

Our Lady Star of the Sea School

Student Council Newsletter

PRE-K

The Our Lady Star of the Sea Pre-K class has been working hard on many things in class. Pre-K has been practicing pronouncing letters and has also been studying the season of winter. They have impressively performed science experiments. They have been practicing multi-tasking and have also been working on motor building skills. They have been taking story quizzes on stories they have been reading. One of the most important thing Pre-K has been working on is their prayers. - Nic O.

KINDERGARTEN

This quarter, Kindergarten worked on many things. Like, they learned lots about advent, Mother Mary and her calling as Jesus' mom, St. Joseph as his foster father, why we celebrate Christmas, feast days of saints, advent charity, etc. In math, telling time to the hour, penny and coin identification skills, and number lines. In reading, reading words, identifying verbs/ action words, and predictions too. They studied animals and habitats for science. In social studies, they discussed Martin Luther King Jr and his problem solving and speech of "I have a dream," Our Lady of Guatalupe, Juan Diego, writing precision, complete sentences, and punctuation. They also did a food drive, shape identification, all saints day parade, the turkey trot, the thanksgiving feast, and lots of fun group activities. - Mckenzie S.

1st GRADE

In the second quarter 1st grade did many new and exciting things. In November the school held a Thanksgiving food drive where students brought in non-perishable food. The first graders counted the cans they brought in and made a paper chain adding on a new link for every can. For Christmas, 1st grade had a craft day where they made ornaments to bring home and decorate their own Christmas tree with. For Christmas, the kids also did activities related to gingerbread men and did a taste test graph. In math subtraction is a big concept so the kids are learning songs and doing fun projects to help them develop the skill. They also do spelling and math centers where they do activities to practice their week's spelling and sight words as well as math skills. 1st graders have learned many sight words, all the words they've learned so far are displayed on the back cabinet and they are working on adding more. Digraphs and consonant blends are a focus in 1st grade spelling. In religion class, the first graders are reading from both the Holy Bible and a textbook to learn about the holy family, mostly St. Joseph. Mrs. Mautino's family has become involved with the class and her son made an appearance in class getting to meet and work with the kids. Her grandma also gifted the classroom a sign that is a little tricky to read but says "Jesus" but once you get the hang of looking at it. In the second quarter 1st grade used the cube jar to earn a silly sock day. - Violet K.

2nd GRADE

Second grade had a lot of fun this past quarter. In Social Studies, they're learning about family heritage and about all their cultural backgrounds. They did an African American poster for Black History Month. In Language Arts, they're learning how to write persuasive letters and the format, such as the greeting, body and closing. In Religion, they're learning about forgiveness, they are looking forward to first Reconciliation. They are also starting to learn about the various parts of the Mass and soon the Eucharist which will lead them to getting their First Holy Communion in May. Off the topic of learning, they had a lot of fun with the 100 Days of School posters that they made and enjoyed making a Valentine's project. They are proud to be learning to add two-digit numbers with regrouping in Math. Aside from all that fun, in Science they're learning the basics of motion such as push, pull, back-and-forth. Second grade is still a busy group! - Alexis S.

3rd GRADE

The third grade class has been very busy this quarter. They have done a lot of work in math, working on more complex fractions and beginning work on multiplication and division. The third grade in general has shown an affinity for mathematics. They have also started their first novel study, which will continue working on reading and comprehension skills. The class has worked very hard and will continue to do so in the second half of the year as they continue to build on their skills. - Haley H.

4th GRADE

In the second quarter, the fourth graders competed in the Americanism Essay contest. They had to write between 150-250 words, about what freedom means to them. In math, they earned free time because they kept their corrections from PS21-61 up to date! In science, they had to draw and label parts of the ocean, forest, and desert ecosystems and if they did the desert they got extra credit! Fourth grade had been working very hard last quarter and will continue to. - Monroe B.

5^h GRADE

Fifth grade has been hard at work this quarter. They did book reports and made posters about famous inventors. They go to mass on Fridays and try to go to confession on Wednesday. They read books and made pumpkins with their 2nd grade buddies. In science they had a field trip to the calvert marine museum to learn about our ecosystem and they moved classrooms. - Tyler W.

6th GRADE

Sixth grade is great! In course 2 math they are learning about dividing negative numbers, decimals, and circumference. In Pre-Algebra they are learning about multiplication with scientific notation, implied ratios, percents greater than 100, right cylinders, inserting parentheses, volume, and order of addition. In Literature, they are learning about the history of baseball, nonfiction text. In science, they are learning all about Earth's atmosphere. In ELA, they are learning about similes and prepositions. In religion, they are learning about the family. In spelling they are on unit 19 spelling packet. - Lou H.

