



Our Lady of Peace Catholic School

**Parent-Teacher
Organization
Meeting**

January 31, 2024

Opening Prayer

Father,

We thank you for the opportunity to gather today. May everything we do begin with your inspiration & continue with your help. We ask your guidance throughout this meeting, that all of our thoughts & actions would reflect your holy will, & that you would grant us the grace to love you & our neighbors more perfectly. We pray in Jesus name.

Amen

Faculty & Staff 2023 - 2024

Pastor	Rev. Antony Gaspar
Principal	Mr. Stephen Hickey
Office Man.	Mrs. Pam Mentrup
Assoc Admin/Art	Ms. Colleen Parr
4K Lead	Mrs. Madison Gomez
4K Aide	Ms. Lily Slagle
5K	Ms. Jordan Shockley
5K Aide	Mrs. Cathy Regina Carroll
1st Grade	Ms. Anne Jackson
1st Aide	Gigi Santo Domingo-Paul
2nd Grade	Ms. Jan Kroger
2nd Aide	Ms. Sarah Jackson
3rd Grade	Ms. Andrea Perez
4th Grade	Mrs. Lauri Hoverkamp

MS Science	Dr. Austin Kyles
MS SS	Mr. Jeff Slagle
MS Math	Ms. Angie Van Dyne
MS ELA	Mr. Chris Herzberg
MS Religion	Ms. RoseMary Gorman
Spanish (K - 8th)	Mrs. Wilmarie Serrano
PE	Ms. Ricci Harris
Elem Intervention	Ms. Monica Garibay
MS Intervention	Ms. Gail Smith
Reading Spc	Mrs. Jean McDougald
Librarian/Vol.	Mrs. Mary Sherlock
Data Analyst	Ms. Genny Nelson



What's Going on at OLP?

4K - 1st Grade Playground — a few pieces have been placed out front & concrete vendors are being approached for estimates for a tricycle track. Looking to open in August 2024

Annex Renovations — estimates are coming in next week and will be reviewed by the Parish Buildings & Ground and the Parish Finance Councils

