



# Our Lady Star of the Sea School

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

**Newsletter: May 3, 2017**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

During the month of May, we honor Mary, Our Mother, and Guardian of Our Lady Star of the Sea School. We began our special devotional with May Crowning on Monday; please see photos below and on our Facebook page.

## EARTH DAY:

Last Friday, students celebrated Earth Day by planting & watering flowers around the school grounds on a beautiful sunny day.



## FR. ALEXANDER GALA

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Father Alexander Gala was held on Saturday and honored award recipients Jean Moyer and Dave & Debby Spigler. Thank you to all the many volunteers who made this evening so special.



## MAY CROWNING:

Monday was our May Crowning devotional service to Mary. Our May Queen was Erin Weakley, attendants were Julia Kleponis and Robyn Strauss, and Junior Attendant was Aibhilin Fockler.

Congratulations to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who received their First Holy Communion at OLSS on Sunday! They wore their special outfits to May Crowning.



Thank you to Beth Oster for organizing the Ice Cream Social, and to the volunteers who helped serve!

## NEWS:

**Congrats:** Congratulations to our 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Tiwa Okedara, who won 2nd place in the Dickinson Jewelers' "Best Mom in Calvert County" Essay contest! She is the first-ever winner from OLSS.

**Roses:** 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be selling chocolate roses for Mother's Day from May 8-12, for \$2/each.

**Spring Program:** All students will be participating in the Spring Program on **Thu, May 18 at 6:30pm**. Please see the info with today's news.

**Field Day:** Field Day is Fri, May 19 from 8am-1pm. Please see the Field Day Info pack in today's yellow folders, and included with today's news. **FORMS & PAYMENT MUST BE TURNED IN BY MAY 12.**

**Bottles Needed:** We are in need of empty 16 oz. bottles for a project our students will be doing on field trips to the Calvert Marine Museum. Please send in by June 5.

**Important Changes:** OLSS will follow Calvert County Public Schools and amend our calendar and last day of school. Please note the following changes, which were announced in a School Messenger email on May 1:

- June 2, 6:45pm: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation (formerly June 13)
- June 7, 10:30am: PK Graduation (formerly June 12)
- June 7, 1pm: Kindergarten Graduation (formerly June 12)
- June 8: 10:30am Dismissal / Last Day of School (formerly June 14)

## REMINDERS:

**Cinco de Mayo:** Students will all break open piñatas next week to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

**Volunteer Appreciation** is next **Wed, May 10**, with Mass at 8:15am, followed by brunch.

**Spring Program:** **Thu, May 18 at 6:30pm** is our Spring Program featuring all students performing. Please see the info in today's yellow folders.

**Spirit Night** is at Chick-Fil-A in California on **Mon, May 22** from 5-7pm.

**Yard Sale** is **Sat, Jun. 10**; donated items may be dropped off starting in June.

**Vacation Bible School** for children ages 3-12 is **Jun. 26-30**. More info at: [www.olssyouthgroup.com](http://www.olssyouthgroup.com)

### FROG IT CHALLENGE:

The Apostles shared the good news of Our Lord and everything they had with everyone they came upon. What do you think made them do that? What are you willing to share with others? Discuss as a family.



### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Seahawk Scramble Golf Tournament Fri, May 12, 9:00am Chesapeake Hills Golf Course

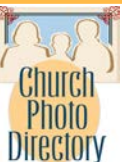
This is a very fun fundraiser to support our school! For more info, including registration and sponsorship opportunities, please visit: [www.olsss.org/2017-golf-tournament.html](http://www.olsss.org/2017-golf-tournament.html)

#### Volunteers are needed to help with the following:

- **Set-Up:** from 6:30am
- **Registration:** 8:00-8:45am
- **Tournament:** 9:00am-2:00pm
- **Clean-up:** 2:00-3:30pm
- Please email Joe Kleponis if you can help at: [joe Kleponis@comcast.net](mailto:joe Kleponis@comcast.net)

### PARISH DIRECTORY

*The Parish Office is creating a new Parish Family Directory this spring. All families are encouraged to be included!*



- Family portraits will be taken between May 5-9 and May 25-28. Please arrive promptly.
- There is no cost, and each family will receive a free 8.5"x11" photo and a Parish Directory.
- If you wish to order additional prints, you may pay for them on the day of your sitting.
- Please visit the Parish website at [www.olss.org](http://www.olss.org) to book your portrait sitting online.

## SPRING FUNDRAISERS:

- We are selling beautiful potted & hanging flowers. **Orders are due May 9 & will be in May 11.**
- The Youth Group is selling religious statues in a variety of finishes, which will arrive by Mother's Day. Sample statues are in the School Office.

**Please see the flyers & order forms in yellow folders.**



## BLACK LIGHT ★ MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE ★ FOR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS FRIDAY, MAY 12, 7-10 P.M.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE ADMISSIONS TABLES, CHAPERONING, & DONATIONS OF SNACKS & DRINKS.**



**Please sign up through the school website to help.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### MAY:

- **May 10:** Volunteer Appreciation
- **May 12, 9am:** Seahawk Scramble Golf Tournament
- **May 12, 7-10pm:** Middle School Dance
- **May 18, 6:30pm:** All School Program
- **May 19:** Field Day / 1pm Dismissal
- **May 22, 8:30-10:30am:** Open House
- **May 22, 5-7pm:** Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A
- **May 23:** No School - ADW Principals Meeting
- **May 26:** 12:30pm Dismissal / Staff Appreciation
- **May 29:** No School - Memorial Day
- **May 30, 2pm:** Clap-Out Farewell to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

### JUNE:

- **June 2, 6:45pm:** 8th Grade Graduation
- **June 7, 10:30am:** PK Graduation
- **June 7, 1pm:** Kindergarten Graduation
- **June 8: 10:30am dismissal / LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

God Bless,

*Mary Bartsch*

Mrs. Mary Bartsch, Principal