

# MOSS NEWS

## September 2022

### A Message from Mrs. Szmed



Dear MOSS Families,

The 2022-2023 school year is off to a great start welcoming 399 students, our largest enrollment ever! I would like to welcome all families and I am happy that you have chosen to partner with MOSS for your child's spiritual and educational journey.

Many exciting things are happening at MOSS! MPTSA (MOSS Parent Teacher Student Association) is new and making plans to support academic excellence, provide communication, and promote fellowship in our faith-based Catholic environment. The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is making plans for the celebration that begins in August 2023. We have new Middle School Math Textbooks/Resources, Jump Rope Club returns for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> and Mathletes will begin for grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>.

The MOSS Marathon will take place on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Please see the additional information included in this newsletter. If your clearances are on file in the school office, please consider volunteering. All families are welcome on campus during the marathon to cheer on our students.

I am Looking forward to seeing all families on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> for the MOSS Open House and Scholastic Book Fair from 6:30-8:00. Every classroom will have a vast display of student work. Many prospective families will also be visiting that evening to explore our academic and spiritual program. If you know of any family who might be interested, please reach out to them, and invite them to come for a visit.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new faculty and staff: Mrs. Linda Watson (School Secretary), Miss Morgan Bellush (Physical Education/Health Teacher), Mrs. Gretchen McMullen (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher), Mrs. Challon Farneth (4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher), Mrs. Jackie Rohm (4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher), Mrs. Nicole Gnesda (1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher), Mrs. Linda Galinski (Transitional Kindergarten Teacher Aide) and Mrs. Amanda Berenger (Cafeteria Assistant).

Our school has an excellent future, thank you for your commitment to Catholic education. Please be a positive Mother of Sorrows School supporter so we can educate many children for years to come.

Faithfully yours,

**Theresa A. Szmed**

Principal

### Important Dates:

#### September 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

Musical Try Outs  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

#### September 24<sup>th</sup>:

Girls Basketball Pictures  
(Gym)  
8:00 am to 10:00 am

#### September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>:

Musical Try Outs  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

#### September 30<sup>th</sup>:

Free Dress Down Day

#### October 5<sup>th</sup>:

Save Day Deposit Day

#### October 7<sup>th</sup>:

Marathon

#### October 10<sup>th</sup>:

No School

#### October 12<sup>th</sup>:

Open House  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

### Mother of Sorrows Catholic School Mission

Mother of Sorrows Catholic School is dedicated to educating students of all faiths in a Catholic, Christ-centered environment. Spiritual engagement and rigorous education experiences inspire each student to live by Christian values, achieve academic excellence, and become global leaders.

## Welcome to MOSS

### Mrs. Linda Watson



Mrs. Linda Watson joined the MOSS office staff this month. She lives in Murrysville and is married with three grown boys. Her family recently welcomed a daughter-in-law, as well. The Watson household includes two dogs and two birds. Mrs. Watson enjoys hanging out with her dogs, listening to music and getting together with family and friends. She is a member of Mother of Sorrows Church. MOSS is thrilled to have her added to its amazing office staff!

### Mrs. Nicole Gnesda



The MOSS family welcomes Mrs. Nicole Gnesda to the first-grade team. She received her elementary teaching certificate and master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She began her teaching career as a long-term substitute in the Franklin Regional School District where she spent three years in kindergarten and one year in first grade. Most recently, she held a permanent position at Yeshiva Schools of Pittsburgh where she taught both first and second grades from 2017-2021. She and her husband live in

Hempfield with their 1-year-old son Landon and two dogs. They enjoy spending time with family and friends, especially setting time aside to travel to West Virginia to visit Mrs. Gnesda's parents. Mrs. Gnesda attends Ascension Church in Jeannette. She is very excited to be joining the Mother of Sorrows family and looks forward to a wonderful school year!