MAP Testing — February 5 through Tuesday, February 20

Ecology Lab Visit — February 13

Yearbook Class Pictures & Make-Up Pictures — February 21

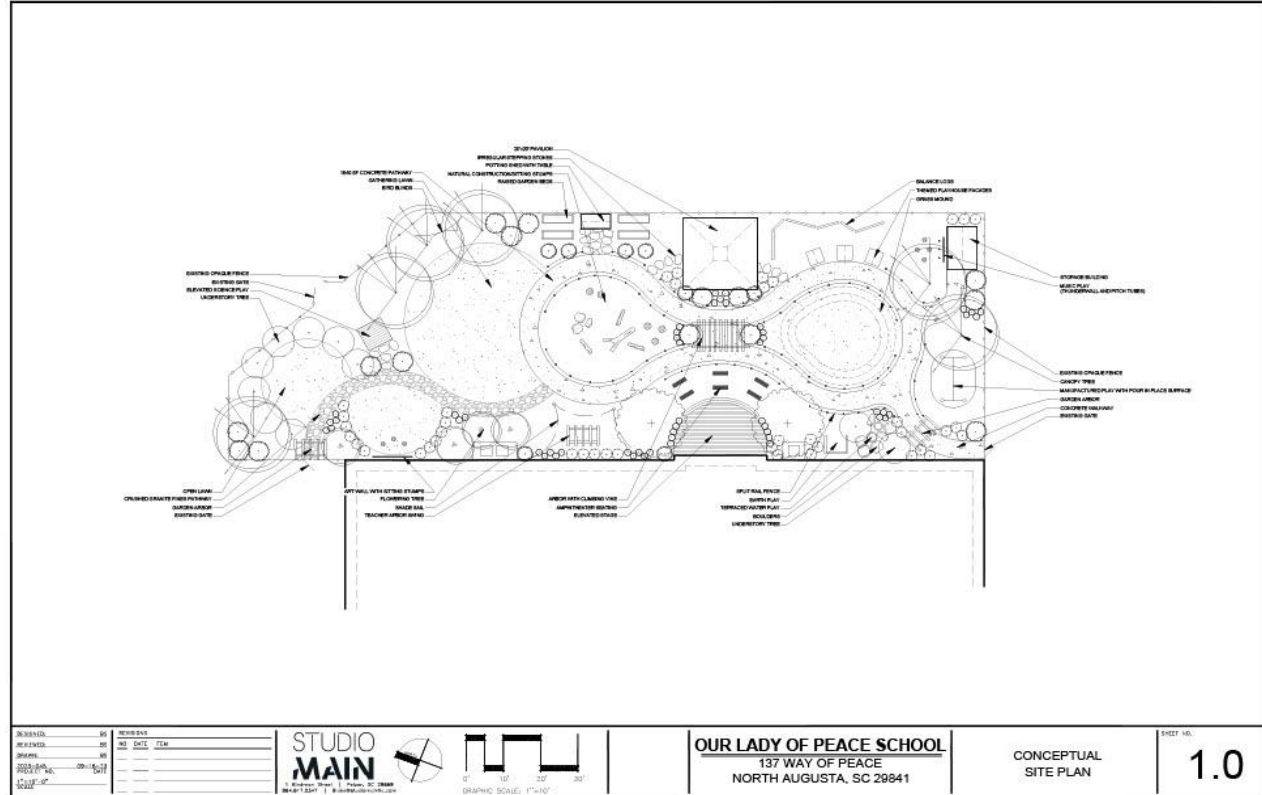
Dr. Seuss & Literacy Day (elementary) — March 1

ARK Testing (middle school; Catholic Identity) — April 1

What's Going on at OLP?

Old Edgefield Road Outdoor Learning Area Development

1. Fence
2. Trees
3. Shed
4. Site Prep
5. Site Construction
6. Hopefully open for 2024-2025 SY



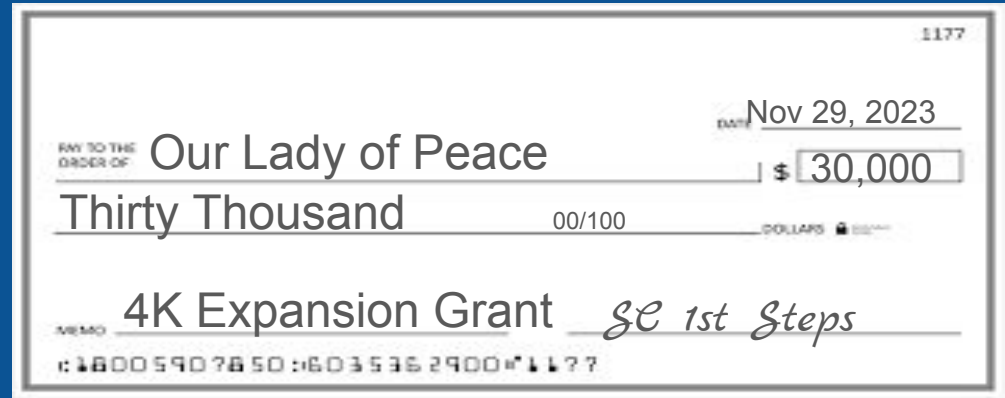
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4K Expansion Grant

We just received the notification that OLP was awarded a \$30,000 4K expansion grant in the fall!!!

These funds will pay for:

- site development plans for the outdoor play area **ACCOMPLISHED!!!**
- placement of an individual water heater under the sink (DSS 4K requirement) **IN PROCESS**
- additional funding for actions towards the completion of the outdoor play area. **IN PROCESS**



What's Going on at OLP?