7th GRADE

7th grade has been great so far! In math, the 7th graders are learning about multiplication with scientific notation, implied ratios, percents greater than 100, right cylinders, inserting parentheses, and order of addition. In ELA, they are learning about Modal Auxiliaries; simple, progressive and perfect tenses; and indicative, imperative and empathetic mood. In science, they're learning about DNA and genetics, the environment, and change. In social studies, we're learning about the power of Kings, the Crusades, the Church, and the rule of citizens. In literature, they are learning about all kinds of African American folktales, and slavery. In religion, they're learning about the virtue of hope, charity and supernatural gifts. - Madalyn M.

8th GRADE

This quarter has been a busy one for the 8th grade, with many events and activities. Such as the trip to the JP2 Shrine in January, at which they saw many holy relics. There have been many raffles that the 8th grade held this quarter. Along with the fun activities with their Kindergarten buddies, such as reading Dr. Seuss books with them. Not to mention the projects and essays they have been assigned. Despite that the class has managed to pull through it all, and everyone is already looking forward to Easter Break. - Daniel D.

MISSIONS & CHARITIES

This year we have had our annual can food drive. I know it was a blessing because over 300 cans were donated to help the charity SMILE. For Advent, each class selected a specific charity and donated many items to help others. For kindness week, students were asked to bring in one can of food. We collected over 200 cans. On January 12th students were asked to bring in \$1 donations for a tag day. These donations went to the retirement funds of the Sister of Divine Providence. We also had a tag day for the Safe Nights program of Southern Maryland. I know we had a lot of students absent, but we collected a good number of the travel size toiletries. - Za'Hanna W.

SAFETY PATROL

The representative of Safety Patrol requests that you double check your children's schedules for the day. Sometimes, the students may have tutoring and must stay after school, or have after school activities like robotics. Recently, the lines have been held up due to parents misreading schedules. They also request that you make sure your children are timely when leaving. They understand that sometimes it's out of your control, but please let them know that the line won't wait. If your children don't come out on time, they may ask you to pull back around and wait in line again to pick them up. Some of the problems from last quarter have been lessened or fixed and they thank you for that. Thank you for your continued cooperation. - Karl G.

MASS & ASSEMBLIES

This quarter the altar servers were moved to the historic church. The head altar server was able to help train his current altar servers to the new space, so now he will move on to train fourth and fifth graders. If your child has been baptized into the Catholic church and has received Catholic communion they are eligible to be trained as an altar server but make sure your child knows the mass and respects it before coming to altar serving. If you or your student has not been baptized as a Catholic and have not received Catholic communion you are ineligible to be trained. Please ask Father Bob or any of our deacons if you have questions about this rule. The head altar server already has a list of people that want to be trained but he will make sure to train you or your child as soon as possible. - Kaleb W.

STUDENT COUNCIL TREASURER REPORT

This quarter we have had four tag days. During Kindness week, we made \$127 for the Sisters of Divine Providence. During Catholic Schools week we made \$154 for the Sisters of Divine Providence. For Valentine's Day we made \$169 and for Mardi Gras we made \$163. - Isla I.

LUNCH COMMITTEE

Thank you Mrs. Kelly for making delicious lunches! - Abilihin F.

SPIRIT COMMITTEE

The OLSS girls basketball team played their senior game on February 4th in which they came out the winners. This game was considered the senior game because 8th graders received a clap-out. They ran through a tunnel of pom-poms which were held by the remaining players, JV girls, and JV boys. OLSS held a pep rally before the varsity tournament. All the players on the school's basketball teams had a clap-out as the basketball season of the 2023-2024 came to a close. The varsity and JV girls played their tournament, in which they did not advance. Nonetheless, the girls basketball team had a fantastic season with a lot of fun involved. - Delilah E.

This 2nd quarter, basketball games began, to be held every weekend. Although some players received injuries, the team persevered, despite all the challenges they faced. The players, over the course of the season, have improved with both passing and movement. They also thank the parents and coaches for their continued support for their team. Go Seahawks! - Daniel D.

YEARBOOK & PHOTOGRAPHY

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RECYCLING COMMITTEE

As the recycling representative it is their duty to make sure all classrooms have a recycling bin. Luckily most classrooms have bins, such as 8th, 7th, 6th, 5th, 4th, 2nd, Kindergarten, the Office, and the Computer Lab. Some don't have bins such as 3rd, 1st, the Library, and the Art/Music room. I'm working to get these rooms bins. If you would like to help they are taking donations. - Brooklyn C.