

OLL SCHOOL REPORT August 2015

OLL SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of the Lake School Community educates, nurtures, and guides students spiritually, academically, and physically, in the Franciscan Spirit, through the Gospels and teachings of the Catholic Faith.

STUDENT INFORMATION

We have nearly all families re-registered for the fall to bring our total to 70 presently registered for K-8, 1 high school student and 22 Preschool students.

The summer school program had a steady enrollment of about 11 students per day. We are continuing to enroll for all grades PreK-9.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Plans for using the Franciscan Virtues are in place for each month of the school year. We have planned for monthly birthday liturgies and special feast days of the school year. Grades 1-9 classrooms will be planning each school liturgy on a rotating schedule. Our weekly mass day is changed to Thursday for the coming school year due to calendar scheduling.

STAFF INFORMATION

All early release days have been planned for use. Many of them will be for developing the Self Study Areas that the staff is assigned. The preschool will remain open and after school care will be available to families who need care during the early release days. This scheduling was made to correlate with the Ashland school district for bussing students to and from school.

All school staff is returning for the 2015-16 school year. Teachers had 2 required sign in days this summer as part of the total of in-service hours required by the diocese. Two staff members attended the Earth Partnership week for 3 credits towards teacher licensure.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

News articles about the new blended high school and ads were put into our local newspapers. OLL School is continuing to market for the 2015-16 school year with ads in the Daily Press, The Evergreen Shopper and The Bottom Line for all grades PreK-9. Our partnership with Regis School will extend to 8th grade where students will be allowed to register for online classes that are approved by the principal. OLL School has one student in 8th grade enrolled for 2 online classes.

Voucher Laws for the state of Wisconsin were modified this summer to allow for 1% of the total public school enrollment (about 20 students in Ashland) to begin to apply for assistance if their income levels qualify for the 2016-17 school year. A meeting with Wisconsin School Choice occurred in July at OLL School. OLL School will begin the process of training to become a voucher school through the guidance of Terry Brown, the Wisconsin School Choice representative, for our area. Vouchers will be available for those entering PreK4, Kindergarten and 1st grade for the coming 2016-17 school year.

Construction at the school is finished for the fall. All new windows have been installed and the 8th grade classroom was abated/remodeled. The waxing of all floors will be completed during the last week of August. The playground floor boards were replaced with TREX boards and the fence line was trimmed back.

The Home and School Officers met for an August meeting to review the events it has planned for the school year. There will be an Open House and Spaghetti Dinner meeting held on September 9th to inform all school families about the volunteer needs of the school.