## Welcome to MOSS

### Mrs. Challon Farneth



The Mother of Sorrows School family welcomes another addition to our staff! Mrs. Challon Farneth is one of our two new fourth-grade teachers. She has lived in Murrysville and been a part of Mother of Sorrows Parish her entire life. She graduated from Franklin Regional in 2013 and studied speech language pathology and audiology at Kent State University. After graduating in 2018, she worked as a behavioral therapist for children with autism spectrum disorder. Mrs. Farneth returned to school and graduated from Seton Hill University in May of 2022 with a master's degree in special education as well as certifications in early childhood prek-4 and special education prek-12. This past

June, just one month after graduating from Seton Hill University, she was married at Mother of Sorrows. While this is her first year of teaching in her own classroom, she has taught as a substitute in local school districts; she also coaches competitive gymnastics in her free time. Welcome aboard, Mrs. Farneth!

### Mrs. Jackie Rohm



Mrs. Jackie Rohm is the other new fourth-grade teacher at MOSS this year! She has been teaching since 2008. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and is currently completing her master's degree in literacy/reading specialist from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She has taught in several capacities, including kindergarten, third grade and fifth grade. In addition, she previously worked as a reading specialist and learning support aide. Mrs. Rohm stated, "Teaching is a true passion of mine and I believe all children are unique and must have a stimulating educational environment where they can grow physically, mentally, emotionally and socially." Her personal interests include spending time with her family and exploring new

places. As a family, the Rohms' enjoy boating and water skiing. MOSS welcomes Mrs. Rohm to the faculty!

## Welcome to MOSS

### Miss Morgan Bellush



MOSS welcomes Miss Morgan Bellush to the health and physical education disciplines for pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford in December of 2021. Before coming to Mother of Sorrows School, she was a full-time substitute at Hempfield Area School District. She was also a summer camp counselor at the Greensburg YMCA for the past six summers. Some of her hobbies include traveling and playing co-ed fastpitch softball. Miss Bellush is also an avid photographer and enjoys taking pictures of sunflowers. She also is a member of

First Presbyterian Church in Greensburg. We hope you have a great year at MOSS!

### Mrs. Gretchen McMullen



Mrs. Gretchen McMullen joined the MOSS faculty as a sixth-grade teacher this year. She is a graduate of Serra Catholic High School and Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in education and mathematics. She holds both Pennsylvania and New York teaching certificates and a students with disabilities certificate in New York, as well. She has previously taught fourth grade, fifth grade and prek. She and her husband Kirk, along with their three children, Jackson (15), Brock (13), and Lucy (12) love spending time outdoors, watching sporting events, cooking together, and enjoying a good movie. The McMullens belong to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish. Mrs. McMullen enjoys going on long runs with her 2-year-old Weimaraner, Theodore, spending time at the beach and

relaxing with a good book. She is looking forward to a fantastic school year!

## Did You Know?

Did you know that MOSS middle school students have an opportunity to compete in a middle school reading competition this spring?

The contest will involve students' knowledge of 10 selected books (listed below). Mrs. Beer will be helping to prepare interested students, once or twice a month, before school, this year. Each month, a different book will be discussed. The students will read novels independently, then join interested classmates to discuss novels and prepare for the competition. Students must supply their own books, and be prepared for the competition on May 2, 2023. We will compete against students from our diocesan schools. Students can borrow books from the public library, buy on Amazon, or find books by whatever means works for their families. Please email Mrs. Beer at [pbeer@mosschool.org](mailto:pbeer@mosschool.org), if your child is interested in this exciting opportunity.

### Proposed Meeting Dates:

- October 4<sup>th</sup>
- October 25<sup>th</sup>
- November 15<sup>th</sup>
- December 6<sup>th</sup>
- January 10<sup>th</sup>
- January 31<sup>st</sup>
- February 21<sup>st</sup>
- March 14<sup>th</sup>
- April 4<sup>th</sup>
- April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Competition = May 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Competition Novels:

- **Refugee** by Alan Gratz
- **I Will Always Write Back** by Martin Ganda & Caitlin Alifirenka
- **Holes** by Louis Sachar
- **Chomp** by Carl Hiaasen
- **The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle** by Leslie Connor
- **Echo** by Pam Munoz Ryan
- **Space Case** by Stuart Gibbs
- **A Storm Too Soon (Young Readers Edition): A Remarkable True Survival Story in 80 – Foot Seas** by Michael J. Tougias
- **Small Spaces** by Katherine Arden
- **Doll Bones** by Holly Black

# MOSS Marathon

Get your walking shoes ready because it's almost time for the annual MOSS Marathon! This fun-filled event is a long-standing tradition at Mother of Sorrows School and each year our students look forward to this day with great excitement!

