



November 28, 2018

Dear Parents & Guardian,

We hope everyone had wonderful Thanksgiving! We will be entering the Advent season next week. One of the many blessings of a Catholic school is that students are allowed to celebrate the Christmas season, and are given the opportunity to prepare for the birth of Christ during the Advent season. Each of our classes will be sponsoring an Advent charity; teachers will be sending information home with students..

NEWS :

Lunch Change: Tomorrow's hot lunch has changed to Crispy Chicken strips with tater tots & vegetable.

Christmas Bazaar: The Bazaar was a huge success! Thank you to organizers Jessica Klasko, Katie Franklin, Patti DiBonaventuro, Heather Hankins, & Anne Cannedy; to Ann Hough for running the Silent Auction, to Susan Cole & Beth Oster for running Concessions, and to Fr. Mike for selling Santas from his collection to benefit our school! Thank you also to everyone who volunteered & sponsored the event.

Roy Rogers Spirit Night: We will have a Spirit Night at Roy Rogers on **Mon, Dec. 3, 5-8pm**. Please bring the token in today's yellow folders, and Roy Rogers will donate a portion of the sale to OLSS.

Holy Day: **Sat, Dec. 8** is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are 8am & 10am (Historic Church), and the 4pm Mass.

Raffle Tickets: We are hosting a "One Hot Christmas" Raffle at the Chili Cook Off on **Sat, Dec. 8**. Grand Prize is \$1,000, 1st Prize \$300, & 2nd Prize \$200. Tickets are \$1/each, six for \$5, 12 for \$10, or 24 for \$20. Raffle Ticket sheets are included in today's yellow folders.

Christmas Concert: Our Christmas Program will be held on **Thu, Dec. 13 at 6:30pm**. More info on required dress will be out shortly.

Wish Tree: Teachers' Christmas Wish list items will be hung on the Christmas tree in the school lobby this week. Anyone may take a wish item off the tree to purchase for the teacher.

REMINDERS :

Tuition Assistance for 2019-20: The deadline to apply for the ADW Tuition Assistance Program is **Dec. 1**. Please use the link on the school website.

Registration for 2019-20: Families who register for the 2019-20 school year **by Dec. 1** will pay a registration fee of only \$50; on Dec. 2 the fee will increase to \$150.

Open House: We will host Open House during the Christmas Walk on **Sat, Dec. 8, 5-7pm**.

9th ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

We had a great Turkey Trot! A big thank you to Cindy Grater for running the Turkey Trot, to Katie Wingenter for organizing the fundraising, and to all the parents who helped out.



We are very grateful for all the Turkey Trot donations received from OLSS families & friends! Kaleb S. brought in the most pledges, followed by Haley H.



SANTA SHOP IS NEXT WEEK!

The Santa Shop will be held on **Wed, Dec. 5**, during school hours in the Chesapeake Room. Students can shop for gifts for their families, visit with Santa, and enjoy cookies & hot chocolate!

Info and **the required shopping lists are in today's yellow folders & are due by Mon, Dec. 3.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:

Tue, Dec. 5:

Set up & decorate Chesapeake Room

Wed, Dec. 6:

Assist shoppers, Wrap Gifts, Donate Cookies, Help at Cookie/Hot Chocolate Table

Thu, Dec. 7:

Help with final shoppers & clean up



BASKETBALL NEWS

- The Xfinity UMD BB game is Jan. 5. All order forms for tickets along with payment must be received by Dec. 14th.
- Seahawks are selling fleece Spirit Scarves in school colors, Christmas colors, and customizable color combinations. Scarves are \$10 and will be for sale at Seahawks basketball games, and can be ordered through the school using this form sent out with today's news.
- The next Seahawks games are Sun, Dec. 9:
 - 12:15pm: JV Girls at St. Michael's
 - 1:15pm: Varsity Girls at St. Michael's
 - 2:30pm: JV Boys at St. Michael's
 - 2:30pm: Varsity Boys at Mother Catherine

ONE HOT CHRISTMAS CHILI COOK-OFF

We are hosting a Chili Cook-Off on **Sat, Dec. 8**, during the Solomons Christmas Walk.

WE NEED:

- **Participants** – Enter your chili!
- **Judges** – help select the winners for Most Creative, Zestiest, & Best Overall!
- **Tasters** – For just a \$5 entry fee, you can come try as many as you like!
- **Bake Sale Donations**

Please see the link to the event on the school website for more info.



DECEMBER:

- **Dec. 3, 5-8pm:** Roy Rogers Spirit Night
- **Dec. 5:** Santa Shop
- **Dec. 8:** Chili Cook Off
- **Dec. 8, 5-7pm:** Open House
- **Dec. 13, 6:30pm:** Christmas Program
- **Dec. 17, 7pm:** Advanced Band Concert
- **Dec. 20:** 12:30pm Dismissal | No Aftercare
- **Dec. 21-Jan. 2:** No School - Christmas Break

JANUARY:

- **Jan. 3:** School Resumes



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.

Classes are supporting:

- PK: Ronald McDonald House
- K: Project Echo Homeless Shelter
- 1st: Humane Society
- 2nd: Calvert Hospital Pediatrics (New Stuffed Animals)
- 3rd: CAWL (Calvert Animal Welfare League)
- 4th: Birthright Pregnancy Support Center
- 5th: Second Hope Animal Rescue
- 6th-8th: SMILE Advent Family

SCRIP GIFT CARDS



Scrip Gift Cards are available for sale for grocery stores, gas, restaurants, retail stores, and more. A percentage of each gift card purchased goes directly to our school. Gift cards may be purchased through the school office, in the Parish Church lobby after Masses, or by completing and returning the order form included with today's news.

Please visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a full list of gift card available to order. Orders placed on Mondays will be filled and available for pick up on Fridays. The first order will be placed on Mon, Dec. 3. Order early and get your Christmas shopping done!



FROG IT CHALLENGE

Advent starts this Sunday. How will your family prepare for advent? What traditions do you have as a family?

God Bless,

Mary Bartsch

Mrs. Mary Bartsch, Principal