

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy 2023-2024

BACK TO SCHOOL PARENT MEETING

AUGUST 28, 2023

Agenda

- ▶ Welcome
- ▶ Faculty Updates
- ▶ Arrival and Dismissal Procedures
- ▶ Important September Dates
- ▶ OLMCA's Busy Summer of Improvements
- ▶ Extracurriculars
- ▶ Virtus
- ▶ Join the HAA!



Welcome and Thank You

Please welcome:

Mr. Ryan Resky (Music)

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Drop-off: 3K (Ms. Edwards) (Convent Entrance)

- ▶ **3K** students will enter through the convent doors at 8:30AM.
- ▶ Any 3K students that arrive after 8:30AM, must enter through the main entrance.



Drop-off: 3K (Ms. LeGuelaff)

- ▶ All 3K students in Ms. Brittany LeGuelaff's class must use the Church side entrance.
- ▶ Doors will open at 8:30am.
- ▶ Any students that arrive after 8:45AM, must enter through the main entrance.



Dismissal for 3K (Ms. LeGuelaff)

- ▶ **3K** students will dismiss from Churchside Entrance starting at 2:30PM.
- ▶ Note: **Wednesday dismissal is 2:30PM for 3K.**



Drop-off (3K and PreK): Optional Religion Students

- ▶ All PreK students in the Religion program must use the Church side entrance.
- ▶ **3K and PreK** Religion Group may start entering the building by 7:50AM.
- ▶ Optional Religion on Monday, September 11th



Drop-off (PreK)

- ▶ Students in **Mrs. Keenan's Class and Ms. Alyssa's class** will be dropped off at the main entrance at 8:30AM. Students will meet their teacher or teacher aide on their side of the entrance.
 - ▶ **Mrs. Keenan** will be on the left side of the entrance.
 - ▶ **Ms. Alyssa** will be on the right side of the entrance.
- ▶ **PreK** Instructional students may enter the building at 8:30AM.
- ▶ Any students that arrive after 8:45AM, must enter through the main entrance.



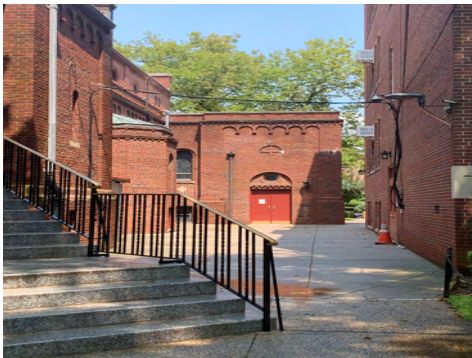
Drop-off (PreK)

- ▶ Students in **Mrs. Orlov's** side will be on the left side (closer to Juno Street) of the entrance.
- ▶ Any students that arrive after 8:45AM, must enter through the main entrance.



Dismissal (PreK)

- ▶ **PreK** teachers will stagger dismissal.
 - ▶ **Mrs. Orlov's class** will dismiss from Church side door at 2:45PM



- ▶ **Ms. Alyssa's class** will dismiss from Main entrance 2:45PM
- ▶ **Mrs. Keenan's class** will dismiss from Main entrance at 2:45PM



Drop-off Kindergarten and First Grade (Main Entrance)

- ▶ School doors will open at 7:45AM for the school.
- ▶ Parents will not be permitted to walk students into the building at arrival. Extra faculty and staff will be available to assist younger students outside of the school building.



Dismissal (Kindergarten and 1st Grade)

- ▶ **Grades K and 1** will dismiss at 2:55PM from the Main Entrance.
- ▶ Students attending the Extended Care program will be brought to the Parish Hall by the teacher aide.
- ▶ Note: **Wednesday dismissal is 1:55PM**



Drop-off Second and Third Grade (Main Entrance)

- ▶ Students in Grades 2 and 3 may be dropped off between 8:00-8:10AM.
- ▶ Parents will not be permitted to walk students into the building at arrival. Extra faculty and staff will be available to assist younger students outside of the school building.



