



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

September 14, 2022

Dear OLSS Families,

Monday was our first Kindness shirt day of the school year. Students will wear these on the first Monday of every month as a reminder to start each month with our focus on being kind to others. In addition, we will select a special focus for every month. In September, we will focus on celebrating how our differences make us unique, and how we can honor each other's differences with kind words.

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson



NEWS:

BOOK FAIR: Thank you to our Librarian Jessica Klasko for organizing the Scholastic Book Fair, and to all the volunteers who helped out. Thanks to your support, we made over \$6,000 in sales, of which the school gets 50% to purchase books and resources through Scholastic for the library and classrooms. 60+ books were donated to classrooms and to Books for Belize.

STANDARDIZED TESTING: Next week, grades 1-8 will take baseline standardized testing using [MAP \(Measures of Academic Progress\)](#) computerized adaptive assessment, which measures students' knowledge in four main areas: reading, language use, math, and for some grades, general sciences. The test uses a variety of question types, such as multiple choice, fill in the blank, and drag and drop answers. Parents will receive a printout of their child's scores when testing is complete. This testing will take place again in mid-year (January) and at the end of the year (May).

ROBOTICS CLUB: The Lego Robotics/Programming Club will meet on **Mon, Sep. 19 from 4:30-6:00pm**. If your child is interested, please contact Jim Moore jmooreiii@gmail.com or Cliff Hunsicker clifford.hunsicker@gmail.com for more info.

SALSA'S SPIRIT NIGHT: We will have a Spirit Night at Salsa's in Lusby on **Tue, Sep. 27 from 5-8pm**. Mention OLSS when ordering, and a portion of your sales will benefit our school.

CATHOLIC YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE: CYBL is hosting basketball clinics for boys and girls ages 5-10, with practices and games in Jan.-Feb. For more info, visit www.sjvchurch.net and click on "Family Life Center", then "CYBL".

TRUNK OR TREAT: We will host a Trunk or Treat event for OLSS school and parish children on **Thu, Oct. 27** from 5:30-7:30pm, and are in need of volunteers to host trunks and donate candy. More info will be out soon.

VOLUNTEER EVENTS: HSA is hosting a Christmas Bazaar at OLSS on **Sat, Nov. 19** and will need many volunteers. We will also host the Santa Shop for our students in school from **Dec. 5-7**, which will need many volunteers. More info will be posted on the [Volunteering](#) page.

REMINDERS:

LIFETOUCH PORTRAITS: Lifetouch will take student portraits on **Tue, Sep. 20**. Students should wear dress clothes to school.

TAG DAY: **Thu, Sep. 29** is a Tag Day for the Feast of the Guardian Angels. Students may wear white or light clothes and bring a donation of \$1 for charity.

FIRE DEPT VISIT: On **Mon, Oct. 3**, Solomons Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad will visit OLSS. If you would like send in donations of red snacks for responders, please send donations in **by Sep. 30**.

BASKETBALL: The deadline for [basketball registration](#) is **Sep. 16** and [t-shirt & hoodie orders](#) is **Oct. 14**.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER

- **Sep. 20:** Lifetouch Portraits
- **Sep. 27, 5-8pm:** Spirit Night at Salsa's
- **Sep. 29:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Sep. 29:** \$1 Tag Day
- **Sep. 30:** No School - Calvert Fair Day

OCTOBER

- **Oct. 3:** Solomons Fire Dept. Visit
- **Oct. 10:** No School - Columbus Day
- **Oct. 13:** PK-2nd Field Trip
- **Oct. 25:** Lifetouch Portraits Retakes
- **Oct. 27, 5:30-7:30pm:** Trunk or Treat
- **Oct. 27:** End of 1st Quarter
- **Oct. 28:** No school - Collaboration Day