



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

October 12, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is accepting applications for financial aid for the 2023-2024 school year for students in grades PK-12 who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Washington. All tuition assistance obtained through the Archdiocese is based on demonstrated financial need, which must be demonstrated each year to qualify. To apply, log into your TADS account and select "Financial Aid Application". The deadline to apply is **December 2, 2022**. Families must submit an application for ADW Tuition Assistance before applying for any OLSS school-based tuition assistance.

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

Principal

NEWS & REMINDERS:

FIELD TRIP: PK-2nd grade's field trip has been re-scheduled to **Oct. 25** due to expected rain tomorrow.

UNIFORMS: Winter uniforms start **Oct. 17**, and the new uniform combination of light blue tops with navy/plaid bottoms takes effect on **Oct. 31**. Please read the Parent/Student Handbook regarding proper uniform code. Students may wear a navy crewneck, navy cardigan, or OLSS PE sweatshirt over their uniform.

JACKETS: Please make sure your child brings a jacket on cool days, and label sweaters, sweatshirts, & jackets.

SPIRIT WEAR: The [OLSS Spirit Wear Store](#) will close on **Wed, Oct. 19**. Please place your orders before then!

TAG DAY: Student Council has organized a Tag Day for **Fri, Oct. 21** for Breast Cancer Awareness. Students may wear pink and white clothing for a \$1 or more donation, which will go to Calvert Hospital Women's Center.

OCTOBER RAFFLE: The 8th Grade class is holding a Halloween-themed basket raffle to raise money for their graduation fund. The basket will be on display and tickets will go on sale next week.

1ST COMMUNION MEETING: OLSS Parish is having a required meeting for all parents of students having their First Holy Communion on **Sun, Oct. 23 at 9:30am** in the Historic Church.

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL, BELIZE: Last week we watched a special video presentation from our sister school Little Flower School in Belize. They were able to build their school's very first playground, thanks to the support from our school and parish, and have named the playground after us! You can watch the video presentation of the opening of the playground here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y0mSHj2JKiQ>

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

LIFETOUGH PORTRAITS: Lifetouch Portraits Retakes are on **Tue, Oct. 25**. Please notify your child's teacher if they will be having their portrait retaken. Students must bring the portrait package they are returning.

SOLOMONS FIRE DEPT. VISIT: Solomon Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad will visit OLSS on **Thu, Oct. 27**.

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 [here](#).

OCT. 28: There is no school on **Friday, Oct. 28** for Teacher Collaboration Day.

TAG DAY: Our \$1 Halloween Tag Day is on **Mon, Oct. 31**. Students may wear appropriate Halloween-themed or orange and black clothes to school. **NO HALLOWEEN COSTUMES, HAIR DYE, OR MAKEUP ALLOWED.**

ALL SAINTS DAY: We will celebrate All Saints Day on **Tue, Nov. 1**. Children may wear Saint costumes to school **over their school uniform** for a Parade of Saints into the church at 8:30am for 9am Mass. No weapons of any kind are allowed as accessories.

Join Us For
Our Lady Star of the Sea's
CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR

Saturday, November 19th
9:00am-2:00pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea
90 Alexander Lane
Solomons, MD

Crafters, Vendors, Yard Sale, Bake
Sale, Concessions, Raffles,
& more!

For info on vendor opportunities,
please email
olssbazaarvendors@gmail.com

REPORT CARDS & PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

REPORT CARDS:

The 1st Quarter end on October 27, and report cards will be emailed to parents soon after. Financial obligations (tuition, lunch ticket payments) must be met before report cards will be released.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Mandatory Parent/Teacher Conferences for K-8th grades will be held on **Wed, Nov. 9 from 3:15-8pm**, and **Thu, Nov. 10 from 8am-3pm**. To sign up, please visit these web pages:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9:

<http://www.olsss.org/conferences-nov-9.html>

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10:

<http://www.olsss.org/conferences-nov.-10.html>

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

There is an HSA Committees meeting this **Friday, Oct. 14 at 2pm** in the school library.

CHILI COOK-OFF:

HSA is hosting a Chili Cook-Off on **Saturday, Dec. 3** during the Solomons Christmas Walk. Please visit the Chili Cook-Off web page to register as a contestant:

<http://www.olsss.org/chili-cook-off.html>

Registration is due **by Nov. 9** and there is a meeting on **Nov. 14**. Please email questions to

olsschilicookoff@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ON SAT, NOV. 19:

Please sign up here to help with the Christmas Bazaar:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4CA4AC2BA4F94-olss37>

BAZAAR BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED

All kinds of **HOMEMADE** treats are welcome (cookies, brownies, pies, cakes, etc.) Please send your items in with labels on **Fri, Nov. 18**.

YARD SALE AT BAZAAR

We would appreciate donations of gently used items for the Yard Sale. No large furniture or outdated items. Dates & times for item drop off will be announced in November.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- ★ **Oct. 21:** \$1 Breast Cancer Awareness Tag Day
- ★ **Oct. 24:** Faith & Blue
- ★ **Oct. 25:** Lifetouch Portraits Retakes
- ★ **Oct. 25:** PK-2 Field Trip (rescheduled from Oct. 13)
- ★ **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 (8:30 Parade, 9:00 Mass)
- ☛ **Nov. 3:** 3rd, 4th, & 5th Field Trip to St. Mary's
- ☛ **Nov. 10:** No School - Conferences
- ☛ **Nov. 11:** No School – Veterans Day
- ☛ **Nov. 19, 9am-2pm:** Christmas Bazaar
- ☛ **Nov. 22:** Turkey Trot
- ☛ **Nov. 22:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ☛ **Nov. 23-25:** No School – Break

DECEMBER

- 🌲 **Dec. 3:** One Hot Christmas Chili Cook-Off
- 🌲 **Dec. 5-7:** Santa Shop
- 🌲 **Dec. 16:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- 🌲 **Dec. 19-30:** No School – Christmas Break