



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: March 22, 2017

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Ben Fisher at the Spelling Bee

Last week was the annual Calvert County Spelling Bee, for students from both public and private schools. Ben Fisher (8th), Peyton Dziekiewicz (8th), Cassie Massiglia (6th), and Robyn Strauss (8th) represented OLSS. Out of 47 contestants at the Spelling Bee, Ben Fisher finished in 4th place! Congratulations to all of our participants, we are proud of you!



NEWS:

Maryland Day: This **Fri, Mar. 24**, we will celebrate Maryland Day, a commemoration of the first Mass in Maryland held by Fr. Andrew White on Mar. 25, 1634. Our Maryland Day events have been set up by our Bay Studies Director, Mrs. Corey Plakos:

- 8:15am: Liturgy in celebration of Fr. Andrew White (Historic Church; all are welcome)
- 9-11am: Oyster presentations from Mrs. Jill Buck, owner of an oyster hatchery
- 10am-2pm: Students visit Lore Oyster House

Renaissance Program: OLSS is excited to announce it has been chosen to be one of the Archdiocesan Pilot schools for Renaissance Accelerated Reading & Math Program. As soon as Renaissance sets up OLSS into the system, we will send home the parent packet with more info on the pilot. If you have any questions, please see the websites below and feel free to contact Mrs. Bartsch at (410) 326-3171.

WHAT: Accelerated Reading and Math

WHO: Grades 1-5

WHEN: March 27-May 27th is the 60 day trial period

WHY: This program is currently used in some Archdiocesan schools and helps to elevate Math and Reading skills for students on all levels, from basic to gifted. It expands both reading and math skills as well as reinforces daily work.

<http://www.renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-renaissance-accelerated-reader-360/>

<http://www.renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-renaissance-accelerated-math/>

http://www.renaissance.com/services/parent-resources/?_ga=1.173336420.670548162.1488823793

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY AT OLSS



ROCK YOUR SOCKS

— FOR —
WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

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We celebrated World
Down Syndrome Day
on March 21 with
"Rock Your Socks!"



Congratulations to our 5th grade class, who had
their D.A.R.E. Graduation last week!



REMINDERS:

Basketball: The Basketball Awards Ceremony is this
Sat, Mar. 25, from 1-4pm.

Stations: Students will attend Stations of the Cross
on Fridays from 8-8:30am during Lent.

Lenten Coin Drive: We are wrapping up the Lenten
coin drive with quarters this week.

Math-a-thon: Extra Funbooks are available for the
St. Jude's Math-a-Thon; please see the School Office
if your child would like to participate. The deadline
to turn in donations is **Mon, Apr. 10.**

3rd Quarter: Wed, Mar. 29 is the end of the 3rd
quarter. Report cards will be sent home in yellow
folders on Wed, Apr. 5.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

All families must complete 40 hours of volunteer service
(20 for part-time PK) by the last day of school.
Unfulfilled hours will be charged at \$25/hour on the last
tuition statement of the school year, and will become a
financial obligation to the school. The following
volunteer opportunities are coming up over the next few
weeks. To sign up, please go to the "Volunteer
Opportunities" page of the school website.

April 8-9: Palm Sunday Basket Auction & Bake Sale

We are in need of donations of themed baskets &
baked goods for this event. Please see the flyer on the
school website from the Mar. 1 news for more info.

April 10, 5-8pm: Roy Rogers Spirit Night

Greeters needed; Virtus training not required.

April 29: Fr. Alexander Gala

Volunteers needed for set-up before the Gala; help at
the Gala, and help clean up afterwards.

May 1, 2pm: May Crowning Ice Cream Social

Volunteers needed to help serve and clean up.

May 12, 7-10pm: Middle School Dance

Admissions table, chaperone, serve drinks, and help
clean up afterwards. We are also in need of donations
of snack-size chips, cookies, and bottles of soda.

FROG IT CHALLENGE:



Everyone has special gifts and talents.
What are yours, and how do you
share them with others?

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH:

- **Mar. 24:** Maryland Day Celebrations
- **Mar. 24:** PK-K-1st-2nd Field Trip to Pr. Frederick
- **Mar. 25, 1-4pm:** Basketball Awards Ceremony
- **Mar. 28:** 5th & 6th Field Trip
- **Mar. 29:** End of 3rd Quarter
- **Mar. 31:** 12:30pm dismissal / No Aftercare

APRIL:

- **Apr. 7, 7pm:** Youth Group Stations of the Cross
- **Apr. 8-9:** Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Basket Auction
- **Apr. 10, 5-8pm:** Roy Rogers Spirit Night
- **Apr. 12:** 12:30pm Dismissal - Start of Easter Break
- **Apr. 13-21:** Easter Break
- **Apr. 28:** Earth Day Planting
- **Apr. 29:** Fr. Alexander Gala

MAY:

- **May 1:** 1pm May Crowning / 2pm Ice Cream Social
- **May 3:** Volunteer Appreciation
- **May 12, 9am:** Seahawk Scramble Golf Tournament
- **May 12, 7-10pm:** Middle School Dance
- **May 19:** Field Day / 1pm Dismissal
- **May 23:** No School - ADW Principals Meeting
- **May 26:** 12:30pm Dismissal / Staff Appreciation
- **May 29:** No School - Memorial Day

God Bless,

Mary Bartsch

Mrs. Mary Bartsch, Principal