



November 4, 2020

Dear OLSS Families,

I hope everyone got to see our precious saints as they paraded on Monday. This Parade has been a long-standing tradition and even though it looked a little different, I am very glad that the students were able to participate.

I am so thrilled that we have gotten through the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. I know it may have been a big transition for some of you but hopefully things have smoothed out. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher if at any time your child needs help. An email notification about report card conferences was sent out yesterday. If you feel you need more than 15 minutes you may schedule a conference later.

I am truly grateful for all the fundraising efforts thus far from HSA and our families. In this time of COVID, our fundraising looks different than it usually does. There will be many more quick fundraiser events and not as many social events. I want you to rest assured that the expectation is for you to do what you can. Do not feel pressured to participate in every fundraiser; we have many to appeal to a variety of people.

Please know a lot of thought has gone into the decision to have a Virtual Learning Week after Thanksgiving. Some ADW Schools are virtual from Thanksgiving until January, other chose 2 weeks of virtual learning after Thanksgiving. Luckily, the Catholic Schools Office allowed each district to choose what is best for them, and I think one week of virtual should be long enough to see if anyone might develop symptoms before returning to school. I hope everyone understands that I am trying to do what will keep everyone healthy and safe.

Letters have gone out regarding past due tuition bills. We are at the end of the First Quarter and TADS generates a report letting me know where we stand regarding tuition income. We are approximately \$25,000 behind in unpaid/late promised tuition. Some families are a month behind and other much more. This is of concern as it affects the running of our school. A TADS form letter was sent out to some families.... I figured this would be less invasive than a phone call. I'm sure some of you appreciate that and others may have preferred a phone call. I apologize if I offended anyone. TADS is pretty direct that if you don't pay, you don't attend. The report tells me what is in arrears, not why. I need you to communicate with me so I understand your situation, and if there has been a change in your circumstances since you signed a tuition agreement with Fr. Ken. I value every child and family and I don't want to lose any members. I am more than willing to work with you to resolve your situation, but you must communicate. The operation of the school is contingent on the budget. I am bringing this up today because while I know this does not apply to every family, it does apply to many and next quarter, it may very well apply to you. It is my intention to resolve these issues so that I may pay my teachers and keep the school running smoothly.

Stay happy, healthy, & holy!

*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*

Principal

## SOLOMONS FIRE & RESCUE SQUAD VISIT

Thank you to the Fire Dept. volunteers for coming to our school, and to all who donated red treats for them.



## TRUNK OR TREAT

The rain didn't stop us from enjoying Trunk or Treat. Thanks to all the parents who participated and donated candy!



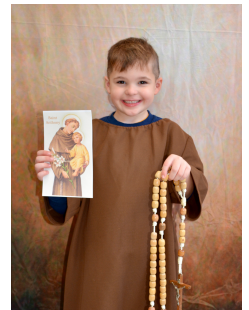
## HALLOWEEN

Students enjoyed Halloween goodies in their classrooms, and the Tag Day raised \$146 for Calvert Hospital.



## ALL SAINTS DAY

Students dressed up and brought pictures of their favorite Saints, and paraded around the school.



## NEWS:

**NEW STUDENTS:** Two new students started Monday; Justin in 6th grade and Kalina in 2nd. We welcome their families to the OLSS community!

**CONFERENCES:** We are scheduling Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences for K-8<sup>th</sup> grades **Thu, Nov. 12 from 3-8pm and Fri, Nov. 13 from 1-3:30pm**. Please visit the school website to schedule your conference.

**FOOD DRIVE:** Student Council is hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive from **Nov. 4-16** to help local families in need through SMILE Food Pantry. Please see the flyer with today's news for more info.

**TURKEY TROT:** The Turkey Trot fundraiser will take place on **Nov. 24** at the school. Each student will have their own donation page. More info will be out shortly.

We are reaching out to the community to help sponsor our kids as they participate in the OLSS Turkey Trot. Please see the business sponsorship info included with today's news.

**MINTED FUNDRAISER:** Shop holiday cards at [Minted.com](https://www.minted.com) and save 20% on your purchase, and Minted will donate 15% to OLSS! Use code FUNDRAISEOURLADYSTAR at checkout.

## REMINDERS:

**BOOK FAIR:** Shop our Virtual Book Fair with [Scholastic Book Store Online](https://www.scholastic.com/book-fair) from **Nov. 2-15**. All orders ship home and book-only orders over \$25 ship free. Every purchase benefits our school!

**VIRTUAL LEARNING WEEK:** All students will learn virtually, and the school campus will be closed **MONDAY NOV. 30-FRIDAY DEC. 4**. Teachers will send information about their virtual learning schedules for the week.

**DRIVE-THROUGH DINNER:** Drive-Through Dinner orders placed for this **Fri, Nov. 6** may be picked up in the afternoon carline or by driving through the parking lot between 3-6pm.

**QUILT RAFFLE:** OLSS parishioners made a beautiful quilt set to raffle for our school. The quilt will be displayed at the Fall Bazaar. Raffle tickets are \$5/each or five for \$20 and may be purchased through the online school store or at the Bazaar.

**SPIRIT NIGHT:** We will have a Spirit Night at Ledo's Pizza in Lusby and Leonardtown on **Wed, Nov. 10 from 4-8pm**. Ledo's will donate 20% of your purchase to our school. Please mention OLSS Spirit Night when ordering dine in or take out. Thank you to the Western family for supporting our school!

# FALL BAZAAR

Crafters, Vendors, Concessions, Raffles, & More!

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7  
9:00AM - 2:00PM**

RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, NOV. 14

### LOCATION:

Our Lady Star of the Sea School  
90 Alexander Lane  
Solomons, MD 20688  
[www.olss.org](http://www.olss.org)

This event will be held outdoors in the school parking lot & will follow all health & safety regulations

**We are in desperate need for volunteers to help set up on Friday night, to assist with the event, and to help with clean up.**

**Please sign up through the following link or contact Jessica Klasko at (808) 295-6812**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4CA4AC2BA4F94-olss4>

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2-15: Scholastic Online Book Fair
- Nov. 2-13: D.A.R.E. Program for 5th Grade
- Nov. 4-16: Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Nov. 6, 3-6pm: Drive-Through Dinner
- Nov. 7, 9am-2pm: Outdoor Fall Bazaar
- Nov. 10, 4-9pm: Ledo's Pizza Spirit Night
- Nov. 11: No School - Veterans Day
- Nov. 12: 3-8pm: Virtual Conferences
- Nov. 13: 12:30pm Dismissal/1-3:30 Conferences
- Nov. 24: Turkey Trot
- Nov. 24: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Nov. 25-27: No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 30-Dec. 4: VIRTUAL LEARNING WEEK