



## Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 2nd, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Attendees:** Valerie Marks, Talitha Simonato, Kimberly Weber, Zach Alejo, Harry Jansen, Jessica Gloor, Christopher Withers, Mariel Tinney, Diane Hagerty,

**Chair:** Talitha Simonato

**Secretary:** Kimberly Weber

**CPIC Rep:** Harry Jansen

**Student Rep:** Zach Alejo

**Community Rep:** Anu Saxena

**Teacher Rep:** Mariel Tinney

**General Parent Members:** Diane Hagerty, Aklasya Brhane

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS
1. Prayer	Led by V. Marks
2. School Events/Updates	<p><b>Z. Alejo</b></p> <p><b>Intramural Volleyball</b> – Intramural volleyball activities ran throughout the month of November</p> <p><b>Nov 5 - Grade 8 Visits</b> - Grade 8 students visit/activities/school tours.</p> <p><b>Nov 6 – Veterans’ Visit</b> -Veterans visited the school and presented to students.</p> <p><b>Nov 7 – St. James SHSM Visit</b> - St. James students visited as part of the SHSM program, PPE and infection control presentation.</p> <p><b>Nov 10–14 – Anti-Bullying Week</b> - Students participated in activities promoting kindness, including writing positive messages.</p> <p><b>Nov 11 – Remembrance Day Ceremony at Sleeman Centre</b> - Students carried wreaths and flags; Arts Council decorated school foyer</p>



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**Nov 18 – Grade 8 Information Night** - Included a presentation and student-led tours for visiting families.  
**St. Vincent de Paul Visits** - Ongoing collaboration with leadership classes for the Christmas drive.  
**Nov 21 – High School Handball Tournament**  
Students from OLOL, BM and St. James participated in the tournament.  
**Nov 25 – Graduation Presentation** - Information provided to graduating students.  
**Nov 26 – Arts Council Open Mic Event**  
**Semi-Formal Dance** - Event has been rescheduled (new date TBD).

**Upcoming Events**

Advent Reconciliation & Advent Mass

**M. Tinney**

**Staff News**

Mrs. Kenny has retired.

**Advent Activity – Gift Chain**

A “gift chain” initiative will run throughout Advent to promote connection within the school community.

**Chess Team**

The school chess team competed at a tournament; OLOL placed 4th overall.

**V. Marks**

**Umbrella Project Theme – Purpose**

Students completed guided reflections and created



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	<p>purpose statements, which will be added to a paper chain to decorate the Christmas tree in the foyer.</p> <p><b>Construction Update</b> Hallway construction contract is currently out for tender.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Construction is scheduled to begin in March.</li><li>○ Starting in January, classrooms in the affected area will not be used.</li></ul>
Guest Presenter	<p><b>Jessica Gloor</b></p> <p><b>Role:</b> Program Resource Teacher</p> <p><b>Overview of SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major) Programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Grade 11 and 12 students can participate in customized learning experiences aligned with their personal interests and career pathways.</li><li>● Each secondary school offers designated SHSM programs.</li><li>● The board provides 9 SHSM sectors for students to choose from.</li><li>● Programs include industry-specific training and access to 100+ certifications, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ First Aid</li><li>○ CPR</li><li>○ WHMIS</li><li>○ Various sector-specific certifications</li></ul></li></ul>



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- All Grade 12 students complete First Aid/CPR during school hours.
- Costs for certifications are covered by community partners, not students or families.

## 2. Program Requirements

- **Major Credits**  
Four sector-specific courses that equip students with the knowledge and skills relevant to their chosen industry.
- **Other Required Credits** Courses from the standard Ontario curriculum as required for OSSD
- **Cooperative Education Credits**  
Two co-op credits
- **Eligibility**
  - Students must be working toward earning their OSSD (not **12+** eligible programs).

## 3. Program Components

- **Reach Ahead Activities**
  - Opportunities for students to explore post-secondary pathways through visits to colleges, universities, or workplaces.
- **Experiential Learning**
  - Hands-on experiences directly connected to sector skills and career exploration.
- **Certifications**
  - Includes First Aid/CPR/WHMIS and



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	<p>additional industry-specific credentials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Typically delivered by external trainers who come into the school.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Sector Partner Experiences</b></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community partners visit the school to share sector knowledge, training, or demonstrations.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. SHSM Sectors Offered at OLOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Arts and Culture</li> <li>● Environment</li> <li>● Health and Wellness</li> <li>● Hospitality</li> <li>● Manufacturing</li> <li>● Transportation</li> </ul> <p><b>5. Tracking and Monitoring</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MyBlueprint is used to track all SHSM requirements electronically for each student.</li> </ul>
Council Priorities	<p><b>PRO Grant</b> Ongoing planning and allocation of funds to support parent engagement initiatives.</p> <p><b>Cultural Fair</b> Scheduled for May 20, 2026, from 5:30–7:30 PM.</p> <p><b>Family of Schools – Joint CSC Meeting</b> Scheduled for April 28, 2025.</p>



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Next Meeting	January 27th 2026 - 6:30 pm (Virtual)
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