



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We enjoyed welcoming our students back to school this morning, as we start our special 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary year!

Our enrollment is starting with 109 students, which is a 12% increase from the last school year.

We will continue to strive to provide a loving, supportive environment, where our community of parents, teachers, students, and parish are committed to the academic and personal success of each student. We look forward to a great year ahead!



### NEWS :

**Yellow Folders:** Every Wednesday, your child will bring home a yellow folder. Please review the papers inside, and send the folder back the next day. Completed forms may be returned in the folder. Inside today's are:

- Emergency Contact & Medical Form: **Please complete and return ASAP.**
- ADW Family Survey: This survey helps determine the amount of funding for additional services our school is eligible to receive. **Please complete and return one survey per family.** The info is confidential.
- Milk Order Form (optional): Milk, chocolate milk, and juice pouches are available for purchase at lunchtime every day for \$.50. Milk order forms for the quarter are included in today's yellow folders.

**PE Days:** Please have your child wear their PE uniform on their class' PE day, starting this week:

- **Thursdays:** 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, & 8th grades
- **Fridays:** Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 4th, & 5th grades



**Scholastic Book Fair:** We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair at school from **Sep. 1-9**. The Book Fair will be open during school hours, and after weekend Masses.

**School Portraits:** Lifetouch will be taking student portraits on **Wed, Sep. 5**. Students should wear appropriate dress clothes to school that day. Lifetouch portrait package order forms are in your child's yellow folder today. You may send the completed form with your payment on portrait day, or place your order online.

**Anniversary T-Shirts:** To celebrate our school's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are selling Anniversary t-shirts for \$7, featuring artwork from our own students. Students may wear these t-shirts throughout the school year on Mondays and on their PE day. Please see the flyer with today's news for ordering info.



## REMINDERS :

**Virtus:** Family members who would like to volunteer at school must first complete all steps of the Archdiocese of Washington's Virtus Child Protection Program. Info & forms are available from the School Office. OLSS will host a Live Training class in Sep/Oct (date TBD). There is a class at St. Pius X School in Bowie on Sep. 24 at 6:30pm. If you would like to attend, you must register online through your Virtus account by selecting "Register for Live Training".

**School Messenger:** Please email the School Office if you would like to add emails or phone numbers to our School Messenger notification system.

**Car Rider Signs:** Please remember to put your Car Rider sign on your dashboard where it can be seen by our staff during the afternoon car line. Please notify the School Office if you need additional Car Rider signs.



We hope to see all parents/guardians at Back to School Night on **Wed, Sep. 5**, starting at **6:30pm**. The evening will start with a presentation in the Providence Room, after which parents are invited to visit their children's classrooms to learn about their curriculum and schedules, and to meet other parents and students.

Our Home & School Association (HSA) committee will also give a brief presentation, and will be available to answer questions, and assist with sign-ups for volunteer committees and HSA memberships.

## UPCOMING EVENTS :

### AUGUST:

**Aug. 31:** 12:30pm Dismissal – Labor Day Weekend

### SEPTEMBER:

**Sep. 1-9:** Scholastic Book Fair

**Sep. 3:** No School – Labor Day

**Sep. 5:** School Picture Day

**Sep. 5, 6:30pm:** Back to School Night

**Sep. 9, 12pm:** Parish & School Picnic

**Sep. 24:** Archdiocesan Music Program Begins

**Sep. 26, 1:30pm:** Ryken High School Visit

**Sep. 28:** No School - Calvert Fair Day

### OCTOBER:

**Oct. 1:** Fall/Winter Uniforms Begin

**Oct. 10:** 12:30pm Dismissal

**Oct. 16:** Lifetouch Portraits Retakes

**Oct. 25:** Grandparents Day

**Oct. 25:** 12:30pm Dismissal

**Oct. 28:** Trick-or-Trunk

**Oct. 20:** End of 1st Quarter



## Archdiocesan Band Program

The Archdiocesan Music Program offers instrumental lessons and a group band experience in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington for students in grades 4-8. An ADW Music Teacher will come to OLSS to present a Band Demonstration on **Sep. 10**. Program info and registration forms will be sent home that day. Lessons and Band begin **Sep. 24**.

## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH & SCHOOL PICNIC

**Sunday, September 9**

Mass at 10:45am

Picnic & Activities start at 12pm

*Activities for all ages including local tastings, games, face painting, corn hole & door prizes*

**Please bring a dish to share:**

**Last Name A-M: Side dish**

**Last Name N-Z: Dessert**



God bless,

*Mary Bartsch*  
Mrs. Mary Bartsch  
Principal