

## WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you to Our Lady of Sorrows School. I am looking forward to many wonderful and exciting experiences with the 2011-2012 kindergarten class.

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The kindergarten year will begin on Tuesday, September 6, 2011, at 9:00am. Children should report directly to their classrooms dressed in full uniform. Dismissal forms, emergency contact forms, supply fees, T-Shirt posters, and classroom supplies, will be collected at this time (see below). Dismissal will be at 12:20. Kindergarten students will report to school on Wednesday, September 7, for a half-day; September 8th and 9<sup>th</sup> will be full days. ASP will begin on Tuesday, September 6, 2011.

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Each child is requested to have a backpack (**backpacks with wheels are not permitted**) and a **folder with bottom pockets** to bring home his/her daily papers neatly. The folder should fit into the backpack. All other necessary supplies (crayons, glue, pencils, pencil cases and composition books) will be purchased through the school. The cost is \$40.00 per child; \$5.00 is also needed for extra Art supplies. One check for these supplies may be written to OLS School. All fees are due September 6<sup>th</sup>. Each child is required to bring two boxes of baby wipes, two boxes of tissues, and one roll of paper towels for colds, allergies, tears, cleaning, etc. Bottles of Purell are also welcome! **You may be asked to purchase additional supplies throughout the school year as determined by your child's teacher.**

### NAP MATS

Each child must have a nap mat. If your child needs to purchase a mat, these will be available on the first day of school for \$20.

### SNACK/MISC FEE

Each child is asked to bring in a *healthy* snack for morning snack-time. Chocolate, cookies, or other sugary items are not acceptable snacks. You may also send in a "juice box" or small bottle of water for your child to drink (no thermoses or glass bottles please).

### LUNCH

Our lunch program will begin on Thursday, September 8th. A menu and additional information will follow. Your child may buy a lunch or pack a lunch. On half-days, please send a full lunch for your child as hot lunches will not be available.

## **DRESS CODE**

Please refer to the Student Handbook. It is very important that you **label** each and every piece of clothing your child wears to school, **especially hats, coats, gym sweatshirts and sweatpants, mittens, boots** and other easily misplaced items. Lunchboxes, backpacks, and folders should also be clearly labeled.

## **SMOCK OR OLD SHIRT**

This will be used for messy projects in the classroom as well as in art class. It will be returned to you at the end of the school year. **Please write your child's name on it.**

## **ENRICHMENT CLASSES**

Your child's schedule for Art, Computer, Physical Education, Library and Music will be announced in September. On PE day, your child should *wear* his/her gym uniform and sneakers to school.

## **ENVELOPE FORMAT**

When sending a note or money to school, please follow the format below:

Child's Name

Teacher's Name

Purpose-e.g. (absentee note, lunch money, book club money, or change in dismissal)

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Birthdays can be celebrated in school by sharing small treats with the class. Please send napkins, too. Please note that this is not a "party". Please do not send more than a simple treat (no "goodie bags", etc.). This alleviates any hard feelings or competition between the children. Birthday party invitations may NOT be sent home through the school unless all the boys and/or girls are invited. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

The PTA will be organizing an ice cream social in August. All kindergarten students and their families are invited. This will give everyone a chance to meet each other, and will provide an introduction to our various PTA activities. More information will follow later in the summer.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Please leave a message with the Main Office and I will contact you.

Sincerely,