



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



September 2020

Dear Fellow OLSS School Families:

On behalf of the 2020-2021 Our Lady Star of the Sea Home and School Association (HSA) Executive Board, I would like to welcome all of the new and returning families back to school. While we know this year is unconventional, we are confident it will be a great year!

The HSA is a collaboration of families and staff working together to support the success of the school and enrich the students. We organize and execute events, social programs, and fundraising initiatives to contribute to the operating expenses of our school and student activities. Additionally we work with the local community to give back and raise awareness about our school.

Last year, the HSA raised over \$31,000 to support the school. We could not have done it without your continued support and dedication. We want to thank everyone for his or her hard work. These funds helped to improve classroom experiences, offset field trip expenses and provided programs, such as Santa Shop and Trunk-or-Treat.

While this school year will look a little different than most, the needs of the school are still real and the staff want to provide a school year with activities to celebrate holidays, enhance learning experiences and provide for memories to last a lifetime. A new school year brings new goals and we hope to surpass last year's total fundraising. The HSA is dedicated to the mission of OLSS School and depends on all our families' involvement to be successful.

Although, we do not expect each family to participate in every event, we do ask that each family promote each event. We also ask that families share their talents with the school and the students when the opportunity presents itself. Not only is participating a great way to earn volunteer hours and be involved in your child's education; but, it's a great way to meet new friends, contribute to something bigger and help to grow our community spirit.

I'd like to introduce to you the Board for this school year:

EXECUTIVE BOARD	
President	Katie Wingenter
Vice President	Heather McGaffin
Secretary	Lynn Cunningham
Treasurer	Jamie Stark
School & Community Outreach Coordinator	VACANT
Volunteer Coordinator	Jessica Klasko
Room Parent Coordinator	Heather Hankins
Advisory Faculty Member	Cindy Grater

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can ever be of help to you and your family.

As a final note, if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the vacant position on the HSA Executive Board, please email us at olsss.hsa@gmail.com.

Fondly,

Katie Wingenter

HSA Executive Board President



Events to Look Forward to in 2020-2021

- September:** Back to School Night & HSA All Hands Meeting
Rita's Spirit Night
- October:** Charleston Wrap Fundraiser
Trunk or Treat
HSA All Hands Meeting
- November:** Fall Craft Fair
Scholastic Book Fair*
Turkey Trot*
Wreath Sale Fundraiser
- December:** Santa Shop*
Chili Cook-off
Christmas Concert Program & HSA All Hands Meeting
- January:** Catholic Schools Week*
HSA All Hands Meeting
- February:** Polar Bear Plunge
- March:** Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser
- April:** Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Basket Auction
- May:** HSA All Hands Meeting
Field Day*

**VIRTUS EVENT – PROGRAM COMPLETION REQUIRED TO VOLUNTEER FOR THESE EVENTS.*



Free Fundraisers for Everyone

Helping has never been so easy! These rewards programs require little effort on your part and are an easy way to earn money for the school. You do not have to be enrolled at OLSS School to take part in these programs, so spread the word! Flyers coming soon!

Earn Rewards and Cashback for OLSS School

- **AmazonSmile**- Do your regular Amazon shopping at AmazonSmile and earn a .5% donation to OLSS School. Visit website <https://smile.amazon.com/>
 - Log on using your regular Amazon account or link in your Amazon App
 - Select Charitable Organization: **Our Lady Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church**
- **Box Tops for Education**- Save all those Box Tops and send in with your student year round. The program is going digital, so while we still will accept the clipped box tops, please download the free Box Tops app available on all platforms and designate Our Lady Star of the Sea School as your recipient. You can also log into the website for extra box tops, contests, and coupons at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>
- **Coke Rewards Bottle caps, Codes- Login**, and register to scan/enter codes for the school at <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>.
- **French Toast School Uniforms**- Purchase school uniforms from French Toast and OLSS will receive 5% cash back
 - Visit website: <https://www.frenchtoast.com/>
 - Use code **QS4SY4** to shop OLSS School uniforms
- **Harris Teeter**- Visit website: <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>
 - Program Dates August 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021
 - Link to your VIC card, re-link every year
 - School Code: **5063**
- **Office Depot & Office Max Give Back To Schools** - Make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, provide OLSS ID at checkout (in store and online) and OLSS will receive 5% back in credits for FREE supplies. Visit website at: <http://www.officedepot.com/a/content/back-to-school/5percent/>
 - School ID: **70047417**
- **Papa Johns** - Enjoy 40% off while helping OLSS School.
 - Order online at: <http://www.papajohns.com>
 - Use promo code: **OLSS40**
- **Gift Cards** – Information on gift card sales will be coming soon!



Leave your lasting mark at OLSS School and support our students by participating in the Commemorative Brick Walkway Campaign. The bricks are installed to create a beautiful, commemorative walkway in front of the school entrance. Your custom engraved brick(s) will be inscribed with your choice of sentiment or name(s) and added to the walkway. Think how excited the children will be as they walk past their own name or that of someone they love!

Any questions can be directed to Heather McGaffin 443.985.2108 or mcgaffinfam@gmail.com

I want to help pave the way!

\$100 per brick and will be laser etched with your message. Turn in orders to the School or Church Office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Please **PRINT** your text below how you want your brick to read.

There are 20 characters per line, which include spaces. Leave a blank space between words.

All bricks will be approved by Father prior to engraving.

Office Use Only: CASH CHECK \$_____ DATE RECEIVED_____