



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: October 5, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

October and autumn are here, with the abundant beauty of this season. The celebrations of the Church for the month of October include the feasts of St. Therese the Little Flower, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Teresa of Avila. All Hallows' Eve or Halloween ends the month with emphasis on the Communion of Saints.

We will also be honoring grandparents this month with our annual Grandparents/Grandfriends Day on **Mon, Oct. 24**. This event is our way to celebrate and recognize the contributions of grandparents and other special family members in the lives of our students, our school community, and society.



NEWS :

No School: There is no school this **Fri, Oct. 7** for Teacher Collaboration Day.

Volunteers Needed: OLSS is hosting a sand art booth at the PRAD Festival this weekend; **Sat, Oct. 8 & Sun, Oct. 9**. Volunteers are needed to work in 2-hour shifts, and do not have to be Virtus-certified.



Grandparents/Special Friends Day: Our annual Grandparents/Special Friends Day will take place on **Mon, Oct. 24**. Invitations and info on the schedule are included with today's news.

October Tag Day: **Mon, Oct. 31** will be a \$1 orange-and black-themed Halloween Tag Day.

Halloween Celebrations: Our Pre-K and K students may bring their Halloween costumes to school, and will have classroom parties on **Mon, Oct. 31**.

All Saints Day: We will celebrate All Saints Day on **Tue, Nov. 1**. Students may bring Saint costumes to change into, or a poster of a Saint. The schedule of events will be announced later this month.

Bull & Oyster Roast: Our 5th Annual Bull & Oyster Roast fundraiser will be held at Vera's in Lusby on **Sat, Nov. 5**, from **12-8pm**. Please see the flyer with today's news for info on the menu and tickets.

Family Thanksgiving Feast: Please join us next month for our 2nd Annual Family Thanksgiving Fest on **Wed, Nov. 16**! All family members are welcome. More info and RSVP forms will be sent home later this month.

Christmas Bazaar: OLSS's 7th Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Sat, Nov. 19** from **9am-2pm**, featuring local crafters & vendors. This is a great opportunity to purchase unique gifts, and support local artists! There will also be a Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Yard Sale, Raffle, and concessions.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS:

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:



HSA is hosting a family movie night on **Fri, Oct. 14** at **6:30pm** in the Providence Room, showing *Hotel Transylvania 2*. Students are welcome to bring friends with them. Pizza, popcorn, & baked goods will be available for purchase.

Baked goods are needed for the Bake Sale table; this an easy way to earn volunteer hours!

Claire's GOURMET®



Please support our Claire's Gourmet fundraiser! Claire's Gourmet sells frozen pizzas, snacks, desserts, cookie dough, and more. Info packs & order forms were sent home with students last week. Friends and family can place orders online; please see our school website for links and info.

DATES:

- Oct. 15: Deadline for ordering
- Nov. 8: Orders delivered to OLSS (orders may also be shipped directly to another address)

INCENTIVES

- The top seller will get a \$100 tuition credit (must sell at least 30 items)
- For every 10 items you sell, your name will be put in for a drawing prize of a \$200 tuition credit
- Every student who sells 10 items will earn a dress-down day

REMINDERS:

Fall Uniforms: Fall/winter uniforms (no shorts) began on Oct. 3. Gym shorts may be worn on PE days through October.

Cupcakes for Life: OLSS's Youth Group will decorate cupcakes on **Fri, Oct. 14, 4-5pm**, and give them out on **Sun, Oct. 16** after Masses to parents and parishioners who have supported them. Elementary students are invited to join them! Please contact Joanne Pensensadler with any questions at: youthministry@olss.org

Flu Clinic: Calvert County Health Dept. is offering free flu vaccinations at OLSS for PK-5th grade students on **Fri, Oct. 28, at 9am**. Permission forms and more info will be sent home soon.



OLSS will be sponsoring a service project to support Birthright, a pregnancy care center in Prince Frederick. We will be collecting donations from **Oct. 10-14**. Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated:

- ✧ Diapers (newborn - size 3)
- ✧ New diaper bags
- ✧ Baby wash, shampoo, lotion, diaper cream
- ✧ Baby wipes
- ✧ Similac Formula
- ✧ New baby bottles
- ✧ Baby food (stage 1 and 2)
- ✧ New or gently used infant clothes (size 0-2T)
- ✧ New or gently used baby blankets
- ✧ Crib sheets
- ✧ Monetary donations

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER:

- **Oct. 6, 4-9pm:** Sweet Frog Spirit Night
- **Oct. 7:** No School – Collaboration Day
- **Oct. 14, 6:30pm:** HSA Movie Night
- **Oct. 20:** Lifetouch Portraits Make-Up Day
- **Oct. 21:** PK, K, 1st, & 2nd grades Field Trip
- **Oct. 24:** Grandparents Day / 12:30 Dismissal
- **Oct. 28:** Flu Clinic for PK-5th grades (optional)
- **Oct. 28:** 12:30pm dismissal–Teacher Development
- **Oct. 31:** Halloween Tag Day

NOVEMBER:

- **Nov. 1:** All Saints Day Celebration
- **Nov. 5, 12-8pm:** Bull & Oyster Roast Fundraiser
- **Nov. 11:** No School - Conferences
- **Nov. 16, 11:30am:** Family Thanksgiving Feast
- **Nov. 19, 9am-2pm:** Christmas Bazaar
- **Nov. 22:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Nov. 23-25:** No School - Thanksgiving Break

God Bless,

Mary Bartsch

Mrs. Mary Bartsch
OLSS School Principal

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FROG IT CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK:

Our students are given a FROG IT challenge every week to help them spread God's word. This week's Challenge is to Pray a "Hail Mary" either on the way to school or on the way home, in the car or bus, or before you leave home.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Please sign up through the school website's "Volunteer Opportunities" page if you can help with any of the following:

- **Hot Lunch Program:** Help prepare, serve, and clean up for the school lunch program.
- **Sell Gift Card After Weekend Masses**
- **Oct. 6, 4-9pm: Sweet Frog Spirit Night: Greet visitors & answer questions about our school.**
- **Oct. 8 & 9: OLSS Table at PRAD: Help with set-up, cleanup, and working at the OLSS Sand Art table at the PRAD Festival, in 2-hour shifts.**
- **Oct. 14:** Donate baked goods for Movie Night concessions (can be homemade or store-bought)
- **Oct. 24: Grandparents Day:** Help with set-up and cleanup, donate brunch dishes.
- **Oct. 29: OLSS Table at Annmarie Garden:** Help with set-up, cleanup, and working at the OLSS table at "Halloween in the Garden", in 2-hour shifts.