Dismissal (Second and Third Grade)

- ▶ **Grades 2-3** will dismiss at 2:55PM from the Courtyard entrance.
- ▶ **Wednesday dismissal is 1:55PM.**
- ▶ Students attending the **Extended Care program** will be brought to the convent classrooms by the teacher .



Drop-Off (Fourth and Fifth Grade): Courtyard

- ▶ **Grades 4-5: 7:45-7:55AM (Courtyard Entrance)**
- ▶ Special subject teachers/office staff/classroom aides stationed at the entrance.
- ▶ Any student arriving after 8:10AM, must check in with Ms. Hinkson for a late pass.



Dismissal (Fourth Grade)

- ▶ **Grades 4** will dismiss **2:55 PM** from the Church Side entrance. Students will be brought to **Kessel Street** for dismissal.
- ▶ Note: **Wednesday** dismissal is **1:55PM**
- ▶ Students attending the **Extended Care program** will brought to the convent classrooms by the teacher .



Dismissal (Fifth Grade)

- ▶ **Grade 5** will dismiss **2:55 PM** from the Church Side entrance. Students will be brought to Juno Street for dismissal. Parents are encouraged to park on Juno Street if they are picking up students in middle school.
- ▶ Note: **Wednesday** dismissal is **1:55PM**
- ▶ Students attending the **Extended Care program** will be brought to the convent classrooms by the teacher .



Drop-Off (Grades 6-8)

- ▶ **Grades 6-8: 8:00-8:10AM (Courtyard Entrance)**
- ▶ Special subject teachers/office staff/classroom aides stationed at the entrance.
- ▶ Any student arriving after 8:10AM, must check in with Ms. Hinkson for a late pass.



Dismissal (Grades 6-8)

- ▶ **Grades 6 through 8** will dismiss **2:55PM** from the Church Side entrance. Students will be brought to Juno Street for dismissal. Parents are encouraged to park on Juno Street if they are picking up students in middle school.
- ▶ Note: **Wednesday dismissal is 1:55PM**
- ▶ Students attending the **Extended Care program** will be brought to the convent classrooms by the teacher.



Tuesday, September 5th

- ▶ Professional Day for Faculty
- ▶ School Office Open from 9am-2pm
- ▶ Back to School Night for 3K and PKA at 6:30pm
 - ▶ Enter through the main entrance on Kessel Street

Wednesday, September 6th

- ▶ This is the first official school day for all students in **grades K through 8**
- ▶ Students are to come to the **school** in full school uniform with their backpack.
- ▶ NYC Yellow Bus Service (Pending NYC Yellow Bus Strike)
- ▶ Students Eat Lunch in classrooms
- ▶ NYC DOE Lunch program
- ▶ Faculty Professional Development 12:30pm-2:45pm
- ▶ School Office Open Until 3pm

Thursday, September 7th

- ▶ Students in grades K through 8 are to report to their assigned entrances.
- ▶ Full-day instruction begins today for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8.
- ▶ 1st Day of School for 3K and PKA from 8:30am-12:30pm
- ▶ DOE Lunch Program Begins
- ▶ NYC Yellow Bus Service (Pending NYC Yellow Bus Strike)
- ▶ **Back to School Night for Grades 6-8 at 5:30pm and 6:30pm for Grades K-5**

Friday, September 8th

- ▶ Students in grades K through 8 are to report to their assigned entrances.
- ▶ DOE Lunch Program
- ▶ 2nd Day of School for 3K and PKA from 8:30am-12:30pm
- ▶ NYC Yellow Bus Service (Pending NYC Yellow Bus Strike)

Monday, September 11th

- ▶ Full Day of School for all students
- ▶ Optional Religion Program Begins for 3K and PreK at 8am
- ▶ Early Morning Drop-off and Breakfast Program Begins at 7:15am in Parish Hall
- ▶ Extended Day Program Begins (3-5:30pm)
 - ▶ Pick Up from Convent Entrance

