



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: February 14, 2018

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Today is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, the 40-day period of reflection and penitence leading up to Easter Sunday. This day, and this season, offer us all the chance to stop, look at our lives, and renew and revitalize our relationship with God. May we enter into Lent with hope in our hearts and a willing spirit in our lives.



There have been many fun events at OLSS over the past week!



2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

On Feb. 9, we celebrated the start of the 2018 Winter Olympics with our own Opening Ceremony and parade of nations.



Each class has selected a country, and we will track the medals won with a chart in the Providence Room.

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

As Lent begins on Valentine's Day, we celebrated the holiday last Friday.



Happy Valentine's Day



100th DAY OF SCHOOL



We celebrated the 100th Day of School on Monday with 100 snack items, 100 fruit loops on a necklace, 100 cups stacked into towers, and other 100-themed projects!



MARDI GRAS

Mardi Gras marks the last day of Ordinary Time before the start of Lent. Students made Mardi Gras masks in Art class, and paraded around the school.





**ATTENTION ALL OLSS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH!
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POSITIONS ARE NOW OPEN!**

There are many positions that need to be filled. Join us in this powerful reflection of Christ's passion for us. Contact Joanne Pensenstadler @ 410-326-3535x14 or 240-925-3034 for any questions. Schedule will be emailed out to volunteers and posted on the website soon.

NEWS :

Friday: This Fri, Feb. 16 is a **12:30pm dismissal** and is also a **\$1 School Colors Tag Day**.

Basketball: This weekend are our basketball league's play-off games; **Fri, Feb. 16** at Kings Christian Academy:

- 6:00pm OLSS vs LFS – Varsity Girls
- 7:15pm OLSS vs TBD – Varsity Boys

Arts & Crafts: February's Afterschool Arts & Crafts Workshop is next **Wed, Feb. 21, 3-4pm**. Please see the form with today's news.

Open House: We have an Open House for Middle School Grades on **Fri, Feb. 23, 8:30-10:30am**.

Lent Specials: Boomerang's Restaurant in Solomons will be holding Spirit Days on Fridays during Lent. Mention OLSS when ordering, and 15% off our purchase will benefit our school.

Math-a-Thon: We will be participating in the Math-a-Thon to support St. Jude's Children's Hospital. More info will be sent home soon; the kick-off date will be **March 12**.

Field Day: The date for Field Day has changed to **Fri, May 25** (previously scheduled for May 18.)

THANK YOU:



Thank you Island Bingo for hosting a Bingo Spirit Day Sunday to raise money for our school! A big thanks to Kim Greenwell

for organizing this event for us, and to everyone who came out and helped support our school!

God bless,

Mary Bartsch

Mrs. Mary Bartsch, Principal



POLAR PLUNGE

Saturday, Feb. 17, at 2pm

Vera's, 1200 White Sands Dr, Lusby

- Plungers required to raise a minimum of \$25
- Registration starts at 1pm. / Plunge at 2pm
- **Volunteers needed for OLSS Table 12:30-3:30pm**

SAVE THE DATE

BECOMING BATTLE READY

Our Lady Star of the Sea's 5th Annual

SPIRITUAL BOOT CAMP IN VIRTUE

WHO: Students entering 5th - 8th grade

COST: \$75

DATES: Jul. 30 – Aug. 4

TIME: 9am – 1pm (early drop off available)



FROG IT CHALLENGE

What action might you fast from this Lent?

UPCOMING EVENTS :

FEBRUARY

- **Feb. 16:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Feb. 16:** \$1 Tag Day to Support Polar Plunge
- **Feb. 17, 2pm:** Polar Plunge at Vera's
- **Feb. 19:** No School – President's Day
- **Feb. 21, 3-4pm:** Afterschool Arts & Crafts
- **Feb. 23, 8:30-10:30am:** Middle School Open House

MARCH

- **Mar. 16:** No School - Professional Development
- **Mar. 18:** ADW Band Festival
- **Mar. 21:** End of 3rd Quarter
- **Mar. 28:** 12:30pm Dismissal | No Aftercare
- **Mar. 29-Apr. 5:** No School - Easter Break