



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

August 8, 2023

Dear OLSS Families,

We are looking forward to the new school year ahead, with an enrollment of 187 students! I am pleased to announce our teachers and staff for the 2023-2024 school year:

- PK Director/Teacher: Mrs. Stephanie Riley
- PK Teacher: Mrs. Allison Pouncey
- Kindergarten: Mrs. Cheri Shaw
- Kindergarten Aide: Ms. Cindy Gross
- Grade 1: Mrs. Patricia Mautino
- Grade 1 Aide: Mrs. Nicola Fockler
- Grade 2: Mrs. Carmen Norris
- Grade 2 Aide: Mrs. Veronica Sanchez
- Grade 3/Vice Principal: Ms. Maggie Quade
- Grade 4: Mrs. Kimberly Weber
- Grade 5: Mrs. Beth Oster
- Grade 6: Mrs. Therese Frederick
- Grade 7: Mrs. Sarah Sullivan
- Grade 8: Mr. Keith Balderson
- Resource Teacher: Mrs. Cheryl Dwyer
- Spanish: Mrs. Dawn Skeith-Baugher
- Physical Education: Mrs. Cindy Grater
- Computers: Mrs. Cindy Grater
- Music & Theology: Ms. Maria Gamble
- Library: Mrs. Jessica Klasko
- Art: Mrs. Heather Hankins
- Primary Aide/Resource: Mrs. Judy Angelheart
- Secretary/Tuition Bookkeeper: Mrs. Colleen Muldoon
- Admissions Director/Admin Assistant: Mrs. Amber Tamburri
- School Nurse: Mrs. Brandi Hutchins
- Aftercare Director: Mrs. Amy Quade
- Aftercare: Mrs. Clarice Maldonado
- Lunch Coordinator: Ms. Kelly Brown

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SATURDAY, AUG. 12, 8:30-11:30am: SPRUCE UP DAY

- This is an opportunity to earn volunteer service hours by helping clean our school for the upcoming school year. Virtus Program completion is not required.
- We will have cleaning supplies, but feel free to bring your own.

TUESDAY, AUG. 15, 5:30pm: NEW PARENTS MEETING

- This event is for new parents to learn more about school policies and procedures to help prepare for the upcoming school year. Please do not bring children to this meeting.
- This day is also the Feast of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm in the Parish Church; all are welcome to attend.

VIRTUS CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTING SESSION

- Safe Hire Solutions will be on site to do electronic fingerprinting on **Tue, Aug. 15 from 5:30-7:30pm**.
- The cost is \$70, payable by cash or check. Please bring the [Livescan Pre-Registration Form](#) with you.

THURSDAY, AUG. 17 & FRIDAY, AUG. 18, 9am-12pm: OPEN HOUSE DAYS FOR NEW FAMILIES ONLY

- New students and parents may visit their classrooms, meet their teachers, and drop off school supplies.
- Please limit classroom visits to 15 minutes so that teachers can meet with every family.
- Parents may turn in forms, purchase PE uniforms, and visit the Uniform Exchange during this time.

MONDAY, AUG. 21: 1st DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PRE-K STUDENTS ONLY

- Pre-K students should arrive at their building between 7:45-8:00am.
- Dismissal for half-day students is at 11:15am and full day students at 12:30pm; no lunch service.

TUESDAY, AUG. 22: 1st DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN – 8th GRADES

- Students should arrive between 7:30-7:55am.
- Dismissal will be at 12:30pm for all grades; PK – 8th.
- Lunch will be served.

NEWS & REMINDERS:

TAG DAY: We will host a Tag Day to benefit our sister school, Little Flower RC School in Belize, on **Fri, Aug. 25**. Students may wear red and/or blue clothing and bring a donation of \$1, a composition book, a pack of pencils, or a pack of magic markers.

AFTERCARE: If you are enrolling your child(ren) in Aftercare, [all required forms](#) must be completed before children may attend. Please email our Aftercare Director, Mrs. Amy Quade, with any questions at olssaftercare@comcast.net

BEFORE CARE: Due to lack of interest, we are no longer offering Before Care.

NEW SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRAM: Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades will be using a new curriculum for Social Studies, [myWorld Interactive by Savvas](#). This curriculum encourages active inquiry while introducing civics, economics, geography, and history concepts. The program includes strong ELA instruction to support social studies inquiry and new literacy standards.

NEW SCIENCE PROGRAM: Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades will be incorporating a new series into the curriculum for Science, [Into Science by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt](#), which uses the 5E instructional model, encouraging students to Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate the science in hands-on and digital environments.

SUMMER WORK: Students entering grades 1-8 have summer work packs, and students entering grades 4-8 have summer reading assignments that must be turned in on the first day of school, and will be the first graded assignments for the first quarter of the school year. Hard copies were sent home with students on the last day of school, and all info is posted on the [school website](#).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: The [list of required school supplies](#) for all grades is posted on the school website. Please send supplies with your child(ren) on the first two days of school.

SNACK CARDS: Any snack cards with punches left from the end of the last school year will be given to your child on the first day of school (if they were left at school) and can be used in the new school year.

LUNCH TICKETS: Any remaining lunch tickets on your child's account will be rolled over to the new year. Lunch tickets must be purchased **IN ADVANCE** from the [online school store](#). Lunch menus for Aug-Sep will be posted on the school website before school begins.

NEW POLICY FOR LUNCH TICKET PAYMENTS: At the end of every academic quarter, any unpaid lunch ticket debt will be charged to your tuition payment method in TADS (bank account or credit card) to avoid accumulation of unpaid debts to the school.

MEDICATIONS: If your child needs to take over-the-counter or prescription medication during school hours (including cough drops and lip balm, as per MSDE regulations), medications and [required authorization forms](#) must be brought by a parent/guardian to the School Office to be checked in with our School Nurse. Please email Mrs. Hutchins with any questions at schoolnurse@olsss.org.

LEGACY STUDIOS: We have switched our school photographer company to Legacy Studios. Portrait day is **Sep. 11**; more info on ordering portrait packages will be sent home when the school year begins.

YEARBOOKS: If you ordered and paid for your 2022-23 school yearbook but have not picked it up yet, we will send it home with your child during the first week of school. If you would like to purchase one, please stop by the school office; the cost is \$35 payable by cash, check, or through the [online school store](#).

KINDNESS SHIRTS: We will continue to have students wear their blue tie dye Kindness shirts on the first Monday of every month (dates will be noted on monthly calendars). If you requested a new shirt for your child, it will be sent home at the start of the school year.