

October 5, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The vigilant work of teachers and staff to safeguard our students by promoting a safe environment is a priority at Our Lady Star of the Sea School. All children have the right to be safe and protected from harm in school, home, neighborhoods, and communities. Our School is dedicated to promoting and ensuring the protection of all children.

Each school year, we are committed to the continued instruction of the Personal Safety Education Program for our children in grades K-8.. These age-appropriate lessons, which will be taught by Religion teachers and the school counselor and reinforced by all teachers, prepare students to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations. The lessons will take place between Oct. 1-Dec. 1, during regularly scheduled religion classes.

Thank you for your support and encouragement as we work together, family and school, to keep the safety and welfare of our students as our primary responsibility. Let us all pray that we may always express the love of Christ for children and the most vulnerable in our midst. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>principal@olsss.org</u>.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson Principal

NEWS & REMINDERS:

COLUMBUS DAY: There is no school **Monday, Oct. 10** for Columbus & Indigenous Peoples Day.

UNIFORMS: Winter school uniforms start **Oct. 17**. Please read the Parent/Student Handbook regarding proper uniform code. Belts must be worn with uniform pants. Students in grades 1-8 may wear a navy crewneck, navy cardigan, or OLSS PE sweatshirt over their uniform.

FAITH & BLUE: On **Oct. 24,** Calvert County Sheriff's Office will give a presentation for the <u>National Faith & Blue</u> Program. To thank them, students can bring in blue-themed treats. Please send in **by Oct. 21.**

SAINTS DAY: We will celebrate All Saints Day on **Tue, Nov. 1**. Children may wear Saint costumes to school for a Parade of Saints before Mass.

BASKETBALL: An email was sent to all registered basketball players on Oct. 3 with important practice info and forms that must be completed. If you did not receive this and you have registered or would like to register, please contact Gladys Nehf at <u>4nehf@comcast.net</u> ASAP. Practices start Oct. 17. Hoodie orders are due Oct 14.

SOLOMONS FIRE DEPT. VISIT: Due to the bad weather, we had to cancel the Solomon Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad visit on Monday. We will reschedule it for later this month.

FLU SHOTS: Calvert County Health Dept. is offering free flu vaccinations for PK-5th graders at OLSS on **Tue, Oct. 11**. If you would like your child to receive it, please register <u>here</u>.

TRUNK OR TREAT: We will host a Trunk or Treat for OLSS school and parish families on **Thu, Oct. 27 from 5:30-7:30pm**, and are in need of volunteers to host trunks and donate candy. Sign up <u>here</u>.

BOON SUPPLY

Our Boon Supply Fundraiser is open through October 31!

Link to our store: http://www.boonsupply.com/ 1264470

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- * Oct. 10: No School Columbus Day
- * Oct. 11: Flu Shot Clinic (optional)
- **Oct. 13**: PK-2nd Field Trip
- * Oct. 24: Faith & Blue
- **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
- * Oct. 31: \$1 Halloween Tag Day

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1: All Saints Day
- Mov. 10: No School Conferences
- Nov. 11: No School Veterans Day
- Nov. 22: Turkey Trot
- Nov. 22: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Nov. 23-25: No School Break