Annex Expansion

Reasoning

we have grown every year for the last 5 years. We are currently at over 180 students and we have had waiting lists for multiple grade levels the last two years. We have exceeded our 1:20 teacher:student ratio and as a result have hired permanent aides in 4K - 2nd grade. We have altered the school as much as we possibly can to accommodate our growing numbers. We have to expand if we wish to continue our growth.

What does it involve?

We plan to renovate 4 out of the 8 classrooms along with the student bathrooms this school year (depending on cost increases). ELA, Social Studies, Math, & Religion will be located in those 4 classrooms. MS will have to walk back to the elementary building for some specials and science. The plan is to eventually renovate the old science lab (room 1) and the other three classrooms to relocate the whole MS faculty and all the student classes down the hill.

What's Going on at OLP?

Annex Expansion

Impact on Elementary School

We plan to begin another 4K classroom with 10 students the first year and grow to a two classroom 4K center with 20 students in each classroom by year 2.

We plan to hire a 5th grade teacher so we can place 5th grade back into elementary school

2nd grade - 5th grade will be moved to the current middle school hallway

A STEM Science lab/room will be established in the current 4th grade classroom
(2025-2026 school year)

Spanish & Art will be placed in the current 3rd grade classroom

What's Going on at OLP?

Annex Expansion

Currently we are in the process of procuring the architectural drawings/renovation blueprints for the site, #4. Below is the timeline for the project:

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| 1. Project Proposal to Parish | Aug 2022 | ✓ |
| 2. Project Proposal to Diocese | Sep 2022 | ✓ |
| 3. Initiate Partnership for Project Design | Mar 2023 | ✓ |
| 4. Field Investigation & Documentation | Sep 2023 | ✓ |
| 5. Design Submittal to Owner for Review | Oct 2023 | ✓ |
| 6. Issue for Permit Review | Nov 2023 | ✓ |
| 7. Issue for Construction | Dec 2023 | ✓ |
| 8. Bid Opening | Jan 2024 | *we are on schedule!!! |
| 9. Issue Signed Contracts | Feb 2024 | |
| 10. Construction Completed | August 1, 2024 | |
| 11. Furnish the rooms | Aug 1 - 14 2024 | |
| 12. First Day of School | August 19, 2024 | |

What's Going on at OLP?

School Choice

School Choice was passed this past summer and will be implemented next school year 2024 - 2025 SY. It is an EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT/PLAN.

Funds are deposited into a secure online account and transferred to the school of their choice for tuition and fees.

24 - 25 SY 5,000 students receive up to \$6,000 of tuition & fees

200% of federal poverty level guidelines

25 - 26 SY 10,000 students receive up to \$6,000 of tuition & fees

300% of federal poverty level guidelines

26 - 27 SY 15,000 students receive up to \$6,000 of tuition & fees

400% of federal poverty level guidelines

What's Going on at OLP?



What we know about it so far...

- 1st year of the program only 1st year kindergartners and public school students are eligible.
- Application window will be between January 15, 2024 - March 15, 2024.
- A rolling acceptance/awards - once funds are gone, they are gone for the year
- \$6,000 to be applied to private school tuition and fees (other alternatives as well; homeschool is not an option); anticipating an increase for inflation each year
- 200% of federal poverty level with it increasing 100% each year

NEW INFORMATION (more info to come on all of the below)

- Undocumented families are eligible to apply and accept the award
- 1st Steps qualified 4K students will automatically qualify, if they apply
- Any student on Medicaid will automatically qualify, if they apply
- No state in recent history has meet their cap of applicants the 1st year.
- Diocese will continue to push hard to include current students (more to come)

Cardinal Virtue Award

Cardinal Virtues

- Temperance (self-control)
- Prudence (wisdom)
- Justice (fairness)
- Fortitude (courage)



These virtues are labeled as Cardinal virtues due to the fact that all other virtues fall under them.

