

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

August 17, 2017 Orientation Agenda *Notes*

Summer Updates:

1. Security Cameras – *All are in place around the school and church. Two DVR units have been installed to back up two weeks worth of videos. Both units are on 24 hour battery back ups.*
2. Computers – *85 Chromebooks are in 7 classrooms and in 5 charging carts; 3^d through 7^h has one-to-one device capability.*
3. Curriculum – *new curriculum items*
 - a. Wit and Wisdom / Novels – *Novel based ELA program (EdReports.org, which conducts independent, evidence-based curriculum reviews, looked at grades 3 - 8 in its review of Wit & Wisdom and awarded the program perfect scores including the highest scores for “Text Quality” of all reviewed materials.) OLPH is using Wit and Wisdom in grades K through 7^h.*
 - b. Lexia Core5 – *An online computer program that empowers literacy educators through adaptive assessment and personalized instruction. Students are motivated by their own success and have their own personalized learning paths. (<https://www.lexiacore5.com/>) OLPH is using Lexia in all grades.*
 - c. Writers’ Workshop – *an interdisciplinary writing technique that can build students' fluency in writing through continuous, repeated exposure to the process of writing. Students in the class become working authors. The teacher acts as a writing professional and peer coach, guiding authors as they explore their craft. Instead of spending the majority of class time on spelling tests, grammar worksheets, handwriting practice, and other isolated sub-skills of writing, Writer’s Work-shop is designed to emphasize the act of writing itself—students spend most of their time putting pencil to paper, not just learning about it. OLPH is using the Writer’s Workshop model in all grades.*
 - d. Textbooks as Resource – *Teachers are using LA State Standard to guide instruction. Therefore, the textbooks will be used as resources only. Students will not go through textbooks from cover to cover. Other resources, such as online programs and projects based learning, will also be used.*
4. Desks – *New desks and chairs are in 1st through 7^h grade classrooms.*

5. Painting / Repairs / Upgrades - *Thanks to many volunteers and the Knights of Columbus, all classrooms, the cafeteria, offices, doorframes, etc. have been painted and cleaned. Many bookshelves, doors, and cabinets have also been cleaned and painted. All floors were professional cleaned and waxed. Many small upgrades have also been made. Come check it out!*
6. New Locks / Magnetic Locks - *A magnetic door locking system has been installed on the entrance to the school and the second set of doors leading to classrooms. All visitors will be required to sign in at the office before gaining access to the classroom hallway.*
7. Thank yous - *Thanks to Fr. Kyle, Mr. TJ, Mr. Jim, the Knights of Columbus, all parent volunteers, past alumni, current students, faculty/staff, and everyone else who helped make the wonderful changes and upgrades to our school!*
8. Need Volunteers - *we still need volunteers at the school. There is plenty to do! Call us if you want to help.*

Specific to Individual Teachers: - *each teacher has their own policies for the following items.*

1. Classroom rules
2. Discipline policies and reporting behavior
3. Homework
4. Water Bottles

School-wide information:

1. Electives - *all grade levels from PK3 through 7th now has Spanish, Music, PE, and library/computers. Middle School electives have increased to include STEAM, Home Economics, Guitar, Choir, Animal Welfare, Computer Applications, Computer Design, and Art.*
2. Weighted Grading (*see attachment*)
3. Honor Roll - *will now be celebrated 1st through 7th at the conclusion of a school Mass*
4. Free Dress - *we ask that you follow the guidelines on the back of the free dress passes*
5. PBIS / Hornet Bucks - *students earn Hornet Bucks to purchase privileges and/or items from the Hornet Buck store for being Open Minded Leaders who are Positive and Honest and who Help Others Reach New Experiences Through Service.*
6. Visitors must sign in - *please enter through the main school entrance and sign in at the front office*
7. Lunch - **come eat with us!**

8. Drop Off
 - a. Breakfast – *students needing breakfast must go directly to the cafeteria when dropped off; wasting time on the map first is preventing some students from having time to eat.*
 - b. Tardy as of 8:15 – *tardies are counted beginning at 8:15 as the school day begins on the map as soon as Assembly begins. Teachers will mark students with an unexcused tardy who walk up after 8:15. (See page 8 of the Student/Parent Handbook.)*
 - c. Report to office once Assembly is over - *If you arrive after Assembly, please walk your student(s) in and sign them in on the tardy log in the front office. All excused tardies must be logged in through the front office with proper documentation.*
9. School Masses *all are invited! Please come support your child(ren) as they sing or serve in other capacities.*
10. Weekend Masses – *students are invited to sing once per month during a weekend Mass and once every weekend in January. See the sign up genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084aabab23a1fe3-weekend>*
11. Business Partnerships – *Please support our business partners on the bottom of the newsletter and listed here: <http://school.olphbc.org/business-partnerships>*
12. Co-op – *Please attend the Co-op meeting on Thursday, September 14 at 7pm in the church.*
13. Counselor
 - a. Lunch Bunches – *Ms. Brianna is meeting with all new students at lunch every 3 to 4 weeks.*
 - b. Guidance Classes *Ms. Brianna pushes into Religion class twice monthly to teach guidance class.*
14. Athletics – *New uniforms! New fundraisers! New communication! Mrs. Heather Monier is the Athletic Director should you need anything. Her email address is hmonier@olphbc.org.*
15. Fundraisers – *We have condensed our fundraisers down to two major fundraisers, the Fall Fair and the Spring Fun Run, and then social events, such as the Spring Gala, community restaurant nights, Bingos, Dinner Theatre, etc. We need everyone's help to sell raffle tickets for the fair! Ms. Wilberg challenged everyone to sell at least \$120 worth of tickets, but also asks you to consider selling the same amount you would have sold for popcorn/chocolate/etc.*

Parents were asked to leave feedback n Index cards.

Index Card:

Side 1 - Any questions you have

Side 2 - By Nov 1, how will you know that you and your child(ren) are having a great school year?

Questions and statements will be collected. Answers to questions will be posted and communicated to community members. Then the top 8 to 10 statements will be posted, and we will report on the statements how the school is living up to those expectations at the end of the first semester.

Other Presenters:

- Ms. Cindi, cafeteria Manager
- Fair Chairs