



Our Lady of Victory Catholic School

Our Lady of Victory is a Catholic Parish School Dedicated to Living our Victory Values through Faith, Academics, and Service.
Virtuous living + Intellectual growth + Christ-like behavior + Teamwork + Opportunities for service + Respect for all + Yes to Forgiveness

Back-to-School Newsletter: August 2017

- WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL -

Friday, August 25

Consignment Shop Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., School Lower Level
September Hot Lunch Orders Due

Monday, August 28

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL (Grades 1-8): Noon Dismissal/No bus
No Kindergarten students today

Consignment Shop Hours: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., School Lower Level

Band Parent Meeting, 6:00-6:30 p.m., Victory Hall
Grade 6 Camp Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Back to School Night (Grades 6-8): 7 p.m. (Parents Only)

Tuesday, August 29

Kindergarten First Day: designated hour with a parent
Full day for students in grades 1-8: No bus this week

Consignment Shop Hours: 8:30-10 a.m. & 2:30-4 p.m.

Back to School Night (Grades K-5): 7 p.m. (Parents Only)
Latchkey Service begins today

Wednesday, August 30

First All School Mass: 8:30 a.m., Church

Consignment Shop Hours: 9:30-11 a.m. and 2:30-4 p.m.

Noon dismissal for Kindergarten students
Milk Service begins today

Thursday, August 31

PTO Welcome Coffee: 8:30 a.m., Cafeteria - All are welcome!

Noon dismissal for Kindergarten students

Friday, September 1-Monday, September 4

No School-Labor Day Weekend

Tuesday, September 5

Bus Service Begins
New School forms due today
Grade 8 Washington D.C trip Parent Meeting, 6 p.m.



Keep up on the latest school and PTO events on

FACEBOOK!



First Day of School for Students in Grades 1-8

I bet that you cannot wait to find out who your teacher is this year! That secret will be kept until the very first day of school. Returning students are to report to last year's homeroom.

New students are to report to our library. After morning prayers, students will be guided to their new homerooms to meet their new teacher!

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Consignment Shop

Fall Sale



Last Week for Clothing Drop Off

At 45392 Dunbarton Drive, Novi

**Clean out your closets!
We need EVERYTHING:**

School - Club - Sports uniforms, Victorian
Festival - Renaissance - Saints Costumes!
Shoes, socks, accessories! Spirit wear!

Sale Starts

Friday, August 25, 9 AM-4 PM

Consignment Shop located in lower level

Questions? Contact
Coordinator, Joanne Gutowsky at (248)
207-9837 or joanne@cjsystemsinc.com.

Parent Meeting for Incoming



6th Grade Students

Please note that there will be a parent meeting for all incoming grade 6 students to discuss the upcoming 6th Grade Camp (September 11-12). The meeting is **Monday, August 28, at 6:30 p.m., in Victory Hall.** Camp volunteers are needed to drive and chaperone. Details will be discussed at this meeting.

Summer Work Due on First Day of School

All summer work must be completed and brought to school on **Monday, August 28.** Math packets and reading work should be turned in to your child's classroom teacher on the first day of school. Students who participated in the RAZ reading program this summer will have their progress assessed by their classroom teacher online.

All **school supplies** that were purchased online will be waiting for your student in their homeroom. All other school supplies need to be brought in on the first day of school.

OLVSP (Our Lady of Victory Service Program)

To meet the requirements of the OLVSP, each OLV family needs to donate a minimum of 6 hours of service to Our Lady of Victory. Please note, that for the 2017-18 school year, a few **changes** will be in place:

- The **6 hours must be completed by volunteering 4 shifts in the lunch room or at recess.**
- Minimum of **2 lunch room and/or recess shifts per semester**
- Only adult members of your family, their employee, or another OLV family may volunteer their time towards your family.
- All volunteers must have a completed **background check**, as well as, documentation of a successful completion of **Protecting God’s Children workshop.**
- All volunteers should **park in the church parking lot** in spots north of the “island”.
- Shortcut links to all volunteer opportunities, as they get setup, can be found at www.olvnorthville.org/volunteering-at-olv

2017-2018 Recess & Lunch Period Schedule		
Time	Lunch	Recess
11:25-11:45 a.m.	Grades 3-5	
11:50-12:10 a.m.	Grades 6-8	Grades 3-5
12:15-12:35 p.m.	Grades K-2	Grade 6-8 (to 12:30 p.m.)
12:40-1:00 p.m.		Grades K-2

HOT LUNCH Service Begins

Tuesday, September 5

Hot lunch orders for September are due Friday, August 25

Milk Service Begins

Tuesday, September 5

Order form will be in your packet and on the website.

