



# Our Lady Star of the Sea School

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

**Newsletter: December 7, 2016**



Dear Parents & Guardians,

The season of Advent is in full swing at our school. Classes are collecting for their Advent Charities. Our Live Nativity Scene at the Christmas Walk last weekend was a beautiful reminder of the birth of Christ, and attracted many visitors. We are all looking forward to the Christmas Concert next week. These are all beautiful times where our children, in a Catholic school, can celebrate the Christ in Christmas.



## **BAND CONCERT**

Our Beginner & Advanced Band concert was this past Monday evening. Our students played beautiful Christmas music together! Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders on their last OLSS Christmas concert.



## **NEWS :**

**Welcome:** Please join us in welcoming the Dorwart family to OLSS! Dominick joined our 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Gianna joined our 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes on Monday.

**SCRIPS Gift Card Order:** The Gift Card program is now offering \$25 Amazon and \$10 Pot Belly cards. If you would like to purchase a gift card that we do not normally stock, please fill out a SCRIP Holiday Gift Card Order. Gift cards must be ordered **by Dec. 12** to be received by Christmas.

**Middle School Brunch:** Middle School will have a Christmas Brunch together on **Fri, Dec. 16** at **9:00am**. Please see the flyer with today's news for more info.

**Dec. 16:** The schedule for the last day of school before Christmas break on **Fri, Dec. 16** will be:

- 9:00-10:00: Middle School Christmas Brunch
- 10:15-11:45: PK - 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas parties
- 11:45-12:15: Christmas gathering & caroling
- ***Lunch will not be served***
- 12:30: Dismissal (No Aftercare, No PM bus)

## **REMINDERS :**

**Christmas Concert:** Our Christmas Concert is **Thu, Dec. 15** at 6:30pm. Dress Code info is posted online with last week's news. It is going to be a very fun night!

**Advent Charities:** Each class is participating in an service project to support local charities for the Advent Season:

- **Pre-K:& K:** Project Echo Homeless Shelter
- **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>:** Advent Family
- **3<sup>rd</sup>:** CCAWL Animal Shelter
- **4<sup>th</sup>:** Birthright Pregnancy Support Center
- **5<sup>th</sup>:** Honeybees Project

**Coat Drive:** We are collecting new and gently used coats in bins in the school lobby through Jan. 27.

**Children's Choir Practices:** There are practices for the Christmas Eve Mass Children's Choir on Sun, Dec. 11 after 10:45 Mass, and on Fri, Dec. 23 at 11:00, both in the Parish Church. Please email Anne Cannedy with any questions: [acannedy@aol.com](mailto:acannedy@aol.com)

**Please join us for  
FAMILY MOVIE  
NIGHT**

**Friday, Dec. 9,  
6:30pm**



Students are  
welcome to bring  
family & friends!

Pizza, popcorn, &  
baked goods will  
be available for  
purchase.

Baked goods are  
needed for the  
Bake Sale table; this  
an easy way to earn  
volunteer hours!



## SANTA SHOP

We had an amazing Santa Shop today! The kids had so much fun shopping for gifts for their families, having homemade Christmas cookies made by school moms, and visiting with Santa! Thank you to the Santa Shop organizers; Connie Gott, Daniela Rallis, & Amber Tamburri.



I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Connie Gott for the beautiful North Pole and Santa's Workshop decorations that she spent many hours putting up in the Providence and Chesapeake Rooms for the children to enjoy, and to Steve Newton for spending the day as our Santa. He did a fantastic job!

Thank you also to all the volunteers who wrapped gifts, helped our little ones shop, helped them get hot chocolate and cookies, checked them out when they finished, and wrapped HUNDREDS of gifts! We even had two moms, Mary Ruble and Gladys Nehf, whose children have graduated OLSS but came back to help us out. We have so many dedicated volunteers who are making memories for our children and their families to cherish!



The Seahawks played great games against Cardinal Hickey Academy on Sunday.

The next games are

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| 1:30 JVG                       |
| <b>Sun, Dec. 11</b> at 2:30 VG |
| Ryken, vs. Archbishop 3:45 VB  |
| Neal School: 5:00 JVB          |



## OLSS CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve: Sat, Dec. 24:

- 5:00pm: Children's Mass
- 7:00pm: Choir Mass
- 11:45pm: Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day: Sun, Dec. 25:

10:00am: Mass

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec. 8, 8:15am: Liturgy; Feast of Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 8: Santa Shop for absentees & returns
- Dec. 9, 6:30pm: HSA Movie Night, "Polar Express"
- Dec. 12, 8:15am: Liturgy; Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec. 15, 6:30pm: Christmas Concert
- Dec. 16: Christmas Parties, Middle School Brunch
- Dec. 16: 12:30pm dismissal; no Aftercare, no PM bus
- Dec. 19-Jan. 2: Christmas Break



## FROG Full Rely on God

### **FROG IT CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK:**

This week's Challenge is to make a Christmas card, by yourself or with a family member, which will be delivered to the Senior Center on Friday.

God Bless,

*Mary Bartsch*

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