This year, the marathon will take place on Friday, October 7, 2022. This is an optional fundraiser for the school and all profits go directly to the operating budget.

Students in preschool through eighth grade are asked to get sponsors/donations for each lap they make around the campus. All students' laps are tracked, and the information is sent home for donation collection. Please see the information below, for additional information and all the ways you can help make this event successful.

## Be a Parent Volunteer:

- We are looking for Parent Volunteers to make this day a huge success.
- Parent Volunteers will help supervise students, refill water bottles and volunteer during lunch time.
- You can volunteer for part of the day or the entire day!
- Volunteer sign-ups will be sent home soon so be on the lookout.

## Help Your Child Raise Money:

- Help your student fill up his or her pledge sheet!
- You can make a flat donation or make a pledge based on how many miles walked during the Marathon.
- Students can receive prizes, this year, based on their total amount raised!
- Pledge sheets will be sent home in a few weeks.

## Important Reminders:

- Return pledge forms by the morning of the marathon (students will bring home the pledge form on the following Tuesday with their total miles walked). Please return the form and pledge money in an envelope with your child's name.
- All students must have a water bottle CLEARLY MARKED WITH HIS/HER NAME. Remember to fill the water bottle to the top with ice. Adult helpers will fill with water throughout the day.
- Students should dress for the weather and wear their ORANGE marathon shirt, any bottoms you would like and tennis shoes.
- Students can buy a lunch or pack (lunch is a cookout).
- Please send in a LARGE BEACH TOWEL labeled with your child's name.
- Be sure to have your child eat a hearty breakfast.
- Popsicles and Freeze Pops will be served as an afternoon treat!



# Volunteer Opportunities

We recognize that parental involvement is key to the success of our students. During the school year, we have so many volunteer opportunities! Please read through the list of openings below to see how you can make a difference in Mother of Sorrows School!

## Why get involved?

Here are some reasons why you should volunteer:

- Get to know teachers and staff
- Meet and interact with other MOSS families
- Participate in events that benefit the MOSS community
- And finally – IT'S SO MUCH FUN!

## How do I become a volunteer?

To become a volunteer, please follow the steps below:

- Read through the list of volunteer opportunities below.
- Pick the events you would like to sign up for. You can volunteer as much as you want.
- Keep an eye on the Newsflash for sign-up information.
- Please note, you must have all updated clearances, in the office, to volunteer.
- Finally, thank you for being part of our MOSS family!

## Volunteer Openings

### 1. MOSS Marathon

- Friday, October 7, 2022

### 2. Santa Shoppe

- Wednesday, November 30, 2022
- Thursday, December 1, 2022
- Friday, December 2, 2022

### 3. Light Up Night

- Saturday, December 3, 2022

### 4. Breakfast with Santa

- Saturday, December 10, 2022

### 5. Open House (Catholic Schools Week)

- Sunday, January 29, 2023

### 6. Donuts with Dads

- Thursday, February 16, 2023

### 7. Bunny Brunch

- Saturday, March 25, 2023

### 8. Muffins with Moms

- Thursday, May 11, 2023

### 9. Lunch Duty

- All year round
- Sign-up in the weekly Newsflash



## Jump Rope Club

We are excited to announce that the Jump Rope Club is back at MOSS! Registration will be sent home through a link in the Friday Newsflash. The last time we had Jump Rope Club was before the Pandemic, so we are very happy to bring it back. The MOSS Jump Rope Club promotes fun, heart healthy exercise. The main objective is not perfection or mastery of tricks, but rather weekly improvement on all levels. The jumpers do not take part in any competitions. This year, Mrs. Smart, Mrs. Osche and Mrs. Berenger will be “coaching” the team. The club is open to all students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. There is something for everyone, boys and girls alike! Jumping will take place on Thursdays afterschool from October to January!



## Casting Call: Frozen Jr.

Get ready to join the cast of this year's MOSS Musical "Frozen". Auditions, for students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>, will take place on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Callbacks for major roles will be on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Practices will be held every Monday and Wednesday until the tech weeks. Performances will run from Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Drama Club fee is \$75 per student or \$125 per family. Mr. Visnick will be sending home an information packet prior to the auditions to give parents more information about the musical process.





