



# Our Lady Star of the Sea School

*An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith*

**Newsletter: July 31, 2019**

Dear OLSS Families,

I hope everyone is having a great summer! OLSS staff are busy preparing for another exciting school year ahead. Please review the news and reminders in this newsletter, and contact the School Office at olssschool@comcast.net or (410) 326-3171 with any questions.

## **TEACHERS & STAFF :**

**We are pleased to announce our teachers and staff for the 2019-20 school year:**

- Pre-K Director/Teacher: Mrs. Stephanie Riley
- Pre-K Assistants: Mrs. Terri Yates, Mrs. Amy Quade
- Kindergarten: Mrs. Cheri Shaw
- Grade 1: Mrs. Peggy Waldheim
- Grade 2: Mrs. Carmen Norris
- Grade 3: Ms. Maggie Quade
- Grade 4: Mrs. Kimberly Weber
- Grade 5: Mrs. Teresa Ratliffe
- Grade 6: Mrs. Beth Oster
- Grade 7: Ms. Whitney Dawkins
- Grade 8: Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
- Music: Mrs. Debbie Smedley
- Library: Mrs. Angela Ingelido
- Physical Education: Mrs. Cindy Grater
- Computers: Mrs. Cindy Grater
- Spanish: Mrs. Dawn Skeith-Baughter
- School Secretary/Admin Assistant: Mrs. Colleen Muldoon
- Admin Assistant: Mrs. Amber Tamburri
- School Nurse: Mrs. Mary Ann Dale
- Aftercare (Younger): Mrs. Amy Quade
- Aftercare (Older): Mrs. Heidi Trice
- Hot Lunch Coordinator: Mr. George Klein

## **NEWS & REMINDERS :**

**School Uniforms:** If you would like to come by the school to purchase PE uniforms, or to look through the Uniform Exchange before school begins, please call the School Office to make sure the building is open.

**Spirit Night:** We will have a Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse in Lexington Park on **Tue, Aug. 20, 5-9pm**. Please present the flyer (found on the school website) and 10% of your purchase will be donated to our school.

**Aftercare:** If you plan to enroll your child(ren) in Aftercare, please notify the School Office **by Aug. 23**. **All required forms (available on the school website) must be completed before children may attend.**

**New Parents Meeting:** Our New Parents Meeting is on **Wed, Aug. 21 at 5:30pm** in the Providence Room. School supplies may also be dropped off at this time.

**Open Day:** We will have an Open Day on **Thu, Aug. 22 from 9am-12pm**. This is an opportunity for students and parents to visit their classrooms, meet their teachers, and drop off school supplies. Families may stop by any time between 9am-12pm. PE uniforms and nap mats will be available for purchase.

**Back to School Mass:** We will celebrate the start of the school year at the **10:45am Mass on Sun, Aug. 25**. School families are encouraged to attend, with students wearing their school uniform.

**First Day:** Our first day of school is **Tue, Aug. 27**. It is a 12:30pm dismissal, with Aftercare available for registered students until 6pm. Lunch will be served. Please join us **from 7:15-7:50am** for donuts in the Providence Room. Students will report to their classrooms at 7:50am.

**Book Fair:** We will host a Scholastic Book Fair in the Providence Room from **Aug. 31-Sep. 8**. The Book Fair will be open during school hours & after weekend Masses.

**School Portraits:** Lifetouch will take student portraits on **Thu, Sep. 5**. Lifetouch portrait package order forms will be sent home during the first week of school, and may also be purchased through the Lifetouch website.

**Back to School Night:** Back to School Night is **Thu, Sep. 5, at 6:30pm**. We will start with a presentation in the Providence Room, after which parents may visit their child's classroom.

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

**Summer Reading:** Students entering grades 4-8 are required to complete Summer Reading assignments, which were distributed at the end of the last school year. Info and forms are posted on the school website.

**School Supplies:** The required school supply list for all grades is posted on the school website. Please send your child's supplies with them on the first day of school. They may also be dropped off at the Open Day on Thu, Aug. 22 from 9am-12pm.

**2018-19 Yearbooks:** Yearbook orders may be picked up from the Parish Office Mon-Fri 8am-4pm (closed 12:30-1pm), or from the School Office once the school year begins. A limited number of extra yearbooks will be available for purchase for \$30.

**Medications:** If your child needs to take prescription medication during school hours, medications and required authorization forms must be brought by a parent/guardian to the School Office to be checked in. Medical forms can be found at: <http://www.olss.org/forms.html>

**School Website:** All weekly newsletters, school calendars, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities are posted on our school website, [www.olss.org](http://www.olss.org).

### **VIRTUS PROGRAM CHANGES**

All family members who'd like to volunteer at the school must first complete all steps of the Archdiocese of Washington's Virtus Child Protection Program. The required steps are:

- 1) Create a VIRTUS account at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)
- 2) Register for and attend a Child Protection Workshop (info available from Virtus website)
- 3) Sign and submit the Acknowledgement Form from the workshop book to the School Office
- 4) Complete & submit a Volunteer Application Form
- 5) Complete Live Scan Fingerprinting

#### **NEW REQUIREMENT:**

There are some significant changes in the requirements for VIRTUS compliance. **All past and new volunteers are now required to be fingerprinted.** If you have already been fingerprinted for Virtus, you do not need to do it again. Please check your Virtus account to confirm that your prints are on file. All past volunteers must all be in compliance with this new policy by July 2, 2020. All new volunteers must be fingerprinted prior to beginning any volunteering.

OLSS will be offering a few dates for fingerprinting. The price is \$55; however, if you are an OLSS volunteer and sign up at one of our Live Scan Fingerprint dates, the price is only \$40. Our first date is **Sun, Aug. 18, from 9:00am-12:30pm** in the Providence Room. Please use the Signup Genius to schedule your appointment:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0948a9ad2ea0ff2-olss2>

Please contact Colleen Muldoon in the School Office with any questions at (410) 326-3171.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **AUGUST**

**Aug. 18, 9am-12pm:** Virtus Fingerprinting

**Aug. 20, 5-9pm:** Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse

**Aug. 21, 5:30pm:** New Parents Meeting

**Aug. 22, 9am-12pm:** Open Day/Drop Off Supplies

**Aug. 25, 10:45am:** Back to School Mass

**Aug. 25, 12-1pm:** Open House

**Aug. 27:** 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School / 12:30pm Dismissal

**Aug. 31-Sep. 8:** Scholastic Book Fair

**Aug. 30:** 12:30pm Dismissal - Labor Day Weekend

#### **SEPTEMBER**

**Sep. 2:** No School - Labor Day

**Sep. 5:** Lifetouch School Portraits

**Sep. 5, 6:30pm:** Back to School Night

**Sep. 9:** ADW Music Program Demonstration

**Sep. 19:** 12:30pm Dismissal

**Sep. 19:** Basketball Registration Forms Due

**Sep. 26:** 12:30pm Dismissal

**Sep. 27:** No School - Calvert Fair Day

God bless,

*Father Ken Gill*

Father Ken Gill, Pastor