



OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

In a few short weeks, Our Lady of Mercy Academy will open its doors for the 2019-2020 School Year. We couldn't be more excited as we begin the year with more than 60 new students and their families. As we continue to prepare, we ask you to carefully review all of the information included here. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions.

Opening days:

August 28, 2019 | Freshmen & Transfer Welcome Event | 6:00 pm

- Freshmen, please plan to sleep over. Look for your official invitation soon.
- Transfers, please plan to attend. Sleepover is optional (but encouraged).
- Seniors, please plan to be present from 5:15pm - 10:00am
- Parents and guardians are invited to a meet and greet.

September 3, 2019 | All students report for a full day of classes

Textbooks: Please see enclosed Book Guide for specific textbook information. Textbooks and all other required books can be ordered through our virtual bookstore eCampus:

<http://olma.etechcampus.com/shopbycourse>. The Virtual Bookstore opens on August 1st. **All purchases made between 8/1 and 8/8 will receive Free Shipping.**

Supplies: Teachers will communicate necessary supplies (notebooks, calculators, etc.) on the first days of class. Supplies will be due by September 9, 2019.

Uniforms: UNIFORM SUPPLIER IS CHERYL'S ON DELSEA DR. IN VINELAND

- Kilt: Hem line ***no more*** than ***four*** inches above the knee
- Yellow or green polo (white polo for seniors only)
- Green or grey embroidered OLMA v-neck or crew neck sweater (green or grey long sleeve cardigan for seniors only)
- OLMA crew socks: grey, green or navy
- Tights: 2nd and 3rd quarter - navy or grey
- Lifetime Fitness uniforms (freshmen only)
- NEW OPTION: School uniform pants (purchased from Lands End - Navy)

[Uniform Pants](#)

Uniform Shoes:

- Brown Leather Oxford Shoe
- Boat shoe (Sperry or other): Must be plain (no designs) in brown, tan, black and navy. The **Sperry Sneaker** is **NOT** part of the school uniform

Communication: The vast majority of communication will be through email. PLEASE be sure to inform the office at ext. 120 if you have a change to your email address. Students must use their olmanj.org account to communicate with faculty and staff and they are responsible for checking their email regularly. New students will set up their accounts during the first week of school.

Lunch: The OLMA Cafe is open in the morning before the homeroom bell, at break, and at lunchtime. The Cafe accepts cash, or you may purchase items and/or lunch by opening an account. To open an account, please send in a check or cash and your daughter will be assigned an account number. When her account balance is low she will be notified. Simply send in more funds to replenish the account. The cost of lunch for the 2019-2020 school year will be \$5.00.

Tuition: FACTS Tuition will collect tuition. FACTS accounts can be accessed by signing into your tuition account. Tuition for this year is \$12,000, plus an administrative fee based upon the payment plan picked and an additional \$500.00 graduation fee for seniors. Your FACTS Tuition account is active. If you have any questions, please contact the Business Department.

Emergency Contact Information (NEW): Parents will receive an email with information regarding health and emergency contacts. This information will be captured and stored in the student profile in Gradelink. You will no longer have to fill out the same form year after year!

Transportation: Coordination of busing is with St. Augustine Prep. If we dismiss early on certain days, busses run on a full day schedule unless the Prep has an early dismissal or is closed on that particular day. Transportation is \$1,700.00 for this year and the shuttle is \$725.00. Students will receive their OLMA/Prep Bus passes the first week of school. All busing charges are added to your tuition bill. If you would like to pay your busing in full, please contact Mrs. Cusick before August 30th. Please advise us of any changes, but also be aware that if your daughter is not on the bus list she cannot board a bus. Further instructions and schedules will be sent to you in August.

The city of Vineland provides OLMA students with busing and passes will be mailed directly to your home.

Mark Your Calendars:

- Back to School Night | September 26, 2019 6:30pm
- Communion Mass/Sisterhood Ceremony and Breakfast | October 6, 2019 8:30am | New students and seniors should plan to attend. All students and families are welcome!
- OLMA Open House | **Sunday**, October 27, 2019 2 pm - 5 pm | Help spread the word!

If you have questions about the information above, please contact the main office at ext.120. I am looking forward to a busy campus full of energy. Parents, please get involved in whatever capacity you can. Girls, tackle your summer reading and return to campus ready to learn! I can't wait!

Sincerely,

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