## Mathlete Club



Calling All 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:

Do you like math?  
Do you like challenges?  
Are you competitive?

Then Mathletes is the Club for You!



### Mathlete

**120,000**

Participating Students

**6**

Continents

**39**

Countries

You will compete with students around the world while using new thinking strategies, creativity, and ingenuity to solve math problems!

Look for flyers coming home soon and contact Mrs. Bayer for further questions

## FBLA

Welcome Back: FBLA Year 2!

For 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students



## PENNSYLVANIA FBLA

FBLA inspires and prepares students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences.

- Compete in Business Minded Events
- Help Run the School Store
- **New this Year** Help "serve" MOSS from a Business Perspective

Look for flyers coming home soon and contact Mrs. Bayer for questions

## Open House

Please join us for our annual fall Open House on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. You will have an opportunity to explore all of the wonderful things happening at MOSS! There will be student projects on display. You also will have a chance to see all of the classrooms and visit with our amazing teachers and staff. Don't forget, the Scholastic Book Fair will be open so make sure you stop by to purchase some of your favorite books. This year's book fair is sponsored by the MPTSA.



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 <p><b>EARN</b> Box Tops for your school</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>FORWARD</b> your digital receipt</p>
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## Scrip Program



### EARN \$500 OR MORE IN SCRIP TUITION CREDIT ANNUALLY, AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3

#### 1. Sign-Up for Your Family Account Today

- Sign up at [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com) or download the Raise Right App on your mobile device.

#### 2. Instantly Download E-Cards

- You can instantly download e-cards when you link a bank account.
- Reload physical gift cards purchased at [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com) or the Raise Right App.
- Ship physical gift cards anywhere (fees may apply).
- Giant Eagle now has E-CARDS on the Raise Right App. They work just like the physical gift cards and you can get them INSTANTLY on your phone (with a linked bank account).
- You can use them for groceries, gas, pharmacy, retailer gift cards and so much more.

#### 3. Get Support from Family and Friends

- Have your family and friends create an account through [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com) or the Raise Right App.
- They MUST indicate the "Family name" when setting up their account.

#### How to purchase MOSS in-stock physical gift cards

- Call or stop by the school office Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Available gift cards: Walmart/ Sam's Club (\$25, \$100), Giant Eagle (\$25, \$50, \$100, \$200, \$500), Barnes & Noble (\$5, \$10), Bath & Body Works (\$10), Bob Evans (\$10), Dairy Queen (\$10), Eat'n Park (\$10, \$25), Kohl's (\$10), Marathon (\$25), Michaels (\$25), Rite Aid (\$25), Sheetz (\$25), Speedway (\$25), Walgreens (\$25), Wendy's (\$10)

**Please note: MOSS Giant Eagle physical gift cards can be purchased at the Murrysville or Penn Twp. customer service desks (payable ONLY with Cash or Check to MOSS).**

# Birthday Celebrations at MOSS

## Birthday Dress-Down Passes

Students in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade can celebrate their birthday by purchasing a Birthday Dress Down Pass for their homeroom. The Birthday Dress Down Pass is \$25.00. If you are interested in purchasing this pass, please email Jodi Beall at [jbeall@mosschool.org](mailto:jbeall@mosschool.org) at least one week before the requested date of the dress down. Please note, Birthday Dress Down Passes are not available on Mass days.

## Birthday Treats

All students are permitted to bring in a small birthday treat; however, the treat must be an item from the approved birthday treat options listed below. Also, please contact your child's homeroom teacher before sending in a birthday treat! We appreciate your cooperation in following the rules and keeping our students with allergies safe!

