



December 20, 2018

Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School Newsletter

Coloring Contest Winners

During the month of October OLOL students in grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, First and Second Grades took part in a “Fire Safety” coloring contest sponsored by Vandines Insurance Company. The following students were chosen the winners and received a certificate and pizza party for their classes:

PKA—Nash Paulson

KB— Brooklyn Miller



1B—Molly Shovlin

2A—Alyssa Albert

Many thanks to Chief Kevin Milukas, the Friendship Fire Company and Vandines Insurance for the pizza treat for our students!



Upcoming Events

December 21st

*ACT 80 Day
Elementary @ 12:15 - High
School @ 12:30 ACT 80 Day*

December 24th - January 1st

*Christmas Vacation - NO
SCHOOL—have a very Merry
Christmas and Happy New
Year!*

January 2nd

*Snow Make up Day - School Re-
sumes*

January 3rd

*Students interested in signing up
for the Geography Bee will take
the preliminary test after school
in room 3A.*

January 7th

*Proposed start date for new dis-
missal procedure and carpool—
please see directions on page 2.*

*MORE INFORMATION sent
home on the 4th of January.*

From the Principal’s Desk

+Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,
Please see page 2 for information about our new dismissal beginning January
7th. And, as we draw closer to Christmas I pray for all of you,

*May Jesus
Son of the Father, Child of Mary,
God with us,
Bless you with joy and peace at Christmas
And throughout the coming year!*

Have a very blessed and Merry Christmas and we will see you on Wednesday,
January 2, 2019. Blessings, Sr. Maureen Ann Donati, IHM

Student of the Month



December Virtue of the Month—Joy

December Saint of the Month—Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

PKA Landon Stroh

PKB Sammy Higgins

KA Brynn Rosini

KB Max Worhacz

1A Zachary Long

1B Kylie Kissinger

2A Emmerson Grindstaff

2B Brayden Korbich

3A Noah Wess

3B Margo Yablonski

4A Peyton Rapp

4B Isabella Yasenchak

5A Jonathan Rishel

5B Lilly Dormer

6A Gabby Dusendschine

6B Cole Billman



Congratulations



A Look at our New Dismissal Beginning January 7th!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know we have been working on plan to help afterschool dismissal to run a little more smoothly and safely. Again I wish to extend my gratitude to the parents, teachers and staff that assisted us in this process.

Our current dismissal allows for early buses (#2, 23, and 56—Shamokin, Shikellamy and Line Mountain respectively) to pick the children up at 2:05. Our PK and Kindergarten students are then dismissed at 2:10 followed by our car-riders and walkers. Then our bus riders are dismissed at approximately 2:20 and they are walked out to the buses by our teachers. Our High School is dismissed at 2:32.

After school CARES will not be affected by any of the changes we are making.

New Routine:

Early Buses: *These students will continue to be dismissed at 2:05. They will be walked to their buses by a teacher/administrator.*

Bus Riders: *For all other buses the students' bus will be called over the PA and the Elementary students will line up in the hallway and be escorted to their bus by teacher/administrator beginning at 2:20. High School Students will board the buses at 2:32 as usual.*

Car Riders/Walkers and CARES: *Elementary students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2:25 and will meet in the GYM area escorted by their homeroom teacher. The car riders will be broken down into smaller groups according to the Car Rider #'s your family will be assigned (the teachers and I will practice the children in this procedure so that they will understand what is going on).*

Walkers will be walked to Jackson Street, accompanied by a teacher/administrator so that they may walk home.

CARES will report to Mrs. Funk's room and supervised.

High School Dismissal at 2:32 - *Any HS student who is being picked up by their parent/guardian must report to the gym for dismissal.*

**Carpool or Car rider pick-up begins at 2:40PM. This allows time for the High School students to walk to their cars and allows all the buses to pick-up their students and leave the parking lot.*

Car Rider Pick-Up/Carpool

* A diagram is in the communication folder for you to reference. We ask parents/guardians not to get out of their cars during pick-up.

Anyone who arrives early may line up on Jackson Street. Please note you will not be able to enter the parking lot until 2:40pm.

* We ask that those who arrive early do not block driveways of our neighbors on Jackson Street. Thank you!

Approximately @ 2:40pm: Carpool begins

- *Cars will come into the driveway and follow the path outlined on the diagram.*
- *Car Riders will be picked up in front of the gym door entrance of the building.*
- *Please make sure that your numbered lanyard is hanging clearly from your rear view mirror.*
- *A teacher/administrator will be calling the numbers for your student to come out of the gym. The elementary teachers will be helping in the gym area.*

This procedure may be a little long at first. But once all of us are accustomed to it—it will run smoothly and be a much safer alternative for dismissal. Thank you for your patience.

Be assured that at all times the students will be supervised and safe. This new procedure allows for our students to be indoors during inclement weather while waiting for their rides home.

I will be sending home your numbers the week we return to school from Christmas break—remember this dismissal begins the following week on January 7th.