Each quarter the school will focus on one of the 4 Cardinal Virtues and at the PTO meeting will recognize one student from each grade due to their virtue relevant behavior.

Cardinal Virtue Recipients - 2nd Quarter

PRUDENCE -

ability to make wise and rational decisions

4K - Ainhoa Aray Molina

4th - Rozlyn Carroll

5K - Cortlyn Riley

5th - Adam Riley

1st - Adalynn Garduno

6th - Aaron Liu

2nd - Will Gorman

7th - Faro Carroll

3rd - Kieran Liu

8th - Ireland Carroll

1st Semester Honor Roll

All A's Honor Roll

3rd Taj Carroll

3rd Upton Carroll

3rd Kieran Liu

3rd Samuel Perez

4th Scarlett O'Hara

4th Isla Sherlock

5th McQueen Riley

6th Aaron Liu

8th Ireland Carroll

8th Embassy Sherlock



1st Semester Honor Roll

All A's & B's Honor Roll

2nd Fatima Avalos
2nd Dash Carroll
2nd Kashton Costello
2nd Knight Gorman
2nd Will Gorman
2nd Vivien Mack
2nd Justt McNally
2nd Millare Mulholland
2nd Estate O'Hara
2nd Kevin Oliva

2nd Rhett Riley
2nd Boz Sherlock
2nd Cross Sherlock
2nd Ivey Sherlock
3rd Victoria Avalos
3rd Asher Carroll
3rd Reign Carroll
3rd Elias
Menijyar-Hernandez
3rd Mila Mulholland

4th Dean Carroll
4th Hampton Carroll
4th John Gage McGuire
4th Ever Sherlock
5th Patrick D Carroll
6th Antonia Carroll
6th Creed Carroll
6th Isabella Carroll
6th Elegance Riley
6th Gabriel
Santiago-Ayala

6th Edge Sherlock
6th Merci Sherlock
7th Faro Carroll
7th John Daley Carroll
7th Gryphen Gorman
7th Easton Sherlock
7th Kody Sherlock
8th Tom Glavine
Gorman
8th Bryan Maines
8th Mike Thomas O'Hara



CSW Catholic Bee



1st - Ireland Carroll
2nd - Aaron Liu
3rd - Edge Sherlock

Grandparent Luncheon Pick-Up

If you sent a note in stating your grandchild will not be returning at 1pm, please park in the large parking lot. We will bring all designated students to you at 11am. Similar to end of day pick up.

They will be packed up for the day and released once they get to the stairs. We will have traffic stopped and the parking lot entry stopped.

