

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes School! I am very excited to spend this academic year with you and hope you feel the same way. This will be an exciting year as you begin your journey in our English Language Arts class. Providing you with the best education is my priority, and I am eager to assist you in accomplishing your goals, and supporting existing skills while enhancing others.

In our ELA class, we will become a community that learns and explores together, while still meeting our individual needs and interests. Aside from literature, we will complete numerous writing pieces that will examine and challenge literary works and theories. Overall, my vision for our class is for you to become part of a fostered and positive community where learning, questions, and motivation are accepted and challenged.

I have high expectations for all my students and truly believe that through respect, team work, and cooperation all students will be able to achieve greatness. Let's begin a productive school year! Of course, there will be times when we are feeling down or unmotivated, but we must always refocus and remember our goals.

Finally, please feel free to always speak with me about any questions, comments, or concerns you are having. Parents/Guardians, if you would like to speak with me, please email me at mbowen@ollnyc.org. Good luck and enjoy the school year!

Best wishes,

Ms. Bowen