



JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Principal's Statement

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and blessed new year. 2024 has brought us many blessings and new opportunities for our school families. We have welcomed new members to both our parish and school. It has been an exciting year with accomplishments that are beyond what we could have envisioned. I would like to thank our families, teachers, staff, advisory council, priests, PTC, and our students for making these accomplishments possible. These many accomplishments were recognized this past September when we held our accreditation visit which only happens once every seven years. The hard work and dedication of many was highlighted by the accreditation team and has led to the next phase in our OLV journey.

Over the past few weeks, we broke ground on a junior high that will offer opportunities for generations to come. Our community has come together to raise more than 3.1 million dollars in pledges for this project. We'd like to thank our donors and volunteers for their commitment to this project all while still giving and contributing to our usual school fundraisers. This past year, we were able to replace all 4 major A/C units in the cafeteria, and we were able to double our financial aid fund for families in need. Your generosity not only helps transform our campus, but it helps bring down OLV's actual cost to educate. This past year, we were able to educate students for around \$7000/student which is nearly half that of the public school system. Due to the rising cost of insurance, goods, services, and educational tools, our diocese has notified us again of anticipated large financial increases to our schools. As we near the end of the year, if you have cause that you would still like to contribute to our annual fund, adopt-a-student, and JH campaign, we are still in need of funds.

Anticipated 2025-26 Tuition Rates:

	Children at school	Half day	Full day
Grades 3K-4K	1 child	\$ 3,995	\$6,200*
(1/2 Day with After Care Option)	2 child	\$ 7,900	\$12,000*
			*estimate with aftercare fee

	Children at school	Catholic Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Grades 5K-8	1 child	\$ 5,995	\$ 7,260
	2 child	\$ 10,890	\$ 13,000
	3 child	\$ 15,428	\$ 18,000

Welcome to OLV!

OLV is pleased to announce the addition of Maegan Martin to our OLV team as the new Director of Development & Admissions. Ms. Martin has been with the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux in South Louisiana for the last 8 years working in ministry and diocesan communications. Ms. Martin grew up down the road in Cuero where she attended St. Michael's Catholic Church. She received her undergraduate degree at Texas State University in Business and Marketing. In her spare time, Maegan is active in her faith and runs her own business in Event Photography. Maegan will begin with us in January and looks forward to meeting members of our OLV community. Please help us in welcoming Ms. Martin.



Calendar Changes

IN CASE YOU
MISSED IT...

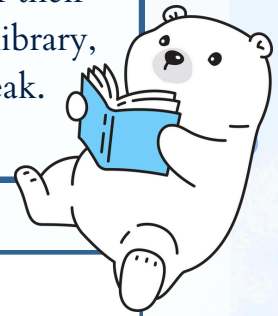
Monday, January 6th -Full day of School regular dismissal
Friday, January 17th -Free day for students
Monday, January 20th -Free day for students

Registration for 2025-2026

Pre-registration packets for the next school year (2025-2026) will go home on January 15 th . Half of the registration fee will be due when you turn in the paperwork. All paperwork is due by Friday January 24 th . We will open registration to the public on February 1 st

Library News

Happy New Year! I pray you and your family had a blessed Christmas and the New Year brings you peace, joy, and health.
OLV will host a Book Fair during Catholic School's Week, January 27th - January 31st . We are using the vendor, Literati, again this year.
As we make New Year Resolutions, think about making a resolution to read more individually and as a family. A very special Thank You to the OLV PTC for their generous donation to the library. I was able to order 214 new books for the library, and they should be in by the time the students return from Christmas break.
I hope to see you at the Book Fair!



After School Program News

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break.
Monday, January 6th - After Care resumes normal hours
Friday, January 17th and Monday, January 20th are free days for students. After Care will be available for 3K - 5th graders who are signed up. Please be on the lookout for those sign up links to go out through Procure messages.

****Reminder****

Students must bring a sack lunch and a drink on non school days.