Back to School Night

- ▶ Tuesday, September 6th at 6:30pm
 - ▶ 3K and PKA
 - ▶ Enter Through Main Entrance, Doors will open at 6:15pm

- ▶ Thursday, September 8th at 6:30pm
 - ▶ Grades 6-8 report directly to the gym for one session
 - ▶ Grades K-5 will report directly to the classroom at 6:30pm
 - ▶ 3 Sessions throughout the evening



Summer Projects

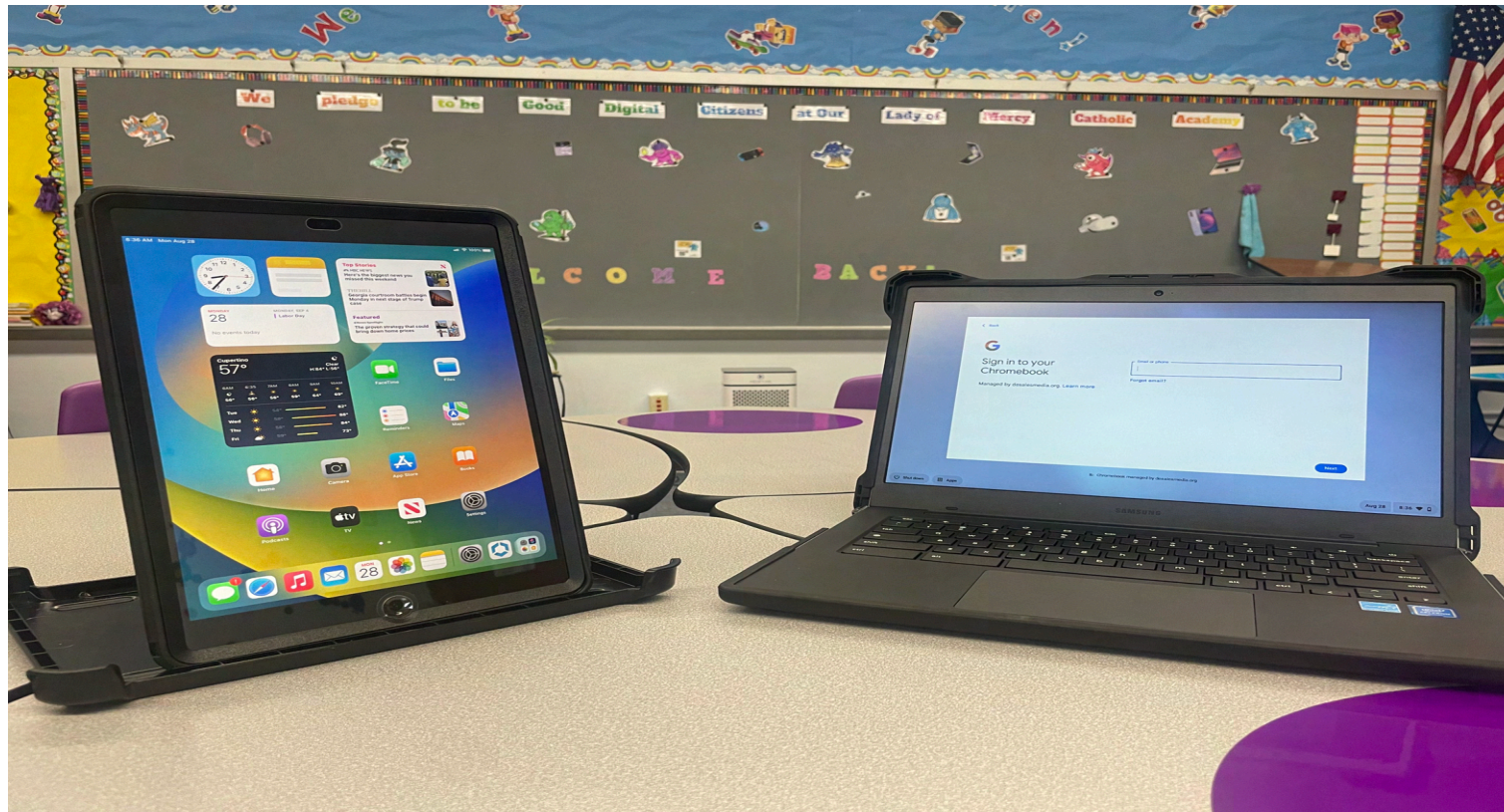
Water Fountains



Floors



iPads and Chromebooks



i-Ready

- ▶ i-Ready is an online program for reading and/or mathematics that helps teacher(s) determine students' needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year. i-Ready allows teachers to meet your student exactly where they are and provides data to increase students' learning gains. i-Ready consists of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction. The Diagnostic provides a score reflecting students' grade level and potential.
- ▶ iReady scores are the standardized test results that will be entered onto student permanent records cards and the TACHS record for 8th grade students applying to Catholic High Schools.

Extracurricular Activities



Soccer Kids

Wednesdays



Band

Thursdays



Yoga

Mondays

New Extracurricular Activities

Improv & Storytelling After School Class

Starts on 9/22

 **PLAY GAMES**

 **CREATE CHARACTERS**

 **INVENT WORLDS**

\$300 for 10 sessions
Checks payable to OLMCA

Fridays from
3-4 PM

Grades 3, 4, 5
min 8 - max 16
students

Through super fun exercises and spirited collaboration, the students will gain confidence speaking in a group and learn how to find agreement and support by being team players. They will learn to listen carefully and bring their individual truth and honesty to their sharing. They'll create characters on the spot, dive into settings from their own imaginations and weave scenes together. By the end of the course, you will be dazzled by an improv showcase! Each young learner will be fully immersed in creative play and is guaranteed to bring home theater game ideas that you can play as a whole family.

