



Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School

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Pertinent Information for K- 8th Grades

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TUITION

- **SUBSIDY:** Many of our local parishes subsidize the tuition of their parishioners who want to send their children to a Catholic school. In doing so, the church agrees to pay a predetermined subsidy amount per student. To be eligible for subsidized tuition rates, an active tithing member of the parish must have an approved subsidy form from the family parish on file. This form must be renewed annually. It is the parents' responsibility to send this subsidy application to their pastor for approval. Once the applications are approved, they are forwarded to the school. The school will notify the parents of the child's approval.
- **REGISTRATION AND APPLICATION FEE:** There is a \$120 new student application fee for K-8th grades.
- **REGISTRATION AND REENROLLMENT FEE:** There is a \$110 annual re-enrollment fee for all currently enrolled students.
- **2022-2023 SUBSIDIZED RATES:**
 - 1 child \$3,773 per year (11 monthly payments of \$343)
 - 2 children \$5,841 per year (11 monthly payments of \$531)
 - 3 children \$6,930 per year (11 monthly payments of \$630)
 - 4+ children \$7,810 per year (11 monthly payments of \$710)
- **2022-2023 NON-SUBSIDIZED RATES:**
 - Each child \$5,841 per year (11 monthly payments of \$531)
- **TUITION INFORMATION:** Tuition is payable through FACTS Management Company: annually, semi-annually, quarterly, or monthly. All families should register with FACTS through the link on the OLS School website: olsschool.com. Book rental fees, activity fees, PTO enhancement fees, and school supplies will be billed through FACTS.
- **Tuition Support:** Tuition Support Applications are available for families interested in applying for financial assistance for tuition. Deadline to turn in the application each year is March 1.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION / RENWEB

- **RenWeb** is a FACTS-owned company that helps the school manage demographic information, automate administrative processes and improve communications including student grades for parents. To make sure OLS has all of the student's updated family information, the child's RenWeb account must be current. The school will rely on all the information on RenWeb that is provided in regards to health issues, allergies, emergency contact numbers, pickup information, etc. In addition, the Parent Alert feature of RenWeb will contact parents regarding school closures and any announcements via emails, texts and voice messages. Through this account access to a student directory, the school calendar, student grades, etc. will be available.

BOOK RENTAL

- Students receive books and workbooks through a book rental program. The fee for this is based on the number of textbooks and workbooks used in each grade level. Book fees for students in 1st -8th grades are \$200 and will be billed in 2 installments – September/October. Book fees for Kindergarten students are \$150 and will be billed in two installments – September/October.

ACTIVITY FEE

- Each student will be billed a yearly activity fee of \$150, which will cover the cost of field trips, weekly publications, art materials, field trip shirts, computer fees, bulk supplies, homeroom activities, class parties, Christmas and end of year teacher gifts, and other items based on the needs of each grade level. Activity fees will be billed in two installments, July/August.

PTO ENHANCEMENT

- Each family will be charged a PTO fee of \$24 each year.

IMMUNIZATION FORMS

- Please remember that all students registering for K-8th grades must have a current Alabama Certificate of Immunization (IMM-50) indicating that they have received the proper number of immunizations required by the State Department of Health. Religious exemptions will no longer be accepted in lieu of the certificate of immunization. A dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis) is required for all students entering 6th grade. All forms should be valid for the school year, and should be in the school office before the first day of school.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Supplies will be in the classroom on the first day of school for each student in K-5th grades. Prices vary by grade and will be assessed to your account. Unless ordered at the end of the school year, students in 6th -8th grades should purchase supplies requested by their teachers. A supply list for 6th -8th grades is available on the school website and in a special summer mailing sent to parents. All students will need to bring a back pack to school. No rolling book bags for students in K-2nd grades.

LUNCH PROGRAM

- The OLS School lunch program is provided by Christian Catering Service, under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Just. All lunches are to be ordered and paid online. Drinks are not included with the school lunch order (see "Drink Tickets" below). Students may also bring their lunches from home, which can include juice or fruit drinks. No soft drinks, carbonated beverages, glass bottles or fast food are allowed.

DRINK TICKETS:

- Students in 4th -8th grades must purchase a drink ticket to buy milk, juice, bottled water, and/or ice cream. Students in K-3rd grades must purchase a drink ticket for bottled water, milk and ice cream. These tickets may be purchased in \$5 increments (\$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, etc.) in the mornings through the homeroom teacher. Please make checks payable to OLS School. All ice cream and drink items are \$1 each. *Separate checks must be written for drinks and lunches, as they are processed separately.

WEEKLY LITURGIES

- The students attend Mass each week every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. unless indicated otherwise on the school calendar or newsletter (i.e. Holy Days, Thanksgiving, Christmas). The liturgies are planned each week by individual classes. Parents are always invited and encouraged to attend.

SCHOOL HOURS

- Monday: 7:55 a.m.–2:15 p.m. / Tuesday–Friday: 7:55 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
- Students may arrive as early as 7:30 a.m. Before school, K-5th grades should report to the cafeteria, and 6th -8th grades should report to the supervising teachers' classrooms (schedule posted by C building door). Students are dismissed to their respective classrooms at 7:45 a.m., with announcements beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. are considered late and should sign in at the school office to receive an Admission Pass to be admitted to their classrooms.