Protecting God’s Children Workshops

All parents who wish to help coach CYO sports or volunteer their time at OLV school (including field trips), must first complete a “Protecting God’s Children” workshop. Each workshop starts at 6 p.m. and lasts around 3 hours. Upcoming workshops scheduled in the area include:

Monday, August 21, St. Michael School, Livonia

Tuesday, September 12, All Saints School, Canton

Thursday, October 12, St. Fabian Parish, Farmington Hills

Go to www.virtusonline.org to register.



Buying School Uniforms

If you have questions about our uniform policy, please visit www.olvnorthville.org/uniform-policy for a quick guide. There are two options for families as they outfit their children with the required Our Lady of Victory Catholic School Uniform:

1. **Purchase your uniform from OLV’s uniform provider, Educational Outfitters** located at 23317 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington. If ordering online, our school code is **MI01645**. As you need additional items throughout the year, remember that if you call your order into Educational Outfitters, they will deliver your products to OLV at no charge for pick up.
2. **Purchase your uniform from our OLV Consignment Shop** which is open throughout the school year with a large inventory of gently used school and sports uniform apparel. The consignment shop will be staffed during the **first week of school in its location in the lower level of OLV.**

OLV Shoe Policy: **CHANGE**

Remember that shoes are a part of our school uniform. Visit www.olvnorthville.org/uniform-policy for a quick guide to the uniform policy.

School Shoes

Girls (Grades 1-8):

- May wear shoes with minimal accessories that are **solid** black, dark brown, or navy blue as long as they are 100% leather. These accessories may include items like a metal buckle or a bow in the same solid color. No glitter or obtrusive shoe decorations are permitted.
- Solid white or black athletic shoes.
- Solid color Sperry topsiders with white soles are acceptable as long as they are black, brown, or navy.
- Socks must be visible above the ankle in a solid white, navy or red color. Socks may also have a small emblem in a non-uniform color. White, navy, or red tights are also acceptable.

Boys (Grades 1-8):

- May wear “mostly” **solid** black or dark brown shoes as long as they are 100% leather (no white or cream soles).
- “Mostly” solid white or black athletic shoes. *Mostly* means that a small shoe accessory (stitching, emblem, etc). may be in a different color (for example, a blue Nike swoosh on an all white shoe).
- Brown, black, or navy Sperry Topsiders with a white sole would meet this requirement.

Gym Shoes

For all students in **grades 1-8**, an athletic shoe that meets the OLV shoe policy may be worn for gym class. This does not have to be a separate pair of shoes. All **kindergarten students** need to wear a pair of supportive, athletic shoes. There are no specifications for these shoes--they can be student selected. Please make sure they have non-marking soles.

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School Counselor

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Teaching Staff

Elementary School

Kindergarten	Jennifer Blazejewski, Judy Horger, Carol Shattock
Grade 1	Kathy Guirey, Pauline Maslak
Grade 2	Jill Livingstone, June Rutkowski
Grade 3	Shawn Staff, Kathleen Welsh
Grade 4	Aimee Hanley, Mary Maslak
Grade 5	Megan Loboeki, Emily Wesley

Middle School (grade 6-8)

ELA	Margaret MacLean, Tim Spellman
Math	Amy Bradford, Carole Ann Whited
Religion	Ruth Scaramucci
Science	Jessica Marcou
Social Studies	Debbie Padalis

Learning Center

Grade K-2	Helen Bierley
Grade 3-5	Mary Goode
Grade 6-8	Lisa Baird

Specials

Library	Media Specialist TBA
Art	Petra Hinderer
Computer	Lauren Murray
Music	Steve Cross
Physical Education	Myra Kolbow
Spanish	Erin Hockenberger
Lunch Room	Linda Welsh



Afternoon Bus Service from OLV

Northville Public School (NPS) provide an afternoon bus to any OLV student residing within the NPS boundary. If you are interested in having your child take the bus home in the afternoon, please contact Michael Henry at (248) 344-8470 or jmhenrey@durhamschoolservices.com.



Student Drop-off & Pickup Procedures

For the safety of our students, please follow the drop-off and pickup procedures. Please help any new families you see who are just learning the routine!