****OLV SUMMER CAMP PRE-REGISTRATION****

Please look for the **ORANGE SHEET** the Summer Camp Pre-Registration sheet in your child's 2025-2026 school packet. Summer Camp is in high demand with limited spaces. If your incoming 3K-5 th grade student is interested in attending our Summer Camp Program please email Denise Castillo at dcastillo@ourladyvictory.org *Spots are limited and fill up quickly so reserve your spot ASAP.*

SAFETY UPDATES

Dismissal Changes

As required by our recent accreditation, we will be taking steps to further enhance safety in our parking lots.

Please see the important changes for semester 2 below:

Gym Lot:

- **Morning Drop Off-** No Change, we Strongly Encourage families to use our drop off lane rather than the park and walk method.
- **Afternoon Pick up (3:20)** - All families 5-8th are required to stay in their car and use the Lane 2 Pick up line furthest away from the gym. A Cone will be placed in Lane 2 at 3:30 promptly so we can efficiently dismiss 1st - 4th in lane 1 at 3:30.
- **Afternoon Pick Up (3:30)** - All Families 1st - 4th are required to stay in their car and use the Lane 1 Pick up line Closest to the gym. Those families with someone in the ECC or aftercare should still pick up in the mesquite lot.

Mesquite Lot: No Changes

Both Lots: Families are required to use our Car-tags or IDs upon every pick up from school both during school hours and at dismissal. If you need extra car tags, please contact the office.

TEXAS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS ACCREDITATION COMMISSION
ACCREDITATION STATUS REPORT

School: Our Lady of Victory City: Victoria (Arch)Diocese: Victoria

Date of Report Review: December 3-4, 2024

ACCREDITATION STATUS GRANTED: ACCREDITED

The Accreditation Commission acknowledges the following area(s) of strength:

Benchmark 1.4 The Commission concurs with the self-study and the visiting team that the addition of the religion coordinator has been an asset to the religion program. This position helps coordinate special spiritual formation events and student ministries, collaborates with teachers to integrate religion into all subject areas, as well as supports the vertical alignment of the religion program.

Benchmark 2.8 The Commission commends the school on their strong and supportive leadership. Staff members stated the administration is visible and present throughout the school day. Staff also stated they felt supported by administrators when a need arises. The visiting team concurs with the statements from the interviews, as it aligns with what was observed.

Benchmark 3.4 The Commission commends the school for their differentiation to meet student individual learning needs. Utilizing staff interventionists, specialists, tutors, advanced classes, and small group instruction, all students are afforded the opportunity for academic support and enrichment activities.

Benchmark 3.2 The Commission commends the school for its implementation of the uniformed Common Curriculum Platform for lesson planning. The Common Curriculum Platform allows for consistent formatting across all grade levels. It includes TEKS, procedures, homework, accommodations, and modifications.

Benchmark 4.2 The Commission agrees with the visiting team in commending the school for adding support staff and utilizing title resources for additional services including a counselor, dean of students, safety coordinator, interventionist, speech therapist, and test proctor. The school continues to focus on supporting students as much as possible.

Benchmark 5.1 The Commission agrees with the visiting team and self-study and commends the school on their installation of panic buttons and security cameras throughout the campus, as well as the addition of a full-time safety coordinator who has a strong presence on campus.

Benchmarks 5.2 & 5.3 The Commission commends the school's vision for future expansion of a new junior high facility. This facility will decrease shared spaces between teachers, allow for fluid transitions, and meet the needs of the junior high students. The expansion will allow more classrooms per grade level, expanded class offerings, and additional room for future growth.



The following area(s) require immediate attention and should be addressed on the response form* to be submitted to TCCB ED by: April 1, 2025

Benchmark 5.2 The Commission recommends the school evaluate current arrival and dismissal practices and procedures and implement additional safety protocols for both arrival and dismissal areas. The visiting team observed students traveling through parking lots without faculty escorts and limited accountability of students throughout both arrival and dismissal areas.

PTC News

Happy New Year, Eagles! We are officially halfway through the school year. Christmas parties were loads of fun and the Staff Christmas Party was a success!