EARLY MORNING CARE

- Early Morning Care is available from 7:00 a.m.–7:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. All students dropped off between these hours must report to the cafeteria. The charge is \$2 per student.

MORNING CARPOOL

- Morning carpool is ONE LANE only. Please drive up in a single line to the designated area. All children should be ready to get out of the car to keep carpool moving efficiently. For the safety of the children, please do not get out of line and/or pass other cars.

AFTERNOON CARPOOL

- A carpool tag with an assigned family number will be distributed and should be displayed in the window of the vehicle for carpool. All students will be waiting in their classrooms until their number is called. The child should know if he/she is being picked up on the right side or left side of carpool.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE (ASC)

- ASC is available until 6 p.m. each day school is in session for students in Wee K4–8th grades. All students who are not picked up in afternoon carpool will report to ASC. No student will be allowed to leave the school grounds unsupervised, unless he/she is walking home and has permission. There is a yearly registration fee of \$10 per child for ASC. Cost is \$8 per day for one child / \$15 per day for two children in a family / \$22 per day for three (or more) children in a family. A bill will be sent home at the end of the month for ASC charges

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

- Toy Bowl (The Birmingham Catholic Diocese athletic program) offers basketball for boys and girls in grades K-8 and volleyball for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Girls' athletics also includes cheerleading. In addition, the John Carroll Catholic Middle School Program is available for students in 7th - 8th grades and offers a variety of sports for both boys and girls. Please visit jcchs.org/athletics for more information about the John Carroll program.

UNIFORM POLICY GRADES K-8th

- **Students in K-8th grades are required to wear uniforms**

Official uniforms are available through Dennis Uniform at www.dennisuniform.com / 205-822-7025 or 800-854-6951. The OLS School online ordering code is: BAOLSB

 - **Boys** - Boys are required to wear white or gray uniform logo shirts with a collar or white turtle neck shirts; navy blue dress pants or navy blue walking shorts; and white, navy, or black socks (which must be visible above the top of the shoe). Belts are required for students in 3rd -8th grades. **Only solid white t-shirts may be worn under a uniform shirt.**
 - **Girls** - Girls in K-4th grades are required to wear the official uniform jumper or skort. Girls in 5th-8th grades are required to wear the official skirt or skort uniform. **These uniforms must not be shorter than two inches above the top of the knee.** All girls in K-8th grades also have the option to wear navy blue pants or navy blue walking shorts. Belts are required with all pants and shorts for students in 3rd -8th grades. White, navy, or black tights/socks (**no leggings**) may be worn with uniform (socks must be visible above the top of the shoe). Shorts should be worn under the jumper or skort, but must not be longer than the length of the jumper or skort. Girls are required to wear white or gray uniform logo shirts with shorts, skirts, and pants. Girls in K-4th grades may wear the Peter Pan collar shirt (no logo) under the jumper only. **Only solid white t-shirts may be worn under a uniform shirt.**
- **Mass Day Uniform -**
 - **Boys** – Boys in K-8th grades should wear tie and white button-down oxford with navy blue dress pants. Boys neckties must be purchased from Dennis Uniform. Knit shirts or shorts are not allowed on Mass days.
 - **Girls** - Girls in K-4th grades should wear a skort with white button-down oxford and cross tie, or jumper with white round collar blouse (cross tie optional with jumper). Girls in 5th-8th grades should wear a skirt or skort with white button-down oxford and cross tie. Girls' cross ties must be purchased from Dennis Uniform. Knit shirts, shorts or pants are not allowed on Mass days.
- **All Students – Outer Wear**
 - OLS School sweatshirts, fleece jackets, and vests with the school crest are optional.
 - Non uniform jackets, coats, OLS hoodies, and non uniform sweatshirts may be worn on the playground **only**.
 - All boys' and girls' shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- **Shoe Policy –**
 - School shoes must be low-cut athletic shoes: white, black, gray or navy (or any combination of these colors) with **NO OTHER COLORS**.
 - No mid- tops or high-tops are allowed.
 - Shoe laces and any accents (labels and trim) should also be white, black, gray or navy. **NO OTHER COLORS**, no pictures, no flashing lights, etc. are allowed.
 - Athletic shoes are required for P.E. and wear nicely on the paved playground.
- **Grooming**
 - **Boys** - Hair must be neat, may not be distracting, and must remain out of the eyes without assistance. Hair length cannot extend over the collar. Extreme coloring and bleaching with non-natural colors and/or patterns is not permitted. Haircuts must be of a traditional nature with no unusual cuts. Examples of unusual cuts are partial shavings and/or taller row of hair in middle. Facial hair, earrings, and tattoos of any kind **are not** permitted.
 - **Girls** – Hair must be neat, may not be distracting, and must remain out of the eyes. Extreme coloring and bleaching with non-natural colors and/or patterns is not permitted. Nail polish colors must be light in color. **No** artificial fingernails/tips or tattoos of any kind are permitted. Only one pair of earrings may be worn and those must be stud earrings. Light make-up is allowed for 7th and 8th grade girls (no make-up in grades K-6).
 - **All students** - Scented lotion, perfume, cologne, or after-shave should not be worn to school due to possible student and staff allergies.

PARENTS SHOULD SEE THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE WELL GROOMED AND ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNIFORM POLICY AS STATED ABOVE.