New York Chess Academy

NYCA

"From Pawns to Kings"

OLMCA's Family Mass Schedule

- ▶ 10/1/23 (Grade 7) at 10:30am
- ▶ 11/5/23 (Grade 6) at 10:30am
- ▶ 12/10/23 (Grade 8&K) at 10:30am
- ▶ 1/7/24 (Grade 5 and 1)
- ▶ **1/28/24 Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10:30am**
- ▶ 2/4/24 (Grade 4 and 2) 10:30am
- ▶ 3/3/24 (Grade 3) 10:30am
- ▶ **5/5/24 May Crowning (Grade 2) 10:30am**
- ▶ 6/9/24 8th Grade Graduation Mass 10:30am

Save the Date: Living Rosary Rally

Sunday, October 22nd
following the 12pm Mass



Virtus Training at OLMCA

- ▶ Register at: www.virtusonline.org
- ▶ Click Brooklyn Diocese
- ▶ Scroll down the list of sessions

- ▶ ONLY FOR Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy and Our Lady of Martyrs Catholic Academy Families
- ▶ The location will be: The School Gym Entering through the side doors, accessed via the passageway between the school and the church

Join the HAA!

- ▶ The mission of the Home Academy Association is to **support and enrich** the educational endeavors of the academy. Through fundraising, teacher recognition, support, and school improvements, the organization works to **promote a connection from home to academy.**
- ▶ 1st Meeting: Thursday, September 14th at 7pm in the School Gym
- ▶ Contact the **HAA** at haa@olmercyca.com

Absolute Charter and Re-accreditation

- ▶ OLMCA obtained its Absolute Charter over the Summer
- ▶ Next Steps:
 - ▶ Re-accreditation in November 2023 with Cognia
 - ▶ Parent Surveys, Student Surveys, Teacher Surveys
 - ▶ Parent Meetings
 - ▶ Classroom Visits

Thank you!

