



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

Newsletter: September 13, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our students started the Bay Studies Program last week with Mrs. Corey Plakos, a Physical Scientist from the NAWC AD/NAS Pax River. Younger students learned about native plants, including the paw paw, which is indigenous to Maryland. Older students observed local plants and trees around the school grounds.



Thank you to Mrs. Plakos for all you are teaching our children!

## NEWS :

**HSA Meeting:** Please plan to attend the Home & School Association meeting in the Providence Room tonight at 7pm. Please see the flyer with today's news for more info.

**No School:** School will be closed this **Fri, Sep. 22** due to a large funeral & reception taking place in the church and Providence Room.

**Field Trip Change:** The field trip to Historic St. Mary's City for grades 3, 4, 5, 7, & 8 has been moved to this **Thu, Sep. 21**. Please turn in your permission form & payment asap.

**Winter Uniforms:** **Mon, Oct. 2** is the start of the Winter School Uniform season. Students may not wear shorts after this date, but may wear their gym shorts on their PE day through the end of October.

**Pumpkin Farm Field Trip:** Students in PK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be taking a field trip to a pumpkin farm on **Wed, Oct. 11**. More info and permission forms will be sent home soon.

**Rescue Squad Visit:** Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad will be visiting PK-2<sup>nd</sup> grades on **Fri, Oct. 20** to teach students about what they do for the community, as well as important safety lessons.

**RCIC:** Classes will be starting soon for Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC), open to children ages 7-14. These classes are to help prepare children to receive the Sacraments. RCIC is open to anyone who would like to enter, or return to, the Catholic church. Teachers and parents work together with the child as a team. For more information, please contact OLSS Youth Minister Joann Pensenstadler, at [youthministry@olss.org](mailto:youthministry@olss.org).

## \*\*\* CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED 2017-18 STUDENT COUNCIL \*\*\*

**President:**

Cole Wheeley (8<sup>th</sup>)



**Vice President:**

Lauren Weber (7<sup>th</sup>)



**Secretaries:**

Alina Sweeney (6<sup>th</sup>) & Gemma Tamburri (7<sup>th</sup>)



**Treasurer:**

Cassandra Massiglia (7<sup>th</sup>)





## SEAHAWKS BASKETBALL NEWS

- Registration forms with payment for OLSS's Basketball teams are due this **Fri, Sep. 22**
- Varsity practices will take place at St. Paul's in Lusby on **Fri, Sep. 22 & Mon, Sep. 25**; Varsity Boys 4-6pm & Varsity Girls 6-8pm
- Order forms for Basketball team hoodies (for players & coaches only) and T-shirts (for anyone) are included with today's news, and are due with payment by **Oct. 14**

### REMINDERS :

**Home & School Association (HSA):** Please send in your HSA membership form & payment to the School Office.

**Story Time:** HSA is hosting Story Time this **Fri, Sep. 22 at 6pm** in the Providence Room for students in PK – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Siblings and friends are welcome to join. Cookies and milk will be served. Donations of cookies are needed.

**Band Program:** If you would like to register for the Archdiocesan Music Program, registration forms & payments should be sent directly to them. Band & music lessons start **Mon, Sep. 25**.

**Virtus Training:** OLSS will host a Virtus Child Protection training class on **Tue, Sep. 26, 7-9pm**. Register to attend through your Virtus account.

**Claire's Gourmet:** Our Claire's Gourmet fundraiser starts **Wed, Sep. 27**. Claire's Gourmet sells frozen desserts, cookie dough, and other food items. Info packs will be sent home on Sep. 27.

**Grandparents' Day:** Grandparents/Grandfriends Day will be held on **Fri, Oct. 13**. More info will be sent out in early October.

**Family Movie Night:** HSA will host a Halloween-themed Family Movie Night on **Fri, Oct. 13 at 6:30pm** in the Providence Room.

**Bull & Oyster Roast:** The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull & Oyster Roast fundraiser will be held at Vera's Restaurant in Lusby on **Sun, Oct. 15** from 12-8pm. Please see the flyer from the Sep. 13 news.

**Flu Clinic:** Calvert County Health Dept. is offering free flu vaccinations at OLSS for PK-5th grade students on **Mon, Oct. 23, from 1-3pm**. They will offer shots only (no mists). More info and consent forms will be sent home in October.

### ROBOTICS

We have two Robotics teams forming for 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Students learn to design, build and program a robot. The Lego team will also complete a research project. Teams meet once a week, either after school or later in the evening.

We will most likely have 2 teams; Lego for the younger students, and Vex for the older and more advanced. The Lego team will have one competition, usually in April. Vex will have several competitions, usually in Nov, Jan, and Mar.



**If you are interested, please contact Jim Moore at [jmooreiii@comcast.net](mailto:jmooreiii@comcast.net)**

### UPCOMING EVENTS :

#### SEPTEMBER

- Sep. 20, 7pm: HSA Meeting
- Sep. 21: History Field Trip for grades 3, 4, 5, 7, 8
- Sep. 22: NO SCHOOL
- Sep. 22, 6pm: HSA Story Time
- Sep. 26, 7-9pm: Virtus Training Class
- Sep. 27: Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser Starts
- Sep. 29: 12:30pm Dismissal for Calvert Fair Day

#### OCTOBER

- Oct. 2: Winter School Uniforms Begin
- Oct. 11: Field Trip to Pumpkin Farm for PK-2<sup>nd</sup>
- Oct. 13: Grandparents Day
- Oct. 13: 12:30pm Dismissal - Grandparents Day
- Oct. 13, 6:30pm: HSA Family Movie Night
- Oct. 15, 5-8pm: Bull & Oyster Roast Fundraiser
- Oct. 17: Lifetouch Portraits Make-Ups
- Oct. 20, 9am: Solomons Rescue Squad Visit
- Oct. 20: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Oct. 27: No School – Collaboration Day

## FROG Full Rely on God

This week's FROG IT Challenge is to share our gifts and talents by asking others, "How can I help you?"



God bless,

*Mary Bartsch*

Mrs. Mary Bartsch  
Principal