave. 14211

DOWNTOWN ZONE:

6- Buffalo Elementary Sch of Tech – 414 S. Division St. 14208
32- Bennett Park Montessori – 342 Clinton St. 14204
33- Bilingual Center School - 157 Elk St. 14210
43- Lovejoy Discovery School – 161 Benzinger St. 14206
69- Houghton Academy- 1725 Clinton St. 14206
95- Waterfront School 95 Fourth St. 14202

Will provide meals to families with students in the Buffalo Community

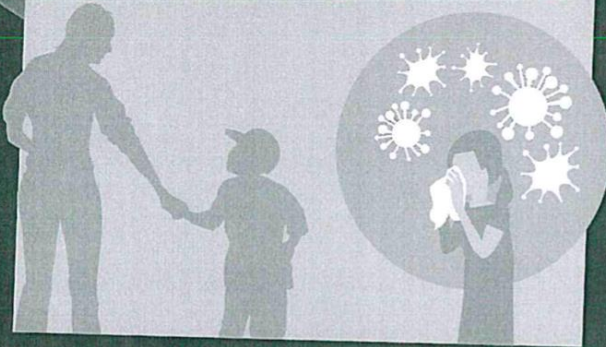
- Schools will be open from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 - Any child 18 years of age and younger may receive these meals
 - Adults may pick up meals for their household members
 - Please **BRING** a bag to carry out the meal(s)

Questions or Concerns please call the Food Service Department at 816-3688.

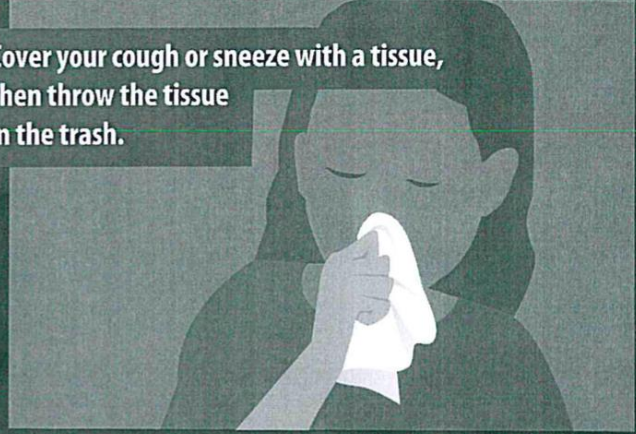
STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

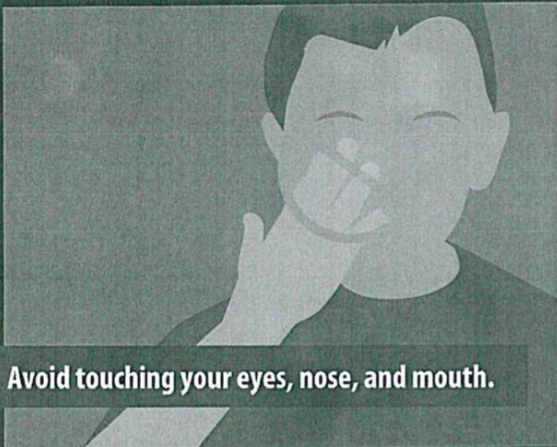
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19