

ACADEMIC POLICY

HOME ASSIGNMENTS

If any student has difficulty doing an assignment he/she is required to meet with the teacher prior to the first class. If no excuse is presented and the work is not handed in, a failing grade will be given. Parents of junior high students will receive written notification immediately if homework is not completed. If this situation is not corrected, detention will be given. Positive parental reinforcement and support is essential for continual growth. Since students have different capabilities and interests, it would be difficult to denote the specific amount of time to be spent on an assignment. If a problem arises, the teacher should be contacted.

HOMEWORK POLICY FOR ABSENT STUDENTS

If a child is ill for one day, homework will not be given unless requested by a parent by 8:00 a.m. When a child is out parents may pick up the work from the office/aftercare between 2:45-5:00 p.m. Schoolwork will not be given for children going on vacation. The student can make up the work in a timely manner after returning to school.

ATTENDANCE AND COURSE CREDIT

Schools within the Diocese of Buffalo Catholic Education System believe that student attendance in school increases student success. In order for each student to develop their personal talents, pursue academic quality, foster responsibility and leadership, we encourage parental support in the educational success of children. Regular attendance at school is essential for student success. Subjects are taught in sequence and require the understanding of each concept in the order of its presentation.

Therefore, students who miss 30 days of school, and have not met periodically with school administration, are in jeopardy of retention. At a conference with the school administration and teachers, alternative educational plans will be determined. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to notify the school administration of an attendance concern and to request such a conference.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The State of New York mandates that pupils participate in a program of Physical Education. Classes are scheduled weekly at OLV School and involve games, exercises, physical fitness and instruction in rules of team sports.

If there is a genuine medical reason why your child cannot participate in the physical education program, a Doctor's written statement to that effect is necessary. This excuse must be presented to the Principal.

CARE OF BOOKS

Textbooks from grades one through eight is only partially provided through Federal Government funds. A series which is chosen in a given subject is used as long as five years, therefore, it is essential for each child to handle his/her books properly. Please see to it that each hard covered book is covered, preferably with a water repellent material. No sticky transparent covers are allowed. There will be a charge for a lost or damaged book.

LIBRARY

OLV School has a well-equipped automated library. The goals of the library volunteers are to encourage and reinforce good reading and research skills and to provide reference materials which serve the needs and interests of students. There will be a charge for lost library books. Students are to be courteous to our librarians.

RETENTION

Most students will be able to follow the school's regular program of Sequential Learning. However, testing diagnosis, maturity level and actual performance may indicate that some students cannot complete a year's work in that time; therefore, it may become necessary to retain a pupil an additional year in a particular grade.

TESTING

Testing is essential for evaluating a pupil's progress. Various types of testing at different grade levels are used at OLV School.

Each year the New York State tests are given to Grades 3-8 for the sole purpose of progress monitoring

In addition to standardized testing, students are evaluated periodically by Teacher testing. Any student in grade 8 meeting the requirements may be exempt from June exams.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EXAM EXEMPTIONS (Gr. 7 & 8 only)

- Achievement of a 95% final average in the subject.
- All assignments must be turned in on time
- Conduct and effort must be satisfactory.
- Exemptions may be taken away if the teacher/principal feels requirements were not met.

PRE K (Age 4)

This program develops the whole child. It includes readiness skills as well as social interactions.

REMEDIAL/TITLE 1

This program provides developmental experience for the children with special needs.