



November 11, 2020

Dear OLSS Families,

With the increase in COVID-19 cases in our state and the tightening of restrictions announced by Governor Hogan yesterday, I would like to review the vital information that our parents need to know about recognizing potential COVID-19 symptoms, and how to proceed. This is the information that was sent out by our school nurse when the school year began.

WHAT ARE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS?

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever, chills, or shivering
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Rash

SHOULD I SEND MY STUDENT TO SCHOOL IF THEY ONLY HAVE MILD SYMPTOMS?

It is important to familiarize yourself with the symptoms above. **DO NOT give fever reducing medications prior to the start of the school day.** A child with any fever should remain home.

If a student presents with fever OR new onset cough/shortness of breath OR two of the above symptoms at any time during the school day the “OLSS Sick Child Protocol” will be initiated. The school nurse will assess the child and report symptoms to the health department. If deemed appropriate, the child will be sent home and will need to be assessed by the child’s health care provider prior to returning to school to determine if COVID testing is needed. A note must be provided before re-entry to school.

Checking your child’s temperature before leaving for school and assessing for symptoms will help prevent added stress of being sent home from school. Due to the nature of COVID-19, symptoms are very similar to other common illnesses including the common cold and flu, **ESPECIALLY** in children. It is best if there is any question that your child is exhibiting any of the above symptoms, to stay home and utilize the virtual learning option until symptoms have resolved and have been evaluated by a health care professional. Any sick child in school could potentially shut down a classroom or the entire school depending on the health department’s evaluation. Please help us keep our kids in school, healthy, and learning without disruption, by keeping students at home and learning virtually that exhibit symptoms.

CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES & ASTHMA

Seasonal allergy issues are occurring at this time of year. Due to symptoms like runny nose/congestion and cough which can be allergy related or COVID symptoms, it is becoming increasingly difficult to decipher between the two. Unfortunately, if we do not have documentation from a healthcare provider that your child has a pre-existing condition like allergies or asthma, and they exhibit symptoms while at school, it may force us to close the classroom down until further evaluation and testing is done.

We ask that families with students that have allergies or asthma have your healthcare provider provide the school with written documentation of their pre-existing condition to be kept on file at the school. This will greatly reduce the need for quarantine and testing due to allergy related symptoms. Documentation may be emailed to olssschooll@comcast.net or faxed to (410) 326-9478.

Stay happy, healthy, & holy!

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

Principal

NEWS & REMINDERS:

FRIDAY: This Fri, Nov. 13 is a 12:30pm dismissal. Please pick up your child(ren) promptly.

SCHOOLSTORE.COM: OLSS has joined SchoolStore.com, a program by which we will receive cash from over 400 online merchants, such as Target, Kohl's, & Walmart when you shop online. You can also purchase a Caring for Classrooms gift card that will directly help your child's classroom with supplies.

BASKETBALL FUNDRAISERS: Our Athletic Director is currently selling several fundraising items to help raise money for new uniforms for our Seahawks basketball teams, including chocolate bars, mugs, and Advent items. Please see the flyers with today's news. Items may be purchased after weekend Masses or paid for through the online school and sent home with your child.

SANTA SHOP: We will hold our annual Santa Shop on Mon, Dec. 7 and Tue, Dec. 8. Students can shop for gifts for the families. Gifts are \$4/each. Info, shopping lists, and payment info will be out shortly. We will also need MANY volunteers to wrap gift in the Chesapeake Room that day.



FOOD DRIVE: Student Council is hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive from Nov. 4-16 to help local families in need through SMILE Food Pantry. Please send donations in with your child.

BOOK FAIR: Shop our Virtual Book Fair with Scholastic Book Store Online from Nov. 2-15. All orders ship home and book-only orders over \$25 ship free. Every purchase benefits our school!

VIRTUAL LEARNING WEEK: All students will learn virtually, and the school campus will be closed the week after Thanksgiving; **Monday, Nov. 30-Friday, Dec. 4.** Teachers will send information about their virtual learning schedules for the week.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Thank you to all our volunteers and everyone who came out to support the Fall Bazaar. The event was a great success and raised over \$3,000 for our school!

A huge thank you to CTSI for their donation and sponsorship of the event.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Spirit Night at Ledo's, and to the Western family for hosting it!

Parents, please email your volunteer hours to: OLSSvolunteerhours@gmail.com and include your students' name, the number of hours, and what volunteer work you did. You can also include receipts for anything purchased; \$25 = 1 hour.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2-15: Scholastic Online Book Fair
- Nov. 2-13: D.A.R.E. Program for 5th Grade
- Nov. 4-16: Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Nov. 12: 3-8pm: Virtual Conferences
- Nov. 13: 12:30pm Dismissal/1-3:30 Conferences
- Nov. 24: Turkey Trot
- Nov. 24: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Nov. 25-27: No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 30-Dec. 4: VIRTUAL LEARNING WEEK

DECEMBER

- Dec. 7-8: Santa Shop
- Dec. 9, 4-8pm: Spirit Night at Ruddy Duck
- Dec. 18: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Dec. 21-Jan. 3: No School - Christmas Break



TURKEY TROT TUESDAY, NOV. 24 AT OLSS

Our 11th Annual Turkey Trot fundraiser is **Tue, Nov. 24.** We are using a website for donations. Each student must be registered by their parent/guardian in order to collect donations. Please go to <https://olss.myfunrun.com/> and click on "Student Registration".

We will also send home materials, including pledge sheets, this week.