Thank you to everyone who helped donate items or their time by hosting the party. The teachers enjoyed it and they more than deserved it. Catholic Schools Week starts on the 26th and we will need plenty of help with the book fair. We will send out a Sign-Up Genius for those who are able to volunteer.

Our next meeting will be Friday January 10th at 12 PM in the St. Clare room of the Cathedral Center. We will go over Catholic Schools Week information and continue to find volunteers. We will also discuss class Valentine's parties. We hope to see you there!

Make sure to scan our QR code to be added to the GroupMe thread. It's a great way to stay informed and ask questions. You can also email us at ptc.victory@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE

Our Lady of Victory Catholic school will host an Open House on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Center. This is a wonderful opportunity for prospective families to tour the campus, meet with faculty, students and parents and learn more about the programs we have to offer.

We encourage our parents, teachers, students and alumni to reach out to families who may be interested in OLV and invite them to attend Open House.

You are the school's best advocate!

Prospective families may RSVP to Open House at www.ourladyvictory.org . If you have any questions, please contact school office. Remember you can earn \$100 tuition credit if someone you refer to us registers as a new student.



Choose Victory

Open House - Jan 12

'25-'26 Prospective Families

OurLadyVictory.org





2025 OLV Gala

Please save the date for our 2025 Gala, **Love Rocks**, on Friday, February 14th at the Cathedral Center from 6:30PM-11:00PM. Come dressed in your best rock attire and enter for a chance to win our costume contest!

For any questions, please contact one of the 2025 Gala Co-Chairs.

Tanya Goodman 361-676-0498
Beth Uszynski 361-571-8398




Catholic Schools Week

This year, Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 26th – January 31, 2025. More information will be sent home in the next few weeks concerning the special events for that week.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Year!!	2 Free Day	3 Free Day	4
5	6 Classes Resume	7 Mass -5th-8th Grade	8 Principals Meeting	9 Mass - 3K-4th Grade Basketball at St. Philips Girls and Boys A&B teams 5pm	10 Report Cards	11 Trinity Girls A Tournament
12 Open House for Prospective students	13 Atzenhoffer Dinner Fundraiser 4-7pm	14 Mass -5th-8th Grade 8th Grade visit STJ	15 Registration Packets Sent Home Spelling Bee 2:00pm Basketball at NA A & B Boys & Girls 5pm	16 Mass - 3K-4th Grade	17 Free Day for Students Boys A Seadrift Tournament	18 Seadrift A team Boys Tournament
19	20 Free Day	21 Mass -5th-8th Grade	22 Basketball Pictures	23 Mass - 3K-4th Grade OLV vs St. Michael at OLV A&B boys & girls 5pm	24 Registration Due	25
26 Catholic Schools Week	27 OLV vs Homeschool at OLV A,B,C teams 4:30pm Boys and Girls	28 Mass -5th-8th Grade	29	30 Mass - 3K-4th Grade OLV vs Trinity at OLV A,B boys & girls	31	



January Lunch Menu




Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

		1	2	3
				Early Dismissal
6	7	8	9	10
Beef Ravioli Green Beans Breadstick Teddy Grahams	Meatball Sub or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Chips Peas & Carrots Applesauce	Chicken Fajitas or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Peaches	Baked Potato or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Salad Corn on the Cob Animal Cookies	Sweet & Sour Chicken White Rice Mixed Vegetables Mandarin Oranges
13	14	15	16	17
Fish Sticks Broccoli Steamed Carrots Rice Krispy Treat	OLV "Famous Bowl" Chicken Chunks Mashed Potatoes Corn Cookie	Spaghetti & Meatballs or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Garlic Toast Pineapple Tidbits	Brisket Sandwich or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Chips Macaroni & Cheese Pudding	NO SCHOOL
20	21	22	23	24
NO SCHOOL	Chicken Nuggets or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich French Fries Broccoli Animal Cookie	Nachos or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Apple	Chicken Patty on Bun or Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Potato Wedges Salad Pretzel Goldfish	Domino's Pepperoni Pizza Slice Salad Apple Rice Krispy
27	28	29	30	31
	TO BE ANNOUNCED			