## Approved Birthday Treats

### Cakes and Cupcakes (Prepackaged Individual Servings)

- Hostess cupcakes, Hostess Twinkies, Ho Hos and Ding Dongs

### Cookies (Prepackaged Individual Servings)

- Kellogg's brand Rice Krispie Treats (original), Oreos (regular or golden), Keebler Fudge Stripes, Fudge Grahams, Grasshopper Fudge Mint, E.L. Fudge Sandwich Cookies (original and double stuffed), Nabisco Lorna Doone Shortbread and Gripz Chips Ahoy

### Donuts/Muffins (Prepackaged Individual Servings)

- Hostess brand (powder, frosted or glazed) and Hostess Muffins (mini or regular)

### Chips (Prepackaged Individual Servings)

- Bugles, Cheetos, Doritos, Fritos, Potato Chips, Pringles, Sun Chips and Tostitos

### Candy (Prepackaged Individual Servings)

- Air Heads, Dum-Dum Lollipops, Ring Pops, Runts, Skittles, Spree and Twizzlers



## Notes from the Office

### Gym Uniform and Sweatshirt Order

Additional orders for gym uniforms and sweatshirts are being accepted at this time. If you would like to place an order, please see the attached document on the Friday Newsflash or contact Jodi Beall at [jbeall@mosschool.org](mailto:jbeall@mosschool.org).

**ORDER NOW**

### Speech and Language Screening

The Westmoreland Intermediate Unit provides Speech/Language Services at Mother of Sorrows School. If your child is in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> and you would like your child screened by the WIU Speech-Language Pathologist at the beginning of the school year, please email Theresa Szmed at [tszmed@mosschool.org](mailto:tszmed@mosschool.org). All Kindergarten students will be screened automatically beginning November 1, 2022.



### Drop Off Procedure

There seem to be many students arriving as car riders in the morning. Here are a few reminders to help make the arrival process run as safe and smoothly as possible.

- When arriving for drop off, please pull up to the Angel Statue in front of the church if you are the first car in the line. Each lead car should pull to the statue after that.
- All children must exit the car from the passenger side.
- If you have to exit your car to assist your child(ren) in getting out of the car, please do not use the car rider line. Please park your car in the lower lot so you can take your time assisting them and avoid holding up the car rider line.
- Please do not go around cars who are dropping off students. No one can pull away until the car in front of you pulls away.

## Spotlight on Sports

### MOS Sports

1. **Girls and Boys Cross Country Track**
  - Open to grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Season runs from August to October
2. **Girls Basketball**
  - Open to grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Season runs from August to November
3. **Girls Cheerleading**
  - Open to grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Season runs from September to March
4. **Boys Basketball**
  - Open to grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Season runs from November to March
5. **Girls Volleyball**
  - Open to grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Season runs from March to May
6. **Girls and Boys Soccer**
  - Open to grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Season runs from April to May

MOS is in need of coaches for Boys Basketball, Girls Volleyball, Girls Cheerleading and Girls and Boys Soccer. Parents interested in coaching should contact the MOS athletic director for more details.

### Sign-Ups

Sign-ups for Cross Country and Girls Basketball have completed. Sign-ups for Girls Cheerleading are continuing until the end of September and sign-ups for Boys Basketball will begin in October. Practices and game schedules will be issued for each sport as the season approaches. Interested individuals should contact the MOS Athletic Director, John Koury, at [jkoury@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:jkoury@dioceseofgreensburg.org) as soon as possible.

## Our Athletic Program

Mother of Sorrows student athletes are embarking on another exciting and fun-filled sports season. Last year, MOS had 182 student athletes participate in the MOS sports programs, with many students participating in more than one sport. Our athletic program philosophy is characterized by the Diocese of Greensburg's "PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY" **GROW** model of coaches and players working together to set team, individual, and sportsmanship **GOALS**, to establish good **RELATIONSHIPS** with teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials, and to allow the student athletes to have **OWNERSHIP** for their sport, with **WINNING** occurring as a result of these factors (**G+R+O=W**).

The MOS CYO athletic teams compete with other CYO programs from around the diocese and participate in end-of-season championship tournaments at Greensburg Central High School. This year, the end of season cross country championship meet will take place at St. Vincent University. During the 2021-22 school year, the Mother of Sorrows Cross Country, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, and Girls Volleyball athletic teams achieved many first and second place awards at the diocesan tournaments.

## Spotlight on Sports

### Girls Basketball

The Girls Basketball season will begin on September 17<sup>th</sup>. This year, we have 42 girls participating in the JJV, JV and Varsity Divisions. We want to wish all 3 teams the best of luck this season!



