



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Home & School Association (HSA) includes all parents/guardians and staff of OLSS School. Their mission is to support the school through fundraising efforts, to promote communication between parents and staff, and to support school and family social interaction. Last year, the HSA raised over \$57,000 for the school through their fundraising efforts!



Included with today's news is a pack of information with a guide to the HSA, events, volunteering, and fundraising opportunities for the 2019-2020 school year. We are hoping for 100% school family participation in our HSA. Please complete and submit your HSA membership form with \$25 payment by Nov. 1. I would like to thank our HSA Committee for their tireless efforts for our school!

NEWS :

Tickets: If you would like to purchase tickets from the School Office for the Crab & Shrimp Feast fundraiser this Sun, Sep. 22, please submit your order form and payment (with today's news) by this **9am this Friday, Sep. 20.**

*** TICKETS ARE NEARLY SOLD OUT ***

Next Week: Next **Thu, Sep. 26** is a 12:30pm dismissal, and there is **no school on Fri, Sep. 27** for Calvert Fair Day.

Field Trip: PK-2nd grade will be going on a Field Trip to a pumpkin farm on **Oct. 1.** Parents who wish to chaperone must have completed all steps of the Virtus Child Protection Program. **Siblings may not attend field trips.**

Fire Dept. Visit: The Solomons Fire & Rescue Squad will visit our PK-2nd graders on Oct. 10.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There are several events coming up that we are looking for volunteers to help out with. Please visit the "Virtus & Volunteering" page of the school website to sign up.

VERA'S CRAB & SHRIMP FEST

- Date: Sun, Sep. 22, 12:30-4pm
- Sell 50/50 tickets during the crab feast
- Virtus Program compliance not required
- Location: Vera's Restaurant, White Sands/Lusby

OLSS SAND ART TABLE AT P.R.A.D.

- Date: Sat, Oct. 5
- Work in 2-hour shifts at Sand Art table
- Virtus Program compliance not required
- Location: Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons

MOE'S SPIRIT NIGHT

- Date: Wed, Oct. 16, 5-8pm
- Greet customers
- Virtus Program compliance not required
- Location: Moe's Restaurant, Lusby

TRUNK OR TREAT

- Date: Sun, Oct. 27, 2-4pm
- Have a decorated car trunk, or donate candy
- Virtus Program compliance not required
- Location: OLSS School Parking Lot



Vera's Restaurant is hosting a Crab & Shrimp Fest fundraiser for our school on **Sun, Sept. 22 from 1-4pm**, featuring steamed crabs, steamed shrimp, hot dogs, corn, & watermelon.

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$15 for children under 10, and may be purchased from Vera's Facebook page, their website verasbeachclub.net, or by returning the order form with today's news to the School Office.



GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS ARE THE

Sweetest!

SAVE THE DATE!

Grandparents & Grandfriends Day is **Friday, Oct. 18.** Invitations will be sent home next week!

REMINDERS :

Band Program: The Archdiocesan Music Program's lessons and Band begin **Mon, Sep. 23.**

Virtus Program: OLSS will host a Virtus Live Training class on **Tue, Sep. 24, 6-9pm.** Pre-Registration is required through your Virtus online account. You may attend Live Training at any location. Children under 18 are not allowed to attend.

Electronic Fingerprinting: The ADW requires **ALL** volunteers to complete Electronic Fingerprinting by January 2020 to continue volunteering next year. We have Electronic Fingerprinting sessions at OLSS on **Thu, Sep. 19, 11am-2pm** and **Mon, Sep. 30, 4-7pm.** To sign up, please see the links under "Upcoming Events" on the school webpage. An online Pre-Registration form must be completed.

Scantron: Scantron baseline testing in Math is this week, and makeups next week. Please avoid having your children miss school during this time.

Fall/Winter Uniforms: On **Oct. 1,** our Fall/Winter dress code begins. If the smallest size OLSS sweatpants (Youth Small, 6-8) are too big for your child, they may wear solid navy sweatpants.

OLSS Merchandise: We are taking orders through **Oct. 15** for OLSS logo polo shirts and hoodies, in adult sizes. Please see the order forms with the Sep. 11 news, or order through the online school store.

Blessing of the Animals: On **Sat, Oct. 5 at 10am,** Fr. Ken will hold a Blessing of the Animals on the Historic Church lawn, in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. All pets are welcome to come receive a blessing!

October Date Changes: Grandparents Day was originally scheduled for Wed, Oct. 16, with a 12:30pm dismissal. **GRANDPARENTS DAY WILL NOW BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCT. 18,** and will be a 12:30pm dismissal day, with **NO AFTERCARE.** Wed, Oct. 16 will now be a normal school day, with 3pm dismissal and Aftercare.

Grace and Peace,

Jennifer Thompson

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Interim Principal

"Let all that you do be done in love."
1 Corinthians 16:14



BASKETBALL NEWS

OLSS has basketball teams for boys in grades 4-8, and girls in grades 5-8.

- If your child is interested in playing basketball, please attend our Parent/ Coaches Meeting **TONIGHT AT 6PM** in the Providence Room.
- If you are unable to attend or have questions, please contact Gladys Nehf 410-562-2625 or 4nehf@comcast.net.
- Basketball registration and required forms were sent home in Sep. 4 yellow folders.
- Players' hoodie order forms, and any parent t-shirt order forms are **due Oct. 15.**
- All teams will start mandatory practices the first week of October.

UPCOMING EVENTS :

SEPTEMBER

Sep. 18, 6-8pm: Basketball Meeting

Sep. 19: 12:30pm Dismissal

Sep. 19, 11am-2pm: Electronic Fingerprinting

Sep. 22, 1-4pm: Crab & Shrimp Feast Fundraiser

Sep. 23: Archdiocesan Music Program Begins

Sep. 26: 12:30pm Dismissal

Sep. 27: No School - Calvert Fair Day

Sep. 30, 4-7pm: Electronic Fingerprinting

OCTOBER

Oct. 1: Winter Uniforms Begin

Oct. 1: PK, K, 1st, & 2nd grade Field Trip

Oct. 10: Fire Dept. Visit for PK, K, 1st, & 2nd grade

Oct. 16, 5-8pm: Moe's Spirit Night

Oct. 18: Grandparents Day

Oct. 18: 12:30pm Dismissal

Oct. 27, 2-4pm: Trunk or Treat

Oct. 28: Lifetouch Portraits Re-Takes

Oct. 28: End of 1st Quarter

Oct. 29: PK-5th grade Flu Clinic (optional)

Oct. 31: \$1 Halloween Tag Day