



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: November 30, 2016



Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope our school families had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

As we celebrate the season of Advent, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, at Christmas. Advent is a time of hopeful waiting; a time when we answer the call of John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." May our prayerful observance of this season of Advent draw us nearer to our loving and merciful God.

NEWS :

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:

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

Coat Drive: We are collecting new and gently used coats in bins in the school lobby through Jan. 27 to support the ADW Catholic Schools and Catholic Charities "Coats of Many Colors Coat Drive". Please see the flyer with today's news for info.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass: We are looking for children to participate in the Children's Mass at 5pm on Christmas Eve; for the Pageant, the choir, and readers. If your child would like to participate, please meet after 10:45 Mass this Sun, Dec. 4. There will also be practices Sun, Dec. 11 and Fri, Dec. 23. Please email Anne Cannedy with any questions: acannedy@aol.com

REMINDERS :

Tuition Assistance: Please use the link on the school website to apply for ADW tuition assistance for the 2017-18 school year. The deadline is **Dec. 2**. *Any parent who plans to apply for financial aid through OLSS Parish must first complete this application in order to be considered for aid from Father Mike.*

Raffle Drawing: The drawing for the Christmas Raffle will be held on **Dec. 3**. Tickets may still be purchased from the School Office. Thank you and good luck to all who purchased tickets!

Children's Choir: The Children's Choir will sing at the OLSS Live Nativity Scene on **Sat, Dec. 3**, from **6:30-8:30pm**. Dress warmly! Please contact Sr. Paula Gohs if your child would like to join the Choir: srpaula@olss.org

Band Concert: Our Beginner & Advanced Band Christmas Concert is next **Mon, Dec. 5** at **7:00pm** at St. John's School in Hollywood.

Christmas Concert: Our School Christmas Concert will be held on **Thu, Dec. 15** at 6:30pm. Please see the Dress Code info in today's yellow folders.

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

**Shopping lists & payments due Dec. 2!
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

- Please sign up online to help -

Tue, Dec. 6: Set up & decorate Chesapeake Room

Wed, Dec. 7: Assist shoppers, Wrap Gifts, Donate Cookies, Help at Cookie & Hot Chocolate Table

Thu, Dec. 8: Help with final shoppers & clean up



OLSS CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses in Parish Church

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



The Seahawks played great games against St. John's School on Sunday.

Thanks to all who came out to support our teams!



The next games are Sun, Dec. 4 at Cardinal Hickey Academy:

12:15 JVG 2:30 VB

1:15 VG 3:45 JVB

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec. 2: ADW Financial Aid Applications deadline
- Dec. 3, 6:30pm: Children's Choir at OLSS's Live Nativity
- Dec. 5, 7pm: Band Concert at St. John's
- Dec. 7: Santa Shop
- 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



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FROG IT CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK:

This week's Challenge is to read about Advent in the Bible, and do an act of kindness to prepare for the coming of baby Jesus.

God Bless,

Mary Bartsch

Mrs. Mary Bartsch
OLSS Principal