

Faith Formation Office

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Dear OLS Faith Formation families,

Thank you for registering your child(ren) for the 2021-22 Faith Formation year, which spans from October through March, culminating in Sacraments in the Spring for Levels 2 and 9. This letter contains information for all levels. Onsite classes begin the week of October 18th. Home Study work is posted in the Google Classrooms starting on the first of each month. Online assignments are posted on the Google Classroom classwork page in October.

Reception of Holy Communion is placed at the center of Catholic faith life. Regular Mass attendance lends itself to spiritual growth at all levels. **Please make every effort to attend Mass with your child(ren).**

Level 1

Level 1 students meet once per month in the large church, accompanied by a parent for the lesson, which lasts 45-60 minutes. There is one meeting per month at 6 p.m. See the Class Schedule at the end of this letter for dates. There are a total of 6 meetings.

Level 1 Home Study

Level 1 students in need of Home Study should sign up for Level 1 Google Classroom, by going online to classroom.google.com and signing in with an email that is not affiliated with another school's Google Classroom. When prompted, sign in with this code: x5sz6da

Level 1 Home Study lessons will be posted on the first of each month, starting in October. Please post a message listing the student's name in the Google Classroom Stream page when you sign in for the first time, identifying your email for me. Sometimes emails don't match names.

Level 1 Remind Alerts

Level 1 parents, please sign up for Level 1 Remind alerts if you have not already done so by texting @gg7328 to the phone number 81010.

Level 1 Welcome Mass

All Level 1 students and their families are invited to the 11 a.m. Mass on September 19th in the large church.

Level 2

Level 2 students who chose onsite learning will meet in the large church on Mondays at 4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. Students are placed at a table with a volunteer catechist. Dates and times for Level 2 classes are listed on the Class Schedule at the end of this letter. In Level 2, students receive 1st Reconciliation during Lent and 1st Holy Communion in the spring, (if the year isn't affected by Covid-19). Parents are usually informed of the dates of these Sacraments in January or February.

Level 2 Home Study

Students who are learning remotely through Home Study can sign into Google Classroom by going online to classroom.google.com and signing in using an email not affiliated with another school's Google Classroom. When prompted, sign in using this Level 2 code: mafrnna

Level 2 lessons will be posted on the first of each month, starting in October. Please post a message listing the student's name in the Google Classroom Stream page when you sign in for the first time, identifying your email for me. Sometimes emails don't match names.

Level 2 Remind Alerts

Level 2 parents, please sign up for Level 2 Remind alerts if you have not already done so by texting @8fec6 to the phone number 81010.

Levels 3-8

Students choosing onsite learning in these levels, please check the Class Schedule at the end of this letter for dates and times of all classes for the year. We are meeting in the large church by level.

Levels 3-8 Home Study

Students who are learning remotely through Home Study can sign into Google Classroom by going online to classroom.google.com and signing in using an email not affiliated with another school's Google Classroom. Use the following codes when prompted; (choose the code that matches your level):

Google Classroom Codes for Levels 3-8

Level 3: gvjcbdn

Level 4: mv5xc5b

Level 5: a2w2lw3

Level 6: kudu7wf

Level 7: wcuhxqa

Level 8: wx4z7fx

Lessons for Levels 3-8 will be posted on the first of each month, starting in October. Please post a message listing the student's name in the Google Classroom Stream page when you sign in for the first time, identifying your email for me. Sometimes emails don't match names.

Level 3-8 parents, please sign up for Remind alerts if you have not already done so.

Remind Codes for Levels 3-8

Level 3: text @e3ah79 to the phone number 81010

Level 4: text @684232d to the phone number 81010

Level 5: text @66ke7cf to the phone number 81010

Level 6: text @e422fa to the phone number 81010

Level 7: text @h839kk to the phone number 81010

Level 8: text @6cefgk to the phone number 81010

Level 9

Level 9 students are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, (usually after Easter in the spring). I will know the dates of the Sacrament when we hear from the Bishop's Office sometime in January. Students in Level 9 meet once per month starting in October in the large church.

See the Class Schedule at the end of this letter for dates and times of all meetings. **All students in this level are required to join Level 9 Google Classroom by going online to classroom.google.com and signing in with an email not affiliated with another school's Google Classroom. When prompted, use this code for Level 9: psgoiin**

The reason that all Level 9 students have to use Google Classroom is because there is sacramental paperwork that will be posted there to be completed, as well as projects related to Confirmation. **Level 9 students are required to report on a community service experience, and to reflect on their choice of sponsor and choice of Confirmation name.** All of this can be turned in seamlessly in the Level 9 Google Classroom.

