

We welcome Sister Joan Pikiell, a School Sister of Notre Dame, to the Our Lady of Hope/St. Luke School family. Sister is a graduate of St. Anselm College (BA) in New Hampshire and the University of Connecticut (M.Ed.). She has years of experience teaching middle school math, science and technology in Connecticut and most recently at Mother Seton Academy in Baltimore. Sister Joan will be teaching our 6, 7, and 8th grade students math and 7 and 8th grade students science. Grade 7 is her homeroom.

Jillian Vogan returns to our pre k staff as a part-time assistant in the Pre K 4 class. Currently she is a student at CCBC enrolled in the Early Childhood Program.

Jeniye Luckart is very excited, and grateful to be joining the Our Lady of Hope/St. Luke School family as a student teacher in Mrs. Price's third grade classroom. Mrs. Lukart is coming to OLH/SLS as a K-8 Interdisciplinary Studies student from Western Governors University. Having worked with students in grades two through five, Jeniye is looking forward to working with Mrs. Price and our third grade students.

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OFF TO A GOOD START

The SFA Ice Cream Social was a wonderful event and an evening enjoyed by many new families and returning families. A variety of activities have been planned by the SFA this school year to celebrate and to support the gift of a Catholic education. Plan to come out and support the events and accept the invitation to be part of the School Family Association. The SFA Needs You!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

Back to School Nights are scheduled to provide parents/guardians with the opportunity to visit the child's classroom, meet the teacher, learn about the exciting and challenging educational progress and expectation of the grade level.

We ask that children not come with their parents/guardians to Back to School Nights. This is an opportunity to become familiar with the program and to speak with teachers.

Pre-K	Tuesday,	September 4 th	6:30 pm
Grades K-5	Monday,	September 10 th	6:30 – 8:00 pm
Grades 6-8	Thursday,	September 6 th	6:30 – 8:00 pm

ON TIME

Is it a family priority for your child/ren to arrive on time and prepared for class? Lateness is not acceptable unless there has been a traffic tie-up. Students, who perpetually arrive late miss class and school announcements, are not prepared for the start of classes, disrupt their teacher and classmates, and are often embarrassed or develop an attitude that it doesn't matter. This year it does matter. Model on time behavior for your child/ren and develop a plan. **If a student is repeatedly late, the school administration will inform the parent/guardian that they must accompany the student to the office and provide the excuse.**

CELEBRATE WITH US

On Tuesday, September 11, 2018 students in grades 1-8 will gather at Our Lady of Hope Church to celebrate the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. Each month we gather for a school Mass. Check the monthly calendar for the date and join us when you can. Grade 8 is hosting this Mass.

LEGACY OF LOVE

Remember those who have gone before us in Our Lady of Hope/St. Luke School's Legacy of Love Book. This alternate Giving Program invites you to make memorial donations to the school. The name of the loved one being remembered is recorded in our Legacy of Love Book which is presented at the Offertory of each school Mass.

MORNING DROP OFF

PRE – K

Doors open at 8:00 am. Parents are asked to use the door by the school office. Please have your child use the restroom before walking your child to the classroom.

K-8

Students are expected to arrive at school at 8:05 a.m. If you drop your child/ren off a few minutes before 8:05 – you must use the Boundary Road lot and students are supervised in the cafeteria. Supervision begins at 7:45 am. Only students purchasing breakfast may enter the cafeteria at 7:30 am.

Those arriving after 8:05 a.m. may be dropped off at either door. However, students may not stand and wait in the school office area. All waiting is in the cafeteria.

After 8:15 a.m., the doors on the Boundary Road side will be locked. If you come to school during the day – park in the lot on the office side of the building and ring the bell for admittance. Please report directly to the main office. In order to better protect our students, visitors and staff, all visitors will be required to show a valid, government-issued ID. Thank you for your cooperation.

Always back into parking spaces on the parking lot. This enables you to pull out and your view is not hindered. REMEMBER – the speed limit on the parking lot is 10 MPH.

