



Our Lady of the Wayside School

Our Lady of the Wayside School is dedicated to enriching our students' minds, fostering a deep and meaningful faith in each child, and expanding their talents.

OLW School Registration Information for 2025-2026

A \$150 non-refundable registration fee is required for all students at the time of registration. Without the registration fee, the student will not be put on any class list. The registration fee is refundable if you do not secure a spot in our school.

Parents registering new students need to provide the following at the time of registration:

- a LEGAL birth certificate (not the hospital copy)
- a baptismal certificate (even if baptized at OLW) – copies will be made and originals returned

All students admitted must comply with State of Illinois dental, vision, health examination and immunization requirements. The State of Illinois requires documentation of the following:

- a physical exam by a licensed physician in Illinois, as well as a record of updated immunizations for all students entering school for the first time (including preschoolers), kindergartners and sixth graders BEFORE the first day of the current school year.
- An oral health examination by a licensed dentist in Illinois for all kindergartners, 2nd graders, and 6th graders due by May 15th of the current school year.
- a complete vision exam by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist in Illinois for students entering an Illinois school for the first time (not including preschoolers) and all kindergartners due no later than October 15th of the current school year.

Tuition Payment Plan Options:

Annual Plan: This is a one-time payment due in July or August.

Semi-Annual Plan: This plan has two payments. The first payment is due in July.

Quarterly: This plan has four payments starting in July.

Monthly Plan: This plan has 11 payments starting in July.

Tuition collection is managed by BlackBaud. Registration information for BlackBaud will be sent out at a later date and all families are required to register with them.

Registration Dates:

January through Feb 28: Open enrollment for families through the end of Catholic Schools Week
Feb 28 and afterwards: Registrations filled on a first-come, first-served basis

Since class size is limited, the following order will be considered when taking registrations:

1. Currently enrolled OLW School students
2. Brothers or sisters of currently enrolled OLW students
3. Children of OLW Parishioners registered before December 1, 2024
4. Children of Catholic families registered at parishes other than OLW
5. Children of non-Catholic families

Our Lady of the Wayside School is operated under the auspices of the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole, in the Archdiocese of Chicago. OLW admits students of any race, color, sex, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students in this school. OLW does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, or national and ethnic origin in administration of educational policies, loan programs, athletic or other school-administered programs.

(keep this sheet for your information)