Level 9 Remind Alerts

Parents of Level 9 students, please sign up for Remind alerts by texting @7a77h4g to the phone number 81010.

Level 9 Enrollment Mass

All Level 9 students and their families are invited to the 11 a.m. Mass on September 26th in the large church.

Frequently Asked Questions:

My child(ren) will be learning onsite. When will I know the name(s) of my child(ren)'s teacher(s)?

Students who are placed with catechists in classes will be contacted by a catechist in early October. If you are not contacted by the teacher, there will be a chart posted in the large church on the first day of class with teacher's names and class lists.

Is Mass Attendance Required?

Mass attendance is expected for all students in all levels, regardless of whether they are attending onsite classes, or learning through Google Classrooms in Home Study. The number of classes has been reduced, and weekly Mass attendance is part of the learning process. Masses have fully resumed. See our parish bulletin online at ourladyofthesnowbp.com for Mass times and more information.

What about masks during onsite learning?

As of this date in September, our protocol has not changed. Whether or not students wear masks to onsite classes in the large church is the parent's decision.

What if a student has to quarantine?

Students who have to quarantine can access the lesson via the parish website. Click on Faith Formation, then Virtual Classroom, then choose your level. All of the digital companion lessons for Home Study are listed there. If you have to switch to Home Study for a longer period of time, please call the office to alert me, and then you can join the Google Classroom for your level.

I signed up to be a Catechist; when will I get my roster and lesson plans?

Thank you for volunteering to teach an onsite class. Class rosters will be ready at the end of September. All catechists are invited to the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 3rd in the large church, followed by a brief meeting where they will receive class rosters, lessons and information.

I signed my child up for a Sacrament Readiness Class to catch up on learning; when does that start?

The first meeting for Sacrament Readiness is Tuesday, October 12th at 6 p.m. in the large church. See the Class Schedule at the end of this letter for all dates.

Are there any other important events coming up?

Yes! To kick off our program, we are inviting Faith Formation families to our Rosary Coast to Coast event at Corey Beach from 4 p.m.- 4:45 p.m. on Sunday, October 10th. Pray a Rosary for our Nation with our parish family. Bring a Rosary and a beach/lawn chair.

If you have any questions, please contact me via Remind, or call me in the Faith Formation Office. *I will be out of the office from Friday, September 3rd through Tuesday, September 7th.* I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend.

Sincerely,

Loren Christie

Loren Christie, OLS Faith Formation Director

Our Lady of the Snow Faith Formation 2021-22

Class Dates in the Large Church

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Level	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Time	4:30-5:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Dates	10/18/21 10/25/21 11/15/21 12/6/21 12/13/21 1/10/22 1/24/22 2/7/22 2/14/22 3/7/22 3/14/22 3/21/22	10/19/21 10/26/21 11/16/21 12/7/21 12/14/21 1/11/22 1/25/22 2/8/22 2/15/22 3/8/22 3/15/22 3/22/22	10/20/21 10/27/21 11/17/21 12/8/21 12/15/21 1/12/22 1/26/22 2/9/22 2/16/22 3/9/22 3/16/22 3/23/22	10/21/21 10/28/21 11/18/21 12/9/21 12/16/21 1/13/22 1/27/22 2/10/22 2/17/22 3/10/22 3/17/22 3/24/22
Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Level	Level 6	Level 7	Level 8	Level 1
Time	6 p.m.-7p.m.	6 p.m.-7p.m.	6p.m.-7p.m.	6 p.m.-7p.m.
Dates	10/18/21 10/25/21 11/15/21 12/6/21 12/13/21 1/10/22 1/24/22 2/7/22 2/14/22 3/7/22 3/14/22 3/21/22	10/19/21 10/26/21 11/16/21 12/7/21 12/14/21 1/11/22 1/25/22 2/8/22 2/15/22 3/8/22 3/15/22 3/22/22	10/20/21 10/27/21 11/17/21 12/8/21 12/15/21 1/12/22 1/26/22 2/9/22 2/16/22 3/9/22 3/16/22 3/23/22	10/28/21 11/18/21 12/16/21 1/27/22 2/17/22 3/17/22
Day		Tuesday		Thursday
Level		Sacrament Readiness		Level 9
Time		6p.m.-7p.m.		6p.m.-7p.m.
Dates		10/12/21 11/9/21 12/21/21 1/18/22 2/1/22 3/1/22		10/21/22 11/4/21 12/9/21 1/13/22 2/10/22 3/10/22