Dropping Off

Two lanes of traffic enter the parking lot in the mornings using the north entrance. Volunteers will be available to help your children with exiting the car and crossing the parking lot safely. **Please pull your car all the way to the volunteer—stopping early holds up traffic in the street!** All drivers must **exit the lot using the south exit and turn right** (to go south back down Orchard Drive). If you wish to park and walk your child into school, please use the back rows of the school or church parking lot.

Picking Up

Grade K-2 Students: Teachers walk students outside and wait under the school front “porch” area. All K-2 parents must park their cars and walk to their student’s teacher to retrieve their child. K-2 students will not be dismissed to older siblings or allowed to walk to their parents’ cars independently. Older brothers and sisters are welcome to wait with their K-2 sibling under the “porch”. Students in grades K-2 may not walk with their siblings to another location.

Grade 3-5 Students: Teachers will walk students outside and across Orchard Drive to the church parking lot. Parents can then retrieve their grade 3-5 student from the grade-level teacher outside with the students.

Grade 6-8 Students: Middle school students complete their last class at 3:30 p.m. and take a few more minutes to get outside. Students in grades 6-8 also wait for their parents or designated drivers in the church parking lot.

Mark your Calendar!

PTO Welcome Coffee

Thursday, August 31, 8:30 a.m., Cafeteria

PTO Meetings on Thursday Mornings

Thursday, September 14, at 8:30 a.m., Library

www.olvpto.com

First Dads’ Club Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria

www.olvathletics.com

School Wide Communications

- Forms and flyers will be sent home with the oldest student in your family. Please check their backpack each night.
- The **weekly school newsletter** will be emailed to you on Friday of each week during the school year. Please be sure any changes to your email address are brought to the office. All newsletters are archived on the website at www.olvnorthville.org/school-newsletter.

OLV School Hours



- 7-8:10 a.m.: ESP in library (registered OLV students)
- 8:10 a.m.: School Doors Open. Student drop-off begins.
- 8:10 a.m.: First Bell Rings
- 8:20 a.m.: Second Bell Rings.
Students not in their classroom seats are marked tardy!
- 3:30 p.m.: Dismissal
- 3:30-6 p.m.: ESP in cafeteria (registered OLV students)

Weekly School Mass

The school wide Mass will be held each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome. The first Mass of the year, is [Wednesday, August 30](#). This year, we will have four special Masses to honor some very important people in our students' lives:

- ❖ Grandparents Mass: **October 25**
- ❖ Veterans Mass: **November 8**
- ❖ Mass Honoring our OLV Dads: **March 21**
- ❖ Mass Honoring our OLV Moms: **May 9**

Packet of New Forms

All forms for the 2017-18 school year will be sent home on the first day of school. Please check the backpack of the oldest student in your family for the packet.

All forms need to be completed and returned by **Tuesday, September 5**. Please send them to school using the same backpack (as opposed to dropping them off in the office). The packet should include the following forms:

- Milk Service Order Form
- Medical Treatment Release Form
- Concussion Awareness Form
- Volunteer Code of Conduct
- Volunteer Driver Information Sheet
- Website/Media Authorization and Handbook Form

You Are Invited

**PTO Welcome Coffee
Thursday, August 31, 8:30 a.m.
Cafeteria**

Please join the PTO Board and Committee Chairs after drop-off in the school cafeteria for coffee and bagels. Sign-up sheets will be available for all PTO events and committees including the upcoming Auction. We need your help by coming together to make this a great year for our school. Spirit Wear will available for sale. All are welcome! **Feel free to bring siblings!**



**8th Grade Class of 2018 OLV Car Wash
Sunday, August 27, 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
School Parking Lot**

**Please help the 8th grade students get to Washington D.C. by getting your car washed before or after Mass!
Donations gratefully accepted. Thank you for your support!**



**Our Lady of Victory Parish
ANNUAL PICNIC**

**Sunday, September 10, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Cass Benton Park (between Six Mile and Seven Mile Roads, along Northville Road)**

Join us for 11:30 a.m. Mass outside
Hamburgers and hot dogs immediately following (Beverages will be provided)

If you have a favorite picnic side dish, please bring it along
(cold storage will be available and limited outlets for hot dishes will also be available)

Games for kids of all ages!

Sponsored by: The OLV Ushers, Dad's Club, Knights of Columbus and Parish Council

