



Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School
The Catholic School in Center Moriches
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September 1, 2023

Dear Our Lady Queen of Apostles School Families,

Thank you to everyone who could make it to book drop-off last night. The halls have been so quiet here over the summer, and it was wonderful to hear them filled with the voices of all the students. Thank you to our “FUN” group members who helped give out Italian Ices on such a hot night. (If you could not make it to book drop off, please do not worry. Just send in a few items daily with your son or daughter during the first two weeks of school.)



School begins on Wednesday, September 6th, for kindergarten- 8th grade students. Students should wear summer uniforms at this time. Once you receive your child’s schedule, they should wear their gym uniform on days they have gym. Please remember sneakers are only to be worn on gym days. School shoes should be worn with the summer uniform. **Please review our uniform policy below.**

Reminders.

- Wednesday, September 6th- 11:30 dismissal- Happy First Day of School!!!
 - Pre-K parent orientation and supply drop off 2:00PM
- Thursday, September 7th- 11:30 dismissal
- Friday, September 8th- Full day of school- **9:00 Opening School Mass with 8th grade pin ceremony- (Families welcome to attend)**
- Wednesday, September 13th- K-8th Grade Meet the Teacher Night- 6 PM in the auditorium
- Hot lunch does not begin **until September 18th**. Please send in a brown bag lunch until then.
- Thank you to those who want to be a part of the Family Unity Network. Please sign up for the 23-24 school year...you are always, always, always welcome to become more involved here. If you are interested in joining the OLQA Family Unity Network (FUN Group) please [click here](https://forms.gle/nX128fkLahs7uGnH6) to sign up.
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Procedures.

- We will continue using Pickup Patrol instead of paper notes for dismissal changes this year. Pickup Patrol can be used on both a computer and an app. If you are picking up your child from school or have to change the way your child goes home, it must be entered in Pickup Patrol by 10:30 AM each day. Paper notes for dismissal will not be accepted. Information on registering your family on Pickup Patrol will be sent via email soon.
- All students will arrive at school through the back parking lot. Both buses and cars will drop off students here. The gates to the parking lot and rear doors to the school will close at 7:53.
 - Please enter the parking lot through the entrance closest to the convent, drive towards the red barn, and around to the entry doors.
- **Please do not get out of your car. This is a “kiss and go” drop-off. Faculty and staff will be there to help your child if they need any assistance getting out of the car.**
- At dismissal time, all parents who pick up their child/children must park in the St. John’s Church parking lot and walk to the main entrance. **Parking on St. John’s Place is not permitted.**

Sincerely,

Dawn Waller
Principal

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, pray for us + St. John the Evangelist, pray for us +
St. Peter and St. Paul, pray for us + St. Jude, pray for us + All Holy Men and Women, pray for us



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Uniform Policy.

Students need to be in complete formal uniforms for class and gym. Sweaters, blazers, sweatpants, and sweatshirts need the OLQA logo to be official which are only available through school sanctioned vendors (presently Flynn O'Hara). Violations of the uniform code will be recorded, and a referral slip will be sent home. Frequent violations of the uniform policy will result in afterschool detention. Changes the school has made to the uniform will have a one-year phase out time period.

Girl's Regulations: Jewelry should be limited to one simple necklace, one bracelet, and/or one simple pair of earrings that may be worn on the earlobe. Large necklaces (Puka shells, etc.) are not permitted. It is inappropriate to wear large dangling earrings, sweatbands, kerchiefs, body art, body piercing. Faddish and trendy hairstyles are not permitted. Girl's hair must be their **God given color** and any hairstyle that either distracts or attracts attention is not permitted. Unacceptable styles include: shaved, buzzed, sculptured, spiked and unnatural hair colors. **Only headbands provided by Flynn O'Hara may be worn. No other headbands or bows are permitted.** Nail polish must be clear or a pale pastel over their own natural nail. Nail art, fancy nails, French manicures, artificial nails and dark colors, such as black are not allowed. Temporary tattoos are not to be visible.

Boy's Regulations: Boy's hairstyles must be appropriate for the school setting. The hair length must be off the collar, above the ears, and out of the eyes of the student. Faddish and trendy hairstyles are not permitted. A boy's hair must be his natural **God given color**. The following hairstyles are not permitted: unbalanced, shaved, buzzed below level 1, tails, Mohawks, sculptured cuts, severe spikes, and hair length that is below the ear. No body piercing/earrings are permitted. Temporary tattoos are not to be visible.

BOYS:

Pants: Gray dress slacks (6-8)
(No Denims)

Navy dress slacks (K-5)

Shorts: Navy dress shorts
(may be worn only between
5/15 & 10/15)

Sweater: Navy with emblem

Blazer: Navy Blazer with emblem (6-8 only)

Tie: Plaid uniform tie with emblem (K-5)
Navy tie with emblem (6-8 only)

Shirts:

Short-sleeved solid white dress shirt

Long-sleeved solid white dress shirt

K-5th grade-Lt. Blue Polo w/school name or logo

6-8th Grade-Grey polo w/school name or logo(worn
only between 5/15 & 10/15)

Misc: Dark school shoes (preferably tied)
Sneakers on gym days only
Dress socks
Dark belt

GIRLS:

Skirt: Plaid uniform jumper (K-5)
Gray box pleated skirt (6-8)

Skort: Navy Skort
(worn only between 5/15 & 10/15)

Pants: Navy dress slacks (K-5 only in extreme
weather conditions)

Sweater: Navy with emblem

Blazer: Navy Blazer with emblem (6-8 only)

*Varsity Sweater with white shirt
(6-8 only)

Shirts: Short or Long-Sleeved Solid
White dress shirt w/ peter-pan
collar

K-5th grade-Lt. Blue Polo
w/school name or logo

6-8th Grade-Grey Polo w/school
name or logo(worn only between
5/15 & 10/15)

Misc: Black school shoes
Blue knee-high socks or tights (no ankle socks)
Only the OLQA headband may be worn. Bows are
not acceptable.

All:

- **Shoes:** Students are required to wear safe and supportive shoes. No flip flops, high heels, ballet slippers, chunky heels, crocs, or slipper type. **Boots of any type are not to be worn during school hours.** Sneakers may only be worn on gym day.
- Turtlenecks may be worn under the uniform shirt for warmth during the winter months.
- When the regular school uniform is worn, the school sweater may be worn over it. The school sweatshirt may only be worn over the gym uniform on gym days.
- Multiple layers should not be visible.
- School t-shirts with signatures or writing on them are not permitted on gym days.
- Hats or hoods may not be worn any time or any place in the school building.
- All uniforms must be properly maintained and worn appropriately. Torn, ripped or worn out blazers, pants and shirts **MUST BE** repaired or replaced at the request of the Administration.
- Students on sports teams may wear their team jersey in place of their sweater or blazer on game days. It is to be worn over the regular uniform.

Gym Uniform.

Either the navy sweat suit or navy shorts (during summer uniform time period) and school gym t-shirt with the school's logo on them are to be worn by students. (Students may wear other OLQA shirts – Field Day, End of Summer shirt, etc. for Gym Class. **SHIRTS WITH SIGNATURES OR WRITING ON THEM ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE WORN ON GYM DAYS**) All are available through the Flynn and O'Hara Uniform Company. Sneakers are to be worn with Gym Uniform only. Sweatpants are not to be worn as shorts. Multiple layers are not to be visible.