

# Our Lady of Black Rock School News

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**“A Diverse Community Where Great Minds Grow!”**

## **OLBR Newsletter**

*This is your official Weekly School Communication.*



This Newsletter packet will be sent home every week on Wednesday afternoons. It is important that you read the information contained in the Weekly School Newsletter. The packet contains important information for you to review. You will find permission slips, school calendars, meal calendars, and reminders. Please make sure a parents email is on file, as we do send out our newsletter and information through emails. Also visit our website at: [www.olbrschool.org](http://www.olbrschool.org) for information and handouts.

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SCHOOL NEWS

*September 12th 2018*

## **OLBR School Handbook**

Families will receive a 2018-2019 School Handbook this week. It is required that EVERY family READS over the policies outlined for our school.

Then parents/guardians must sign and return the last two pages in the handbook and return them to school. By signing these forms, you are verifying that you received the school handbook and you and your children will follow the policies it contains. **These signature forms are due back to school by October 1st!**

### **Remember:**

- 9/26 8th Gr Parent Meeting
- 9/26 HSA Meeting
- 9/26 Meet the Teachers Night

## **School Office Hours**

The school office is open at 7:30 AM until 3:00 PM.

**If your child will be absent for any reason, please call the office early on the morning of the absence.** The day your child returns, **a note of absents is required.** For your convenience, three blank Absence Notes can be found in this newsletter. Our school office number is 873-7497. Tardy students must come to the office for a late pass before going to class.

### **These items need to be sent back to school ASAP!**

- Handbook Signature Form
- Technology Policy Form
- Triangle Music Registration

### **NO SCHOOL:**

- September 28th
- October 3rd
- October 8th

### **Morning Arrivals and Safety First :**

For the safety and welfare of students coming into the building, we are asking parents/guardians who drop off their child in the mornings to please refrain from driving into the church parking lot. The safety of your children is our number one priority. Instead, PLEASE drive past the church parking lot, beyond the garages and drop your children off at the school's sidewalk. This sidewalk starts at Peter Street and runs along the school building to the door. This will keep your children out of harm's way. It is extremely important that you: DRIVE SLOWLY, PAY ATTENTION, and WATCH for students who may be walking as you drop your own children off. Remember, the school building opens at 7:30 AM. Breakfast is available from 7:30 AM until 7:50 AM. Students dropped off after 7:50 AM (except bus students) will be marked TARDY.



### **Website for OLBR**

Our web address: [www.olbrschool.org](http://www.olbrschool.org)

**Parents please make sure your current email address is on file in the school office.** We do send information and handouts to parents via email. You will also find a link to our Facebook page on our website.

### **Home School Association Meeting and Meet the Teachers Night at OLBR**



Mark your calendar for our first HSA meeting of the school year coupled with our Meet the Teachers Night: **Wednesday, September 26th.**

The HSA meeting will begin at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Immediately following the meeting, parents will have time to visit their children's classrooms and meet their teachers. Meet the Teachers will begin approximately at 7:00 PM.

### **8th Grade Parent Meeting: IMPORTANT**

Join the principal, Mrs. Eadie, for a short meeting prior to the Home School Meeting and Meet the Teacher Night on **Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet in the school cafeteria at 6:00 PM. Home School meeting will follow at 6:30 PM, and Meet the Teachers at 7:00 PM. Topics for discussion: information regarding application process for Catholic, public, and charter high schools will be shared. Although your child has just begun his/her 8<sup>th</sup> grade year, the high school application process begins now. Please plan on attending, or send an adult representative to get this important information.



During the month of September, returning members will be able to re-register for the B&G Club.

New students can start submitting their applications now. We ask that you DO NOT send in money at this time. You will receive a call from the Boys and Girls Club when a spot has opened for a new student. Applications can be found in the OLBR school office and at the B&G Club.

### **Lighthouse Returning to OLBR:**

#### **Coming in October: OLBR After-School Lighthouse Enrichment & Tutoring Programs**

We are excited about our upcoming afterschool enrichment and tutoring programs at OLBR. Session 1 is set to begin a few weeks into October and will run for 5 weeks. Many offerings will be available. Cost is \$5 per student with registration. Students participating in Lighthouse can also participate in B&G Club activities. Watch the weekly newsletter for more information and registration for Afterschool Lighthouse.

### **Triangle Music Lessons at OLBR!**



Mr. Schmid is offering music lessons again this school year. Registration forms are being sent home with this newsletter. For those taking Triangle Music this year, **your registration form with a \$15 registration fee is due in the school office by September 27th.** Lessons will begin on September 27th. Students MUST bring their instruments to school that day. If your son or daughter plans to take piano or keyboard, keyboards will be available in school for lessons. Students must have their own at home for practice. Tuition of \$45 is due by October 19th for the first semester of lessons.

#### **Triangle Lessons:**

Thursday, Sept. 27th

Friday, Oct. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

### **Friday Morning Liturgy**



Students will attend Mass on Friday and on Holy Days of Obligation throughout the school year at 8:00 AM in Assumption Church. Tardy students should report directly to the church to join their class. Pre K and K students need to come to the school office.

### **OLBR School Tuition News**

All school tuition is billed and sent in the mail around mid month. Payment is expected by the end of the month. Cash, checks, and money orders are accepted in the school office during regular business hours 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM. If you do not make regular tuition payments, your child( children) may not be allowed to continue classes at OLBR. Refer to the School Handbook regarding the tuition policy.

### **School Registration Fee:**

Some families have not paid their 2018-2019 School Registration Fee of \$100 per child. This was due by August 31st and is separate from your tuition

### **School Supplies Fee:**

Your child(ren) started school with ALL the school supplies they needed. This is a result of wonderful benefactors and donors who donated money and school supplies to our annual School Supply Drive. This year, the FEE for SCHOOL SUPPLIES is ONLY \$15 PER FAMILY. Take care of this financial matter in the school office or send in the \$15 in an envelope marked with your child(ren's) names and grade levels.

### **Student Text Books**

ALL student hardcover text books must be covered. Covering them will provide lasting protection and keep them in good condition. This is mandatory!

### **School Uniform Policy:**

OLBR's School Uniform Policy is now in effect. All students in grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade must wear the official navy blue school logo polo shirt, navy pants, shorts, or skirts. Students can not wear: light blue, white or any other non-logo school shirt. All new students to OLBR this year were given two FREE polo shirts. If you would like to order new school logo shirts for your child, an order form is attached to this newsletter. School logo shirts are \$8 each. School logo sweatshirts are also available for purchase. School gym tee shirts (no collar) may be ordered. Gym tee shirts cannot be worn in place of the polo shirt. Gym tees can be worn for gym class (not required) and for dress down days. See the School Handbook for more details regarding the school uniform policy.

### **Recycled OLBR School Uniforms:**

We are accepting gently used and clean uniforms for re-use. . If your child's uniform no longer fits, consider donating it to our Recycled Uniform Closet. Thank You!

### **4th Grade learning about pollination:**



## Important BUS Information:



BUS Number:	Phone Number:
To discuss routing or schedule issues	816-4895
200	874-0544
300-400	835-5410
500	826-4771
600	896-1171
700-900	894-4778

## Weather Related Closings:



OLBR will be closed when it is announced on the radio and/or television that “Buffalo Public and Catholic Elementary Schools” are closed. If we close separate from other schools, it will be announced that “Our Lady of Black Rock School” is closed. As long as school is open, the Boys and Girls Club will be open to provide after school care regardless of the weather.



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