



February 24, 2021

Dear OLSS Families,

Lent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. The Church recommends prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to focus our preparation. These are “the 3 pillars of Lent” that we intensify our devotion to as we pause and reflect on our relationship with God.

1. **Prayer:** Setting aside more time for family prayer during Lent draws us closer to one another and to God. Through family prayer, we recognize ourselves as a family rooted in Christ’s mission, set aside for good works.
2. **Fasting:** During Lent, we “give things up” to free ourselves. By sacrificing food (including meat on Fridays for family members 14 and older) and other things we find pleasurable during Lent, we are eliminating any stumbling blocks between ourselves and God’s love.
3. **Almsgiving:** As a sign of gratitude for all God has given us, and as an act of love to those in need, Christians give generously to the poor and needy, especially during Lent.

Lent offers us a very special opportunity to change our hearts and to grow in our relationship with God. We are called to deepen our commitment to a way of life which is rooted in Christ. Lent is a beautiful season of returning to God, and embracing his love and forgiveness.

Stay happy, healthy, and holy!

Mrs. Thompson

NEWS & REMINDERS:

SCIENCE FAIR: All of our middle school students did amazing work on their science fair projects! Congratulations to the award winners; please see the list with today’s news.

HSA MEETING: HSA will have a meeting on **Mon, Mar. 1 at 6pm** to provide info on how we plan to run the Palm Sunday Basket Auctions, to request help from parents in creating baskets or asking for sponsors, and to discuss a potential bake sale.

Date: Mon, Feb. 22 at 6pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6826643577?pwd=aDNhd2xEVjRGdkFidnlxc1pGY2hzZz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 682 664 3577

Password: Seahawks!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: ALL parents are required to complete 20 volunteer service hours for the school year, in addition to supporting at least one major fundraiser. We have the following volunteer opportunities coming up:

- **Feb. 27-28:** The Polar Plunge Committee is looking for families to collect donations after masses. Students who volunteer with their parents are asked to wear their school uniform.
- **Mar. 6:** Volunteers needed to assist with Polar Plunge. To volunteer for either of these opportunities, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca4ac2ba4f94-olss7>
- **Mar. 27-28:** Palm Sunday Basket Auction and Bake Sale
- **April/May:** Spring Bazaar
- **Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays:** Hot Lunch Program volunteers needed; must have completed Virtus Program.

Please email all volunteer hours you have completed to OLSSVolunteerHours@gmail.com by **March 7**. Include your student’s last name, volunteer work, and number of hours completed.

PALM SUNDAY BASKET AUCTIONS: We will host a Virtual Basket Auction on Palm Sunday weekend, **March 26-28**. Donated themed baskets will be photographed and posted online for bidding. Please consider donating a basket for this fundraiser! Baskets will be needed by **March 19**.



Polar Plunge

TO BENEFIT OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL



**MARCH 6TH
11AM - 1PM**

**THE EVENT BEGINS AT
11 AM. PARTICIPANTS
WILL PLUNGE EVERY
15 MINUTES!**



**The Plunge will take
place at the beach
across the street from
the OLSS Historic
Church in Solomons.**

**Can't be there? Explore
our virtual option at the
website below!**

**Register at
olss.myfunrun.com**

**Plungers need to raise
\$30 for the cause.**

**Donations are
graciously accepted at
the website above.**



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We are just two weeks out from our Annual Polar Plunge event on March 6 from 11aam-1pm. The event will be held on the beach across from the historic church in Solomons. OLSSS parents, students, teachers and community members are welcome to participate in the plunge. We ask that anyone participating raises a minimum of \$30. You can choose to raise money but not participate in the plunge or do the plunge virtually. Whatever option you choose this year please register your student to raise money at the following website: <https://olss.myfunrun.com/3/miscellaneous2.htm>. There will be prizes for the student and class that raises the most money.

If you are unable to attend in person but would still like to participate, we are offering a "virtual" plunge option. You must still raise a minimum of \$30 but can get creative with how you "virtually" plunge, take a plunge in your pool, at a shoreline nearby or sit on your porch in the cold and have someone dump a bucket of ice water over your head. Be sure to capture your virtual plunge on camera and post it to social media using our event hashtags, #OLSSSPolarPlunge #GettingColdForTheKids #BeBoldGetCold and tag the OLSS School or OLSSS HSA page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- **Mar. 6:** Polar Plunge Fundraiser
- **Mar. 12:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Mar. 13:** [CCSE Virtual Spring Benefit](#)
- **Mar. 15:** No School
- **Mar. 17:** St. Patrick's Day Tag Day
- **Mar. 22:** [Rock Your Socks Day](#)
- **Mar. 26:** End of 3rd Quarter
- **Mar. 26-28:** Palm Sunday Basket Auctions
- **Mar. 31:** 12:30pm Dismissal

APRIL

- **Apr. 1-9:** No School – Easter Break

An easy way to raise money and point your friends and family toward the donation website is by adding the OLSSS Polar Plunge Facebook Frame to your profile picture. Simply click update your profile picture, add frame, search OLSSS and the frame should pop up, add it to your picture and watch the donations from friends and family roll in.

In order to respect social distancing guidelines, we will not be plunging as one large group this year. Instead, you will need to sign up for a plunge time at the following website <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca4ac2ba4f94-olss6> this allows us to limit the number of participants on the beach at one time.

Please direct any questions you may have to the Polar Plunge committee chair, Lindsey Frisco at lcushm1@gmail.com.