



March 3, 2021

Dear OLSS Families,

Easter Break is April 1-9. The School Advisory Board has determined that it will be in the best interest of the OLSS community if we have a virtual learning week after Easter break, during the week of April 12-16. Many school families will travel or have visitors over Easter break, and in an abundance of caution, we will keep the school campus closed an additional week in the event that any student or family member is exposed to COVID during the break. **THIS IS NOT TIME OFF FROM SCHOOL**; all students will be expected to be in full uniform, with their cameras on, ready to learn. Teachers will send information about their plans and virtual learning schedules for the week.

Easter Break is the last break of the school year, and the last time that we will have a pre-scheduled virtual week. When we return, there will be only 7.5 weeks of school left before summer break begins. Don't let our 8<sup>th</sup> graders know! (ha ha)

Please join us this weekend in person or virtually to support our Polar Plunge!

Stay happy, healthy, and holy!

Mrs. Thompson

## NEWS & REMINDERS:

**MARCH RAFFLE:** Student Council will be holding a March raffle. The student who wins this raffle will receive a free dress down day, extra recess time, and a special snack for their entire class. Tickets are \$1 each, six for \$5, or 13 for \$10 and may be purchased through the [online school store](#).

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Our 1st - 8th grade students will be going to Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church on Fridays at 2pm during Lent. This will be livestreamed through the parish YouTube channel at: <https://youtu.be/6jnJEhAMnnQ>

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** ALL parents are required to complete 20 volunteer service hours for the school year and support at least one major fundraiser. The following volunteer opportunities are available:

- **Mar. 6:** Volunteers needed to assist with Polar Plunge. To volunteer for either of these opportunities, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca4ac2ba4f94-olss7>
- **Mar. 27-28:** Palm Sunday Basket Auction and Bake Sale
- **April/May:** Spring Bazaar
- **Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays:** Hot Lunch Program (volunteers must have completed Virtus Program).

Please email all volunteer hours you have completed to [OLSSVolunteerHours@gmail.com](mailto:OLSSVolunteerHours@gmail.com) by **March 7**. Include your student's last name, volunteer work, and number of hours completed.

**PALM SUNDAY BASKET AUCTIONS:** We will host a Virtual Basket Auction on Palm Sunday weekend, **March 26-28**. Donated themed baskets will be photographed and posted online for bidding. Please consider donating a basket for this fundraiser! Baskets will be needed by **March 19**.



2<sup>nd</sup> graders Elise W. & Humphrey P. wore the Cat in the Hat hats they made.



8<sup>th</sup> grader Sammy S. read Dr. Seuss books to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade.





# Polar Plunge

TO BENEFIT OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

**MARCH 6TH**  
**11AM - 1PM**

THE EVENT BEGINS AT  
11 AM. PARTICIPANTS  
WILL PLUNGE EVERY  
15 MINUTES!

The Plunge will take place at the beach across from the street from the OLSS Historic Church in Solomons.

Can't be there? Explore our virtual option at the website below!

Register at  
[olss.myfunrun.com](https://olss.myfunrun.com)

Plungers need to raise \$30 for the cause.

Donations are graciously accepted at the website above.



OLSSS Polar Plunge 2021  
Event Map



Our Annual Polar Plunge event is this **Saturday, March 6 from 11am-1pm**. The event will be held on the beach across from the Historic Church in Solomons. OLSSS parents, students, teachers and community members are welcome to participate in the plunge. We ask that anyone participating raises a minimum of \$30. You can choose to raise money but not participate in the plunge or do the plunge virtually. Please register your student to raise money at the following website:

<https://olss.myfunrun.com/3/miscellaneous2.htm>.

There will be prizes for the student and class that raises the most money.

If you are unable to attend but would still like to participate, we are offering a "virtual" plunge option.

You must still raise a minimum of \$30 but can get creative with how you "virtually" plunge, take a plunge in your pool, at a shoreline nearby or sit on your porch in the cold and have someone dump a bucket of ice water over your head. Be sure to capture your virtual plunge on camera and post it to social media using our event hashtags, #OLSSSPolarPlunge #GettingColdForTheKids #BeBoldGetCold and tag the OLSS School or OLSSS HSA page.

An easy way to raise money and point your friends and family toward the donation website is by adding the OLSSS Polar Plunge Facebook Frame to your profile picture. Simply click update your profile picture, add frame, search OLSSS and the frame should pop up, add it to your picture and watch the donations from friends and family roll in.

In order to respect social distancing guidelines, we will not be plunging as one large group this year. Instead, you will need to sign up for a plunge time at the following website <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca4ac2ba4f94-olss6> this allows us to limit the number of participants on the beach at one time.

Please direct any questions you may have to the Polar Plunge committee chair, Lindsey Frisco at [lcushm1@gmail.com](mailto:lcushm1@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

- **Mar. 6:** Polar Plunge Fundraiser
- **Mar. 12:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Mar. 13:** [CCSE Virtual Spring Benefit](#)
- **Mar. 15:** No School
- **Mar. 17:** St. Patrick's Day Tag Day
- **Mar. 22:** [Rock Your Socks Day](#)
- **Mar. 26:** End of 3rd Quarter
- **Mar. 26-28:** Palm Sunday Basket Auctions
- **Mar. 31:** 12:30pm Dismissal

### APRIL

- **Apr. 1-9:** No School – Easter Break
- **Apr. 12-16:** Virtual Learning Week
- **Apr. 17:** Spring Bazaar