

“We have a lot of activities like Dr. Suess Day with reading and lots of activities. It’s really fun!” – OLL STUDENT



Lakota Culture: Our Lady of Lourdes prides itself incorporating the culture in all aspect of the curriculum. Knowing the culture has made a positive impact on the lives of the students, they feel empowered and earn a sense of pride. Offering Lakota language classes to students grades K-8.

Students also have the opportunity to participate in:

- Dance Club – Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
- Hand Games – Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye
- Drum Group
- Sweat Lodge ceremonies



21st Century Program: The program continues to offer a variety of activities to meet student interest facilitated by friendly staff for all students to enjoy. Students choose from a variety of clubs that change each quarter. The program proudly offers at least one club each night to all students so they can expand their horizons in clubs such as: Chess, Accelerated Reader, Accelerated Math, Music, Drama, Physical Education, Bingo, and many more. Through the program, students were able to take pleasure in the weekend trips to pick out books at Borders, swimming, ice skating, and enjoyed their first Rapid City Rush pro-hockey game.

Tutoring: Through the 21st Century program after-school tutoring is offered to students needing additional support.



Community Involvement and Spiritual Formation: Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary is a Catholic Lakota school. OLL’s nurturing environment promotes a sense of social responsibility and contribution. Through community involvement, we promote positive social growth. Pennies for Patients and visits to senior facilities are examples of events in which OLL students participate.

Summer Program: OLL offers a morning academic program and an afternoon recreation program during the summer. Instruction in math, reading, and language arts is provided in the morning.



The afternoon program consists of arts and crafts, games, field sports, and special-themed events.

Hot Lunch Program: Students are served a healthy breakfast and lunch with a pick of their favorite fruit and vegetables through our lunch program.



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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Elementary Grades K-8



Our Mission

Our Lady of Lourdes School's mission is to maximize the potential of each child by fostering a love of learning in a challenging and balanced environment.



"Our daughter is thriving at Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL). We feel very comfortable with the school, the staff, and all they have to offer."
— OLL PARENT

Welcome

A Message from the Principal
Founded in 1931, Our Lady of Lourdes School (OLL) provides a challenging, comprehensive academic curriculum enriched with art, music, and Lakota language. The balance of our unique program helps ensure that each student is well prepared not only for higher education but also for a successful and rewarding life!

OLL students enjoy an atmosphere that encourages learning – an atmosphere of inspiration, trust, guidance, and appreciation for each individual. Our educators are highly skilled, enthusiastic, and committed to their students' achievement and personal fulfillment. We also have a solid commitment to foster in our students a strong sense of community, mutual respect, and compassion for others.

Our founding principle is that no two people learn in the same manner or at the same rate. Therefore, our skilled staff developed a curriculum for student's capabilities and style of learning to maximize academic success and life enrichment. Ultimately, it is our goal that OLL students will advance into the world as positive contributors to society, prepared to realize their full potential and achieve their goals and dreams. We welcome the chance to share our unique program with you!

Alice Phelps
Principal

"Since I've been here my grades have gotten better." -OLL Student



Academics

Utilizing the quality teaching tools, methods, and materials, our experienced educators provide the instruction and motivation for students to perform at their peak. Further, our low student-to-teacher ratio provides an ideal learning environment. Students receive individual attention, yet also benefit from group interactions, such as discussions, sharing ideas, and presentations – all of which build confidence and teach mutual respect.

At OLL, students follow a mastery system which encourages the completion of their current work to 100% comprehension before moving on to the next level of instruction. Teachers work closely with students to ensure a thorough understanding of and comfort with the task or subject at hand. Regular homework assignments, designed to reinforce daily lessons, begin in the lower grades and gradually become more challenging. They are structured to develop the student's study habits, sense of responsibility, and time-management skills.



Resources Technology is an indispensable element of today's society. Our students are taught keyboarding, as well as the fundamentals of computer use, and are encouraged to use classroom computers to complete assignments.

We also utilize various software programs to complement in-class instruction and to reinforce academic skills.



Physical Fitness

Fitness is an important piece of the well-rounded individual. Various activities to refine motor skills and promote health begin in kindergarten and continue throughout the program. These activities also develop students' appreciation for teamwork and a healthy lifestyle. We also encourage students to participate in the many after-school sports programs.



Faculty

Each teacher possesses the knowledge, experience, and love for teaching that is necessary to guide and inspire students to realize their full potential.

To guide students on the path to a well-balanced, culturally rich life, our faculty encourages enthusiasm for academics. Further, we strive to help students develop a solid sense of self-worth and integrity so that they will not only be scholars but also strong, community-minded individuals prepared to succeed in the many realms of our diverse society.



"I really get along with my teachers. They are so nice if I have a problem. They always have a solution."

— OLL STUDENT

"The teachers are fantastic!"
— OLL PARENT