



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Our school is full of reminders that we are in the the season of Advent. The students have made beautiful artwork, such as Advent wreaths, Nativity scenes, and angels. Each class is sponsoring a charity to enhance their awareness of the season and their role in reaching out to others in need.



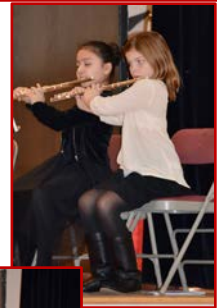
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Thursday, Dec. 14, 6:30pm

We are very excited for our Christmas Program tomorrow evening!

- All students should report to their classrooms by **6:15pm** (no earlier than 6:00pm).
- PK-4th grade: wear dress clothes
- 5th – 8th grade: costumes provided

BAND CONCERT

Our Beginner Band and Advanced Band Christmas Concert was held on Monday night. Our student musicians were in a combined band at St. John's School, and played beautiful Christmas music together!



NEWS :

Upcoming Tag Days: This Fri, Dec. 15 is a \$1 Tag Day, with donations going to charity. If your child participates, **please send their \$1 donation.** Tue, Dec. 19 is a free Tag Day. Both Tag Days are Christmas-themed, or red and green clothing.

Middle School Brunch: Middle School will have Christmas Brunch together on **Tue, Dec. 19 at 9:30am.** Please see the flyer with today's news.

Dec. 19: The schedule for the last day of school before Christmas break on **Tue, Dec. 19** will be:

- 9:30-10:30am: Middle School Christmas Brunch
- 9:45/10 -11:00am: PK - 5th Christmas parties
- 11:45-12:15: Christmas gathering & caroling
- *Lunch will not be served*
- **12:30 Dismissal | No Aftercare**

Afternoon Pick-Up: Please be sure to notify the School Office **by 2:30pm** if your child's afternoon pick-up arrangements change, or if they are or are not going to Aftercare as scheduled.

December Raffle: The raffle for the Christmas items in the school lobby, including a HUGE teddy bear, toys, as well as Christmas novelties and candies, will end on Tue, Dec. 19. Tickets are \$.50 each, 3 for \$1, or 20 for \$5.

THANK YOU S :

Our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, held last Friday night, was a huge success! A big thank you to Colleen Muldoon for organizing this event, and to all our staff who helped out. Thanks to all who braved the snowy night to come to the dinner and support our school!

We had another great After School Arts & Crafts Workshop yesterday. Thank you to Beth Oster for running these workshops.

CONGRATULATIONS :

Congratulations to the winners of the Knights of Columbus' "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest! Their artwork can be viewed at Salsa's restaurant in Lusby.

- PK-2nd: Isabella Kelly
- 3rd-5th: Aibhilin Fockler
- 6th-8th: Lauren Weber



BRICK FUNDRAISER

We are excited to announce the OLSS BRICK FUNDRAISER!

Leave your lasting mark on our campus with the purchase of a brick, to be installed on the sidewalk leading to the main entrance of the school building. Bricks will be laser etched with your message, and installed in Spring 2018.

Only 1,000 bricks will be available at this time.

Bricks are \$100 each

Small replica tiles can be purchased to commemorate your brick for an additional \$25.

Please turn in order form, included with today's news, to the School or Church Office by **January 2, 2018**.

REMINDERS :

Five Below Fundraiser: Shop at Five Below between **Dec. 10-16**, and they will donate 10% of your purchase price to the school! Please bring the flyer included with last week's news with you.

Wish Tree: Teachers' Christmas Wish lists are on the Christmas tree in the school lobby, and can be taken at any point. Thank you for your support!

Coat Drive: We are collecting new and gently used coats in the school lobby through Jan. 16 for the Catholic Charities Coat Drive.

ADVENT CHARITIES:



Each class is participating in an service project to support local charities for the Advent Season. More detailed info will be sent home from teachers.

- PK: Ronald McDonald House
- K: Project Echo Homeless Shelter
- 1st: Humane Society (blankets)
- 2nd: Calvert Hospital Pediatrics (New Stuffed Animals)
- 3rd: CAWL (Calvert Animal Welfare League)
- 4th: Birthright Pregnancy Support Center
- 5th-8th: SMILE Advent Family



BASKETBALL NEWS

Come support the Seahawks this weekend!
Games are at St. John's School in Hollywood

SAT, DEC. 16:

10am: JV Girls

11am: Varsity Girls

12:15pm: Varsity Boys

1:30pm: JV Boys

OLSS Concessions Stand

SUN, DEC. 17:

12pm: JV Girls

1pm: Varsity Girls

2:15pm: Varsity Boys

3:30pm: JV Boys

FROG
Fully
Rely on
God

This week's FROG IT Challenge is:

As a family, discuss why it is important to pray during the Advent Season.

God bless,

Mary Bartsch

Mrs. Mary Bartsch
Principal



OLSS CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve:

- 4pm: Children's Mass
- 7pm: Choir Mass
- 11:45pm: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day:

- 10am: Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS :

DECEMBER

- Dec. 14, 6:30pm: Christmas Program
- Dec. 19: 12:30pm Dismissal/No Aftercare
- Dec. 20-Jan. 1: No School – Xmas Break

JANUARY

- Jan. 2: School Resumes
- Jan. 12: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Jan. 15: No School – MLK Day
- Jan. 16, 8:30-10:30am: PK Info Day
- Jan. 18, 8:30-10:30am: Kindergarten Info Day
- Jan. 28-Feb. 3: Catholic Schools Week