Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic High School
World Language Placement Exam in Spanish or Italian

The World Language program at OLL is aligned with the *NYS World Language Learning Standards,* as well as the *ACTFL World Readiness Standards for Learning Languages.* Students at Our Lady of Lourdes High School have the option of studying Spanish and/or Italian. Incoming students may choose to begin with level 1 of their chosen language. Level 1 is typically for students who are new to the study of their chosen language, or for those who did not fulfill the requirements for a level 1 language credit. **Students who wish to begin at level 2 or above in their chosen language must take the *Our Lady of Lourdes World Language Placement Exam.*** This exam is offered in June, prior to the student's freshman year. In addition to deciding which level a student will be placed into, this exam also identifies those students who are eligible to be placed into an Honors level language course.

The placement exam assesses the students' understanding of the content taught in a level 1 language course. The placement exam evaluates the reading, writing and comprehension skills that the student has developed during the course of their language work. It also assesses the students' understanding of beginning grammatical patterns of the language.

The OLL placement test will also assess the topical understanding of the student. The common topics that the majority of level one students cover, and which are based on the *NYS World Language Standards*, include:

- Personal identification
- House and home
- Family life
- School and extracurricular activities
- Food, drinks and mealtime
- Health and wellness
- Adjectives for description, feelings and emotions
- Expressing likes and dislikes
- Calendar, weather and time

If you would like more information, or if you have a specific question relating to the placement test or the World Language Program at Our Lady of Lourdes, please contact the World Language Chairperson, Mrs.Kristen Gehlhoff .