



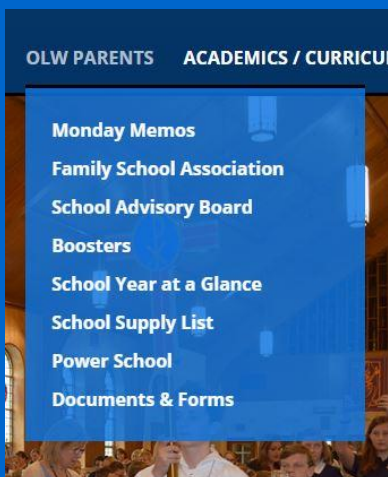
OLW Middle School Survival Tips

2019-20 school year

OLW website

<http://www.olwschool.org/>

A lot of information is available under the OLW Parents tab:



The Basics

First bell is **8:10am** (5 min *earlier* than elementary school), many kids arrive at 8am to chit chat prior to the bell. All late drop-offs enter on east side of building at north doors. Students **must** check in at the office if late.

All **cell phones** are dropped off at the beginning of the school day in a box. The phones are stored and returned at the end of the day.

Students can decorate their own **locker** – *no tape, contact paper or other permanent items are allowed*. Locker and door decorating contest around Christmas.

There are **five classes in the morning and four after lunch** with snack time during 3rd period. Each class is 45 minutes (Religion is 30 min) for all grades and nine specials classes. **iPads** are used throughout the day only when instructed by the teacher and only with approved sites/apps, they are taken home by 7th and 8th graders only. There is a contract for them and you to sign. **Homework** is assigned via the Classroom app.

Lunch is in the gym and all students are encouraged to go outside after eating. iPad are *not* allowed in the lunchroom.

The **H.A.T.S.** (Homework, Assignments, Tests, Study) room is available during lunch to make-up tests or complete missing assignments and as a study room during lunch.

Disciplinary Slips are issued by Mrs. Boarini – three slips from the same subject result in a detention.

Activities for all grades

Youth and Peer Ministry
Spring Musical
Student Council

Honor Roll – principal, 1st, 2nd
Dances (Fall, Winter, Spring)
Scholastic Bowl (7th/8th)

6th GRADE

Students attend **Camp Timberlee** for an overnight class trip. They can also participate in **Camp WOW** if spots are available after 7th and 8th graders.

Participate in **Letters to the Homebound** and the **Target shopping** service project which is in December.

7th GRADE

Students take the **US Constitution Test** and need **Confirmation Service hours**. Parish Picnic and VBS are great ways to earn hours.

Springfield is the 7th grade overnight class trip and students can participate in **Camp Wow**. Both are optional.

Students participate in **Living Stations** performed during Lent for the school; they start **homily evaluations** once per month, write **letters to Veterans** and are **servers for the Graduation Dinner** in May. All 7th grade families help with this celebration for 8th grade.

8th GRADE

The Green Sweatshirts! Only 8th graders get them and they love them! It's a good idea to order two, maybe in different sizes. They are worn just about every day, doesn't matter the weather. You will also be asked for **lots of pictures** for the yearbook and the 8th grade video.

Cotillion is held on the first Friday of every month – most students participate, but it is optional and requires an additional fee. Suits and ties and nice dresses are required. Great experience on etiquette, dancing and socializing. Pre-cotillion gathering at OLW parent homes. Cotillion is a tradition at OLW for about 60 years.

Parents attend the **Cotillion Spring Fling** held at the end of the year and learn dances from the students. Bring your camera!

Confirmation activities (some for parents & sponsors): homily evaluation; service hours; mandatory Confirmation retreat; a beautiful Confirmation Light Service; practices. You will receive a set amount of tickets.

The WorldStrides company plans the **Washington DC** trip in May and offer payment plans to support the trip. This is optional.

Graduation dinner is the night before graduation in the gym and includes awards and fun. Nice dress for parents and graduates.

Other fun for 8th grade:

Ditch day for students – a Gala sign-up party

Tears and Cheers Party for parents – a Gala sign-up party

Live Nativity

Students vs Teachers Volleyball Game

High School Shadowing

Miller Crew – helps set up the gym