### Cheerleading

Sign-ups are underway for the MOS CYO Cheerleading team. The program is open to all students in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This year, we will have two squads: Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup> and Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. We already have a lot of girls interested so it should be an exciting and fun season!

Anyone interested in joining the Girls Cheerleading team should contact the MOS Athletic Director, John Koury, at [jkoury@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:jkoury@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

### Cross Country

The MOS CYO Cross Country team has started the 2022 season with 37 children participating. Competitions for the season started on September 11<sup>th</sup> and will continue weekly on Sundays.

During the first meet, there were 93 JJV runners, 108 JV runners and 26 Varsity runners. The MOS Cross JJV team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the JV team came in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Listed below are the 10 ten runners in each division. Congratulations to the entire team for a great start to the season!

#### **Boys JJV:**

Joseph Tropiano: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Sebastian Miller: 5<sup>th</sup> Place  
Andrew Muir: 6<sup>th</sup> Place

#### **Boys JV:**

Landon Morley: 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Noah Kallen: 4<sup>th</sup> Place  
Peter Stanislaw: 5<sup>th</sup> Place  
Vincent Tropiano: 8<sup>th</sup> Place

#### **Girls Varsity:**

Rebecca Stanislaw: 6<sup>th</sup> Place

#### **Girls JJV:**

Victoria Dos Santos: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Addison Boreman: 4<sup>th</sup> Place

#### **Girls JV:**

Maria Stanislaw: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Maggie Thompson: 5<sup>th</sup> Place  
Aleah Kloc: 7<sup>th</sup> Place



# PowerSchool

## The PowerSchool Parent Portal is Accessible in 2 ways:

### 1. Website URL:

- <https://powerschool.dioceseofgreensburg.org>
- Located on our school website

### 2. Mobile APP:

- PowerSchool Mobile APP for iOS and Android Devices
- Using the APP requires the user to enter a district code, located on the Parent Portal Homepage, when a user is logged in via the website URL

## Important PowerSchool Information:

### Students:

- Each student has his or her own login for the portal.
- In order to generate the report for student logins, select the students in PowerSchool, and then choose "Print Report" from the "Functions" dropdown menu.
- Select the report titled "Parent Portal Student Access Letter" and then click "Submit".

### Parents without a Parent Portal Account:

- These individuals will need to create an account on the Parent Portal login screen.
- The following file, "Creating a Parent or Guardian Account for the PowerSchool Parent Portal", may be downloaded and provided to parents who need to create an account.
- These individuals will also need the Access ID and Access Password for their children in order to link the student records to their portal account.
- The Access ID and Access Password is generated by selecting the respective student(s) in PowerSchool, and printing the report titled "Parent Portal Parent/Guardian Access Letter".

### Parents with an Existing Parent Portal Account:

- These individuals already created an account for the Parent Portal.
- The login information remains unchanged.
- The students that were linked to their account previously will remain intact as well, as long as they are still active in PowerSchool.
- These individuals may have a new child attending our school. In this case, the "Parent Portal Parent/Guardian Access Letter" will need to be generated for the new student and then provided to the parent(s) in order to add the record to their account.
- The following file, "Adding a New Student Record to an Existing Parent Portal Account", may be downloaded and provided to parents for instruction on how to add a new student record to their account.

Please note: If you forget your password, please do not call the school office. Please click on "Reset Password".



# MPTSA

Mother of Sorrows School is excited to introduce the MPTSA (MOSS Parent Teacher Student Association)! The focus of the MPTSA is to increase communication between parents, students, teachers and administration. They also will welcome new families to MOSS, coordinate fun student activities, host school receptions and provide enrichment programs for all students. Here are the highlights from the most recent MPTSA meeting:

- Christy Neltner was nominated and approved as the Assistant Chairperson.
- Christine Jordan spoke about a new Scrip App. Please see this newsletter for more information.
- Committees are working on the Scholastic Book Fair, marketing plans and Open House ideas.

