



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School "OLL", formerly Lake Michigan Catholic Schools, is a PK- 12 college preparatory Catholic school upholding a long-standing tradition of academic excellence and Christian values.

LOCATION

Located in St. Joseph, Michigan on the shores of Lake Michigan.

FACULTY

OLL is comprised of 30 full-time and 8 part-time teachers. 30% of faculty hold a Master's Degree or higher. The student to teacher ratio is 9 to 1.

ACCREDITATION

Michigan Non-Public Schools Accrediting Association

CEEB Code: 233380

SCHOOL PROFILE

PHILOSOPHY

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School, formerly Lake Michigan Catholic Schools, emphasizes a commitment to the Catholic Church and academic excellence which fosters the spiritual and intellectual growth of students. In the classroom, students develop critical thinking skills in the light of moral reasoning, enhance their abilities to function in a technological world, and are challenged to develop their potential as lifelong learners. Through campus ministries, students are developed as servant leaders with a responsibility for peace and justice.

MISSION

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, rooted in Sacred Scripture and centered on the Eucharist, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School embraces the values Education, Faith, and Citizenship.

STUDENT BODY

352 students are enrolled at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School with 13 students in the Class of 2023. The student body is 50% male and 50% female and is demographically represented as 61% White, 16% Hispanic, 6% Asian, 5% Black, 1% Pacific Islander, 1% American Indian, 10% 2 or more races. OLL regularly hosts international exchange students from France, Guatemala, Japan, Vietnam, Germany, South Korea, and more. Approximately 15% of OLL students qualify for free or reduced lunch and 40% receive financial aid to attend the school.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

OLL students participate in numerous service projects throughout the year. From raking leaves for the elderly, hosting book drives for after-school programs in low-income areas, to raising money for breast cancer research, OLL students contribute their time and talents to those in need. OLL students in grades 9-12 are required to complete at least 25 service hours and a service portfolio each year.

EXTRACURRICULAR & ATHLETICS

Our Lady of the Lake has an active student body with a full year of campus ministry events. Approximately 95% of OLL students in grades 9-12 participate in at least one of the 12 clubs and student organizations at the school and 80% are a member of at least one of the 18 available Varsity sports. OLL is a member of the Berrien/Cass/St. Joseph Counties (BCS) Athletics Conference.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School

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EDUCATION ~ FAITH ~ CITIZENSHIP

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School prides itself on a rich history of rigorous, college-preparatory coursework. 94% of the graduating Class of 2022 is currently enrolled at a 4-year college or university. 6% are currently enrolled in a 2-year college or university. Graduation requirements for Our Lady of the Lake include:

- 4 credits Theology
- 4 credits English
- 4 credits Math
- 3 credits Science
- 3 credits Social Studies
- 2 credits Foreign Language
- 2 credits Performing and Visual Arts
- 1 credit P.E. and Health
- Senior Capstone

COURSE OFFERINGS

Prior to COVID-19, an OLL school day was comprised of seven 50-minute class periods each day. After COVID-19, the school switched to eight 85-minute class periods broken up into a two-day block schedule. The school year has two semesters with two quarters each semester. OLL students have the opportunity to begin taking high school courses in 8th grade (most commonly Algebra 1, Spanish 1, Biology, and World History). OLL offers five to seven AP courses each year, some of which run on an every-other-year rotation. The AP course offerings include:

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Language & Composition
- AP Literature & Composition
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish
- AP US History
- AP World History (on rotation)
- AP European History (on rotation)
- AP Physics I
- AP Environmental Science (on rotation)
- AP Biology (on rotation)
- AP Art 2-D (as requested)

GRADING SCALE AND CLASS RANK

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School assigns letter grades in all academic classes grades 6-12. Cumulative GPA is calculated from grades 9-12 and gives extra points for AP and dual enrollment classes. The table below shows OLL's weighted 4.0 scale:

Grade: Percent	Grade Points	AP/Weighted Points	Grade: Percent	Grade Points	AP/Weighted Points	Grade: Percent	Grade Points	AP/Weighted Points
A: 93-100%	4.00	5.00	B-: 80-82.99%	2.67	3.67	D+: 67-69.99%	1.33	2.33
A-: 90-92.99%	3.67	4.67	C+: 77-79.99%	2.33	3.33	D: 63-66.99%	1.00	2.00
B+: 87-89.99%	3.33	4.33	C: 73-76.99%	2.00	3.00	D-: 60-62.99%	0.67	1.67
B: 83-86.99%	3.00	4.00	C-: 70-72.99%	1.67	2.67	F: 0-59.99%	0.00	0.00

The top 50% of the Class of 2023 has a 3.311+. The highest GPA for the Class of 2023 is 4.279. Our Lady of the Lake eliminated Class Rank following the 2020-2021 school year.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Our Lady of the Lake students take the PSAT/NMSQT Fall of their junior year. OLL students participate in SAT School Day in the Spring of their junior year as part of the State of Michigan's Spring State Testing. Some students opt to take the ACT in addition to the SAT. The Class of 2023 participated in SAT School Day on April 13th, 2022. The mean SAT composite score for the Class of 2023 is 1068 with scores ranging from 920 to 1560.

COVID-19

In March 2020 Our Lady of the Lake suspended all in-person instruction in accordance with Michigan Executive Order No. 2020-35. The school switched to virtual instruction in a block schedule format. Virtual classes led by OLL teachers occurred Monday-Thursday with Friday serving as time for projects, assessments, and office hours. Students received letter grades based on OLL's traditional grading system. Universal masking and social distancing protocols were put in place following COVID-19 protocols from local and state health departments and government.