END OF SCHOOL DAY

The school day ends at 3:00 pm. Students are to be picked up promptly. Students who are registered in the Play Center Program will go to the cafeteria. If a student is meeting with a teacher after school, the student will be supervised by that teacher. Students may not roam the hallways after school or “hang out” unsupervised. If you are delayed in picking up your child/ren after school it is your obligation to notify the school office. Hallway supervision ends at 3:10 pm.

REGIONAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

Middle School students and parents are encouraged to attend the annual Regional Catholic High School Fair. The Fair will be held at Our Lady of Hope/St. Luke School on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Additional information will be sent home in October. The fair provides the opportunity for you to attend (2) Catholic High School presentations. All of the participating schools will have exhibits in the school hall and you may visit them before the event begins.

LEARN SPONSORS

As the new school year begins we are looking for LEARN classroom sponsors. Sponsors provide a tax-deductible contribution of \$500 (\$250 per semester) to sponsor a designated classroom or specific educational program. This sponsorship enables teachers to purchase extra supplies, materials, and resources for the students. If you or someone you know would like to participate in this program contact Sr. Irene.

DONATIONS

Donations of usable items are almost always accepted. If you have access to things you believe will enhance our educational program please contact the school office. We also collect "stuff" to be donated to individuals who are in direct service to the poor.

CAFETERIA NEWS



Welcome Back. We hope you enjoyed your summer and are looking forward to seeing all of you in the lunchline. The cost for lunch this year is \$3.25 and breakfast is \$1.60. Breakfast is served on full days of school only. Menus will be sent home on the first day of school. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mrs. Candy at school from 8:30-12:30. Breakfast and lunch will be served on full days starting September 7th.

TIME TO RE-REGISTER....

- ✓ Your Giant Bonus Card, log on to www.giantfood.com/school or send your name and 12 digit Bonus Card number to school. The OLH/SLS code is 01495. You do not need to reregister your Giant Card this year. If you are uncertain as to whether your card is registered, go online and check it out. Registration begins Sept. 7, 2018. Ask family and friends to register for OLH/SLS.
- ✓ Redner's Receipts – Each member must stop at the store office or Customer Service area to get a Save-A-Tape card. By using this card each time you purchase merchandise at Redner's Warehouse Markets, your receipt will be designated as a Save-A-Tape customer receipt. Return these specially marked receipts to our school.

KEEP SAVING. . . .

- . . . Box Tops for Education
 - . . . Aluminum Cans
 - . . . Redner Receipts
 - . . . Coca-Cola product points from bottle caps and flaps from cases
 - . . . Tabs from aluminum cans
 - . . . Used toner cartridges
- These items may be sent to school or placed in collection boxes at church.

PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK

Please read the handbook and review it with your child/ren so that you and your child/ren are aware of the rules and regulations of Our Lady of Hope/St. Luke School. Students in grades 3-8 should read the handbook. Please sign the parent form in the back of the handbook and return the signed page to school by Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

Annual Fallfest Auction/Bull Roast

OLH/SL Annual Fall Auction is October 5, 2018. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of a fun-filled evening. Invite family and friends to join your table. Tickets purchased by September 14th are \$35. After that date the price increases to \$40.

Donations of goods and services are always welcome. Send all donations to the school office. Gift cards are also accepted.

MARYLAND STATE NON-PUBLIC STUDENT TEXTBOOK PROGRAM

Our Lady of Hope/St. Luke School participates in the MD State Non-public Student Textbook Program. Annually the funds from this program enable the purchase of materials for new educational programs and additional materials for existing programs. These funds reduced your child's textbook fee by \$60 for the 2018-2019 academic year.



Physical Education classes begin the week of September 11th. A schedule will be sent home with your students.

FORMS – FORMS – FORMS

When your child brings home forms to be filled out – PLEASE make sure that an adult completes the Emergency form, so that we have the correct information in your child's folder.