We would like to thank the following people for serving as administrators or standing chairs:

## Standing Chairs:

- Fundraising: Dejour Young
- Marketing and Communication: Deanna Harman
- Recognition: Michelle LaBorda and Darcie Nagy
- Volunteer: Jamie Logan
- Family Events: Nicole Iole and Crystal Favela

## Administrators:

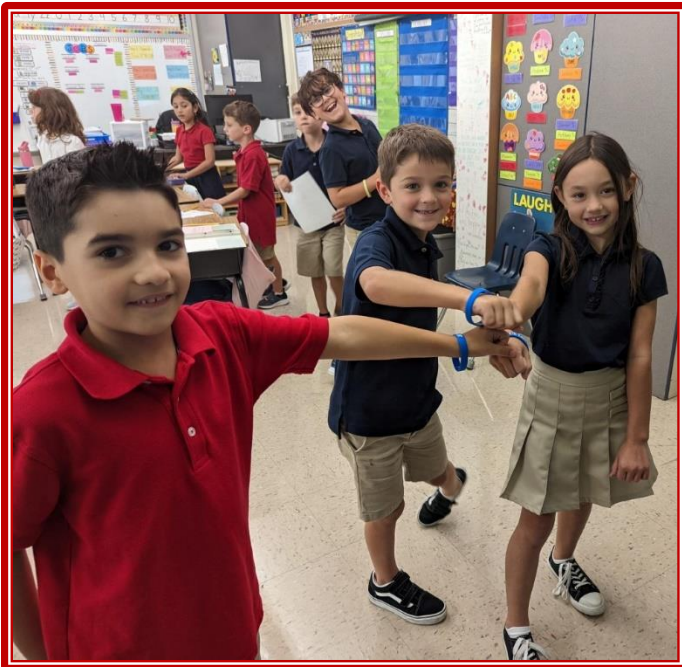
- Chairperson: Ashley Toth
- Assistant Chairperson: Christy Neltner
- Secretary: Erin Patterson
- Treasurer: Cynthia Likar
- Teacher Representative: Maria Bartifay

**The next meeting is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at MOSS.  
Please feel free to join us as all parents are welcome to attend!**



## Olweus Kick-Off

MOSS students recently celebrated our annual Olweus Kickoff. During this time, students worked together to build a "Bully Barrier" around the school building. They also signed anti-bullying pledges and wrote how they will help others and stop bullying throughout the school year.

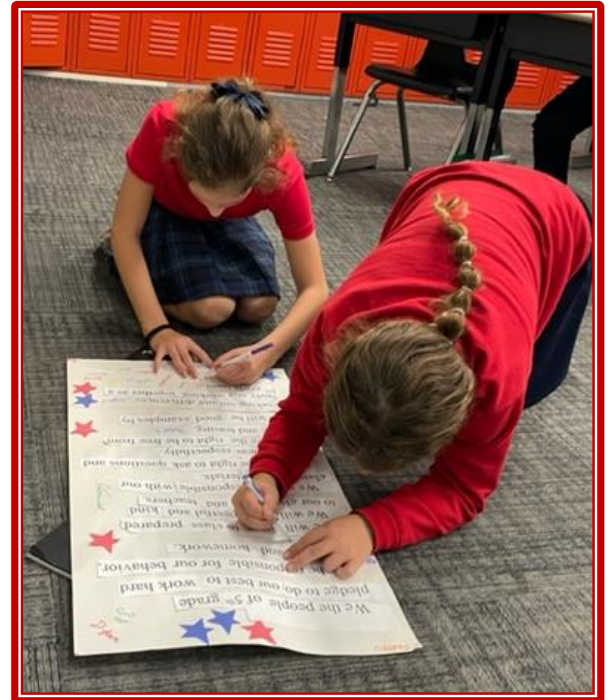


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# Around the Halls of MOSS



Here is a look at the "First Day of School" for Mrs. Malley's Kindergarten class.



Mrs. Beer's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class worked together to create their very own "Classroom Constitution."



Father Tony spent time with the kindergarten class. They prayed, sang and told Father all about the creation.



Mrs. McMullen's 5<sup>th</sup> grade science class spent some time outside investigating how shadows move and change throughout the day.

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Mrs. Bayer's 5<sup>th</sup> grade spent the afternoon "Book Tasting" where they tried a little taste of different books before selecting one for a good read.

Monsignor Michael talked with 7<sup>th</sup> grade about the history of Mother of Sorrows, his journey to priesthood and this past weekend's Gospel.



## Back to School Prayer