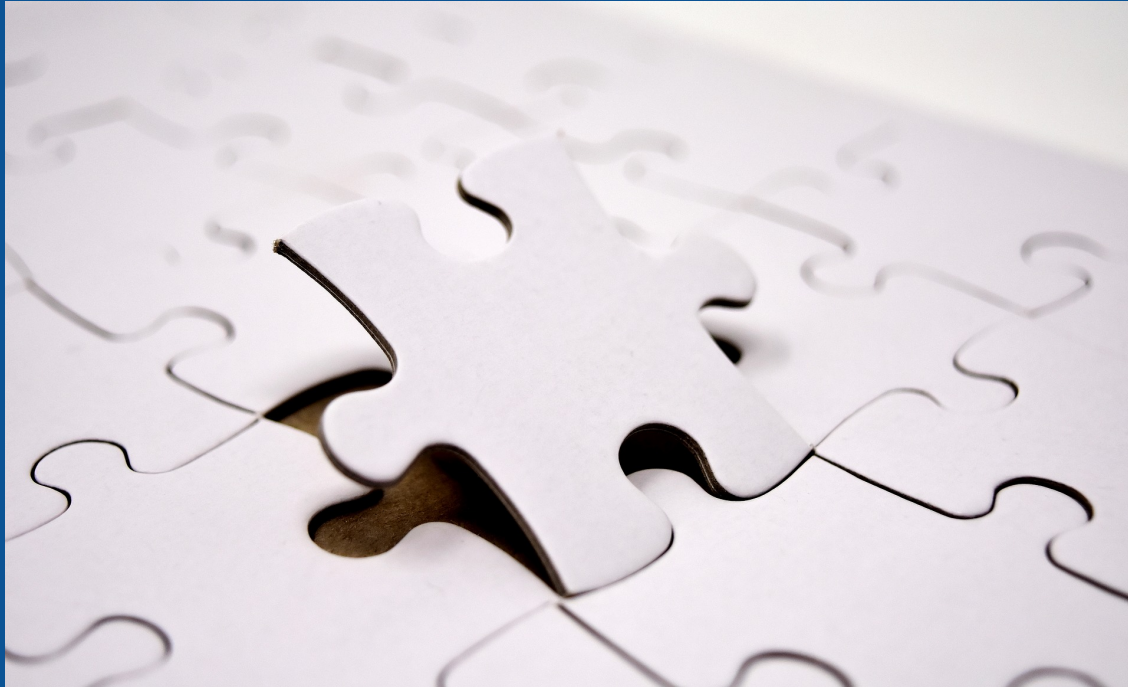
Please arrive and be parked by 1050am

If you did not send a note with your child, please drive the normal route for drop off in the mornings (Murphy Hall). A staff member will greet you and gather your child. They will not be packed up due to the fact that we assume they will be returning. Please return the student no later than 1pm through the front entry buzz doors.

December Newsletter Puzzle Winners

Out of Uniform – Mila Mulholland

Lunch with the Principal – Rhosyn Gorman



MS SRS UGA Ecology Lab Field Trip — ~2 months away

WE NEED DRIVERS!!!

Please pick up paperwork in the School Office to complete the Diocesan background screening and driving forms.

If you are not cleared to volunteer, you cannot attend the field trips.

It takes 3 - 4 weeks to get the paperwork returned with approval from the diocese.

There will be a cut off of appointments each week and walk-ins will not be accepted. Please schedule at your earliest convenience.



**Savannah River
Ecology Laboratory**
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA



Volunteer/To be of Service Opportunity-Fundraiser

Kroger's Community-It's easy to help us earn money when you enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. Sign up with your Plus Card & select Our Lady of Peace School. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards every time you swipe or use your alternate ID. If you already have an account, got to kroger.com, click Community in tool bar across the top, click on the Kroger Community Rewards tab. Choose "Do you already have an account? Click to sign in. You will need your Kroger Plus card number. Our Organization name: OUR LADY OF PEACE SCHOOL #JI951

Publix-Sign up for a Publix.com account-Then log into your account & select a school in your account settings. Simply enter your phone number at checkout. Eligible purchases @ Publix will help earn money for our school.

Upcoming Events & Reminders

Feb 5 - 20

MAP Testing

Mar 27

Report Cards

Feb 7

Progress Reports

Mar 28

1pm Dismissal

Feb 16 - 19

Winter Break

Holy Thursday

Feb 21

Yearbook Class

Mar 29

Good Friday; No School

Pictures & Make-Ups

Apr 1 - 20

ARK Testing

Mar 1

Diocesan Faculty PD

Apr 6-15

Spring Break

No School

Mar 15

1pm Dismissal

Mar 20

End of 3rd Quarter



OPEN HOUSE

Please visit your child's homeroom class, they have a surprise for you or your child (student work, project, homework pass, etc.)

Homeroom teachers will also have the sign up sheet for out of uniform on Monday.

PTO Attendance = OUT OF UNIFORM on Monday, February 5

PLEASE see Pam Mentrup in the School Office for:

- 2024 - 2025 Registration
- 2024 - 2025 4K Registration
- 2024 - 2025 School Choice (if you qualify)
- Volunteer Screening Information

3rd Grade!!!





THANK YOU
FOR
COMING

GOD BLESS