It is most important that an adult submits the information on forms for each child so that in the event of an emergency we can easily locate the parent/ guardian. Please return these forms to your child's homeroom teacher no later than Friday, September 14, 2018.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FUN – FUN-RAISING?

Participation in fun-raising events is integral to the success of our school family. Throughout the year there are several opportunities to help us have fun and raise funds.

- ✓ Collecting, saving, registering, voting, etc. are easy and you can invite family and friends to help us accumulate points which are redeemed for cash.
- ✓ Selling products- chocolate, candles, pizza, etc. are great ways to provide quality products and generate funds.
- ✓ Attending events – auction, dances, spaghetti dinner etc. builds the community and provides enjoyable memories.
- ✓ Volunteering – every successful “fun-raiser” needs generous volunteers who enjoy what they are doing.

YEARS OF SERVICE

On Thursday, August 30, 2018 at the Annual Archdiocesan Convocation for the Opening of the 2018-2019 academic year, Mrs. Mary Holmes was recognized for 30 years of service, and Mrs. Beth Marlow for 15 years of service in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Congratulations and thank you for your commitment to Catholic education.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Our Lady of Hope/St. Luke School takes pride in being a school community that welcomes the time and talents of many individuals. An investment of your time and talent is critical to the success of our students! We invite you to volunteer for various events and activities that serve the students and build community among one another.

With our longstanding commitment in mind, all parishes and Archdiocesan Catholic Schools use **VIRTUS**, a compliance management system that allows all parishes and schools to facilitate compliance with Archdiocesan child protection requirements for all volunteers who work with minors, employees, and clergy.

All those who wish to work or volunteer in our school must be appropriately screened and trained and provide three written references to the school. All who wish to do so must go to www.virtusonline.org. You will register by clicking "First-Time Registrant." Select: "Begin the registration process," and then "Baltimore Archdiocese." You will create a login-ID and password.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore is committed to providing quality, healthy ministry for all persons, particularly for our children and youth. All volunteers are required to complete **VIRTUS** screening and training. This includes volunteers on field trips.

If you have any questions regarding the *VIRTUS* program, please contact Mrs. Beam at cbeam@olhsl.com.



The Archdiocese of Baltimore will open Power School Parent Access on September 4th. Your user name and password from last year should give you access. New students and current students in grade Pre K to 3 will receive a parent letter with the directions needed for access. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Marlow by email (bmarlow@olhsl.com).

PURPLE EVENT!

Raven fans are invited to wear Raven gear on Friday, September 7th. If you are not a Raven fan, you may wear purple or black clothing or a gym shirt with jeans or gym shorts. NO FLIP FLOPS.



With the beginning of the school year, students need to plan for success. Talk with your child/ren about how to be successful in school. Perhaps suggesting: a distraction-free study spot, a study routine, review using a homework notebook and encourage the student to experiment with study strategies to find out what works best. When possible you are encouraged to review homework with your child/ren and to read with them.

After-School Questions

Recently I read a list of after school question for parents/guardians to ask their child/ren. These questions may provide a response that is more than the word – “nothing.”

- What’s the coolest thing that happened?
- What made you laugh?
- What was the most creative thing you did?
- How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?

Have You Noticed?

It’s been a busy summer and numerous projects took place. This would not have happened without the hard work of staff, volunteers, and generous donors.

1. 4th and 5th grade classrooms were carpeted.
2. 4th grade classroom was painted.
3. The window frames in the primary building were painted and the discolored plexi-glass was replaced. The school hall will be done next.
4. The stairs were painted navy blue. Take time to read the saying on the treads.
5. The offices had the carpet replaced.
6. Trim on the building was painted.
7. The playground was enlarged and a new piece of play equipment installed. This piece of equipment was purchased with a grant from the SSND Gospel Sharing Fund.
8. The nurse’s office was painted and a new sofa will be purchased by the SFA.
9. New curtains were hung in all rest room facilities.
10. We received a furniture donation from Johns Hopkins Bayview.