



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

Newsletter: September 4, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our school year is off to a fantastic start! It was wonderful to see all of the children in their classrooms last week, excited to begin a new school year.

Last Wednesday was also our first school Mass of the year, and our first Mass with our new Pastor, Father Ken.

I would like to welcome all of our new families, and thank our parents and guardians for your continued support and commitment to Catholic education. It's going to be a great year!



NEWS :

Required Forms: Please complete and return the Emergency Contact & Medical Form, ADW Family Survey, and School Handbook Acknowledgement forms that were sent home in last week's yellow folders.

School Portraits: Lifetouch will be taking student portraits **tomorrow**. Students should wear appropriate dress clothes to school, and bring sneakers if they have PE class. Lifetouch order forms were sent home in yellow folders last week. You may send the form with your payment in tomorrow, or place your order online.

Back to School Night: I hope to see a parent or guardian from every family at Back to School Night **tomorrow; Thursday, Sep. 5**. The evening will start at **6:30pm** with presentations in the Providence Room, after which parents visit their children's classrooms to meet with teachers and learn about their curriculum and schedules.

Home & School Association: HSA's first all members meeting will be during Back to School Night. Information about fundraisers, events, volunteer opportunities and much more will be provided. I would like to thank our HSA Committee for their continued dedication to our school:

- President: Katie Wingenter
- Vice President: Maile Bowen
- Secretary: Lynn Cunningham
- Treasurer: Jamie Stark
- Volunteer Coordinator: Jessica Klasko
- Teacher Rep: Cindy Grater
- Communications Coordinator: Heather McGaffin
- Room Parent Coordinator: Heather Hankins

Room Parents Needed! We are looking for Room Parents to assist teachers with special events such as holiday parties throughout the year. If interested, please email Room Parent Heather Hankins at letitgoyano@hotmail.com. Room Parents must have completed the Virtus program.

Roy Rogers Spirit Night: We will have a Spirit Night fundraiser at Roy Rogers on **Mon, Sep. 16, 5-9pm**. Tokens to bring with you will be sent home in next Wed's yellow folders.

Basketball Program: On **Wed, Sep. 18, 6-8pm**, we will hold a Parent/Coaches Meeting to discuss the OLSS Seahawks Basketball program for the upcoming season. Please plan to attend if your child will be playing basketball this year. Please contact Athletic Director Mrs. Gladys Nehf at 4nehf@comcast.net with any questions. Basketball forms are included with today's news.

Virtus / Electronic Fingerprinting: Family members who would like to volunteer at school must first complete all steps of the Archdiocese of Washington's Virtus Child Protection Program. Info & forms are available from the School Office. ADW has replaced Virtus's Electronic Background Check with Electronic Fingerprinting, and requires **ALL** volunteers to complete this by January 2020. Volunteers who have completed all the previous steps **MUST** have their electronic fingerprints done by January to continue volunteering in 2020. We have Electronic Fingerprinting sessions at OLSS on **Thu, Sep. 19, 11am-2pm** and **Mon, Sep. 30, 4-7pm**. To sign up, please see the links under "Upcoming Events" on the school webpage.

REMINDERS :

Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Fair is open during school hours and after weekend Masses **through Sep. 8**. It will also be open during Back to School night tomorrow.

Band Program: The Archdiocesan Music Program offers instrumental lessons and group band in Catholic schools for students in grades 4-8. An ADW Music Teacher will come to OLSS to present a Band Demonstration on **Mon, Sep. 9**. Program info and registration forms will be sent home that day. Lessons and Band begin **Mon, Sep. 23**.

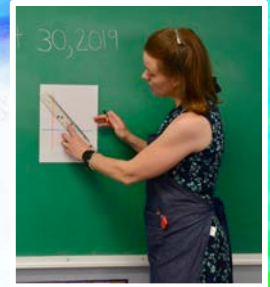
Volunteer Dress Code: As models to our students, all volunteers are expected to dress in accordance with our students' dress code. Men may wear pants/jeans and a collared shirt or crew neck T-shirt with appropriate footwear. Women may wear a modest skirt or pants/jeans with a collared shirt/blouse or crew neck T-shirt and appropriate footwear. Please see the Parent/Student Handbook for more info.

ART CLASSES

Last Thursday & Friday were our first Art classes with our new Art teacher, Mrs. Amy Carter. The younger children's work was inspired by the Russian painter Wassily Kandinsky. Students reviewed types of lines (vertical, horizontal, diagonal), as well as primary, secondary, neutral, and complementary colors, and then used these to create wax resist paintings.



Our middle schoolers created art inspired by American painter Jasper Johns, and based on American artist Robert Indiana's "Love" sculpture. Their work involved sketching, painting, and using pencil erasers to create designs in the paint.



Our Lady Star of the Sea School CRAB & SHRIMP FEAST

Sponsored by Vera's White Sands
Restaurant & Marina

SEPTEMBER 22 | 1-4PM

Vera's Restaurant & Marina, a wonderful supporter of our school, is hosting the annual Crab & Shrimp Feast fundraiser for us on
Sunday, Sept. 22, from 1 - 4 pm.

The all you can eat menu features steamed crabs, steamed shrimp, hot dogs, corn & watermelon. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$15 for children under 10. Purchase your tickets from Vera's Facebook page or their website verasbeachclub.net

UPCOMING EVENTS :

SEPTEMBER:

- Aug 31-Sep. 8:** Scholastic Book Fair
- Sep. 2:** No School – Labor Day
- Sep. 5:** Lifetouch School Portraits
- Sep. 5, 6:30pm:** Back to School Night
- Sep. 13, 10am:** St. Mary's Ryken visit for 7th & 8th
- Sep. 16, 5-9pm:** Roy Rogers Spirit Night
- Sep. 18, 6-8pm:** Parent/Coaches Basketball Meeting
- Sep. 19:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- Sep. 19, 11am-2pm:** Electronic Fingerprinting
- Sep. 22, 1-4pm:** Vera's Crab & Shrimp Feast Fundraiser
- Sep. 23:** Archdiocesan Music Program Begins
- Sep. 26:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- Sep. 27:** No School - Calvert Fair Day
- Sep. 30, 4-7pm:** Electronic Fingerprinting

Grace and Peace,

Jennifer Thompson

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Interim Principal

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14