



May 20, 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We made it to the end of the academics of the 2019-20 school year! A few reminders for the next 2 weeks:

- Teachers have sent the last week of work out, with the completion date of **May 22**.
- Next week, **May 26-29**, are Family Prep/Catch up days. Students will finish/present final projects and book reports, have final ZOOM meetings, and be given time to complete all unfinished work. You will be asked to help your child gather and label all their homework and assignments to be turned in to teachers to be graded, and to clean, uncover, and sanitize textbooks to be returned to school.
- **June 1-2** will be "Turn In Days". You will need to schedule an appointment to come to school and return all your student's belongings (more information to come).

Once again, I want to thank you so much for your continued efforts in helping us to team teach your children.

*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*  
Principal

## NEWS :

**2019-20 YEARBOOKS:** Yearbook ordering will be online only this year. Information will be sent out shortly. Yearbooks will arrive in early July.

**HANDWRITING CONTEST:** Congratulations to the winners of the Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest: Scarlett F. (K), Jackson B. (1<sup>st</sup>), Stella B. (2<sup>nd</sup>), Tristan P. (3<sup>rd</sup>), Aidan B. (4<sup>th</sup>), Kailey N. (6<sup>th</sup>), Mia P. (7<sup>th</sup>), & Catherine P. (8<sup>th</sup>)

**BASKET AUCTIONS:** Thank you to those that have volunteered to donate baskets for our Virtual Basket Auction that will take place **June 5-7**. We still need help to make this event as successful as possible. We have created an Amazon wish list if you are interested in purchasing an item for a basket: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/NHRWLPBV100R?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_wl\\_ip\\_CEcVSiXqnbjJ](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/NHRWLPBV100R?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_ip_CEcVSiXqnbjJ)

If you have items to donate for one of the themes, we would appreciate them. The themes we are looking for include: Spa, Father's Day, Wine and Dinner, Beach and Outdoor Fun, Fairy Tales Girls, Sports, Tea and Treats. We are also looking for gift card donations for restaurants, especially local businesses that support our school. We could also use baskets and tubs to put these items in.

We will create videos of the baskets to post online, so the sooner we receive items, the better. We are asking that all complete baskets be at the school by **June 2** and items for baskets by **May 29**. More information will be provided about scheduling drop off at the school.

Please consider helping in any way possible so we can continue to support the OLSS School community. If you have any questions, please contact Katie W. at 205-792-9301 or olsss.hsa@gmail.com

## \* SISTERS SPOTLIGHT \*

### Sister Ruth Parent

As the Sisters of OLSS prepare to move permanently back to their home at the Congregation of Divine Providence in Melbourne, Kentucky, we would like to thank each one for all the have done for the OLSS community.

Sister Ruth made the decision to become a nun when she was only 14 years old. She has been a fixture at our school for many years, assisting the Kindergarten class, teaching cursive handwriting, and helping in the lunchroom. "Although I am sad to leave my home at Our Lady Star of the Sea, I am excited to go back to my other home in Kentucky. I'm looking forward to enjoying the retirement home there, and helping other sisters."

Thank you for all you have done for our school, and all the love you have shown to hundreds of OLSS students over the years!





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May 18, 2020

Dear Pastors and Principals:

The Archdiocese of Washington Board of Education is seeking additional members for 2020-2021, and would welcome your nomination of a parishioner, parent, teacher, who you believe would bring experience and a commitment to excellence in Catholic education. We are looking for individuals with diverse backgrounds and professional experiences that can provide valuable perspectives in the examination of the educational opportunities and issues confronting the Catholic Schools. It is our goal to have a collective group that will consider all stakeholders' perspectives in this advisory capacity. This year, we are seeking nominations from Montgomery, Prince George's, Southern Maryland (Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties) and welcome your recommendations.

The archdiocesan Board of Education meets every month, during the third week, at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, during the school year. Our meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude no later than 8:00 p.m. We also offer the option of remote participation, for meeting. The term of a member of the Board of Education is three years and may be renewed for a second term. All candidates are nominated by their pastors or principals, interviewed by the board's nomination committee, and finally, recommended for appointment by the full board. The appointment is confirmed by the Archbishop.

If you know of an individual that you would like to recommend, please contact either Kelly Branaman (branamank@adw.org), Michelle Lawyer (lawyerm@adw.org) or me, (ryanw@adw.org), to discuss this matter. **Your recommendation is needed no later than June 1, 2020.**

Thank you for any help you might be able to give to the archdiocesan Board of Education by recommending candidates for consideration. Your endorsement is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

William H. Ryan, III  
Secretary for Catholic Schools

c: A. Linder, president, Archdiocesan Board of Education