



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

November 1, 2023

Dear OLSS Families,

It has been another busy week at our school as we celebrated Halloween, All Saints Day, and Dia de los Muertos. Thank you to our staff and families who helped with these events.

Grace and Peace,  
*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*  
Principal




## TRUNK OR TREAT

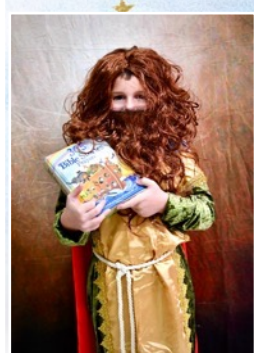


## HALLOWEEN



 Halloween Tag Day donations went to Calvert Health Cancer Center.

Congratulations to Lilly S. who won the Halloween raffle! Thanks to all who purchased tickets.



Today we celebrated All Saints Day to honor all the saints who lived heroically virtuous lives, offered their life for others, or were martyred for the faith, and who are worthy of imitation. Students dressed as their favorite saint and had a parade to church for Mass.

## ALL SAINTS DAY



## DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



Senora Dawn took middle school classes to the OLSS Cemetery, where they cleaned gravestones and the lawn, and said prayers to honor the deceased. The cleaning of gravesites is an activity that is done by many Latino families to prepare for Dia de los Muertos.



Thank you to 8<sup>th</sup> grader Violet K. for taking photos!

## NEWS & REMINDERS:

**HANDBOOK UPDATE:** The "Health Regulations" section on page 7 of the 2023-24 Parent/Student Handbook has been updated to reflect updated MSDE vaccination requirements, and now states: "Maryland State Law requires children in ALL grades to provide proof of Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Varicella, Hepatitis, and Meningococcal vaccinations."

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Our Christmas concert will be held on **SUNDAY, DEC. 17** at **1pm** in the Parish Church. Last week's newsletter had an incorrect date of Dec. 14. ALL students are expected to attend.

**LUNCH HELP:** Please sign up to help with November lunches [here](#). Volunteers must have completed Virtus.

**FOOD DRIVE:** Student Council is hosting a Thanksgiving Food Drive from **Nov. 1-16** to help local families in need through SMILE Food Pantry. Please see the [flyer](#) with today's news for more info.

**MUSIC LESSONS:** Ms. Gamble will now be offering private music lessons to students; intro to guitar and beginner piano. For more information, please contact her at [music@olss.org](mailto:music@olss.org).

**HSA COMMITTEE MEETING:** The next committee meeting for the Christmas Celebration & Chili Cook-Off is **Fri, Nov. 3 at 3:15pm**. More info on registering as a chef for the Chili Cook-Off will be out soon.

**CONFERENCES:** Parent/Teacher Conferences for K-8<sup>th</sup> will be held on [Wed, Nov. 8, 3:15-8pm](#), and [Thu, Nov. 9, 8am-3pm](#). Please sign up for your conference(s). Report Card conferences are mandatory.

**NEXT WEEK:** There is no school on **Thu, Nov. 9** for Conferences and **Fri, Nov. 10** for Veterans Day.

**BASKETBALL BAKE SALE:** The OLSS Basketball program will be holding a Bake Sale fundraiser after Masses on **Nov. 11 & 12**. Volunteer service hours may be earned by donating baked goods.

**FAMILY THANKSGIVING FEAST:** Our Thanksgiving Feast for school families is **Thu, Nov. 16**; please see the [flyer](#) for more info. **Students must purchase \$5 feast tickets; regular lunch tickets cannot be used for this.**

**BAZAAR:** Our Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Sat, Nov. 18** from 9am-2pm. Many volunteers are needed to help. Please check the [Volunteering webpage](#) to sign up to help or donate items for the Bake Sale.

**YARD SALE DONATIONS:** We would appreciate donations of gently used items for the Yard Sale at the Bazaar. Please see [here](#) for more info and drop off dates/times.

**MEETING:** We are hosting a meeting for OLSS parents on **Mon, Nov. 20 at 5:30pm** to share info on ADW'S [ALICE](#) (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Program.

**FEATHER FUNDRAISER:** HSA is selling feathers throughout November to raise money for the OLSS Christmas Village event. Small feathers are two for \$5 and large are \$10, and will be added to Timothy Turkey in the Providence Room. Please purchase tickets with cash to the School Office, or [online](#).

**TROPHY CASES:** Thank you to an anonymous donor who gave two trophy cases!



### 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OLSS TURKEY TROT Tuesday, November 21



Students will walk/jog to raise money for our school!

This year's theme is "Thankful for our Specials" in which funds raised will support Specials classes Spanish, Art, Music, Computers, Physical Education, and Library.

Students will collect pledges from friends and family members before running/walking with their classmates.

Please visit the [Fun Run website](#) for donations. Each student must be registered by their parent/guardian in order to collect donations.

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please email Rebecca Mathe at [Becken8591@gmail.com](mailto:Becken8591@gmail.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### NOVEMBER

- 🍂 **Nov. 6:** Wear Kindness Shirt
- 🍂 **Nov. 8, 3-8pm:** [Parent/Teacher Conferences](#)
- 🍂 **Nov. 9:** No School | [Parent/Teacher Conferences](#)
- 🍂 **Nov. 10:** No School - Veterans Day
- 🍂 **Nov. 16:** [Family Thanksgiving Feast](#)
- 🍂 **Nov. 18, 9am-2pm:** [Christmas Bazaar](#)
- 🍂 **Nov. 20, 5:30pm:** [ALICE](#) Meeting for Parents
- 🍂 **Nov. 21:** Turkey Trot | 12:30pm Dismissal
- 🍂 **Nov. 22-24:** Thanksgiving Break

#### DECEMBER

- 🎄 **Dec. 4-5:** [Santa Shop](#)
- 🎄 **Dec. 9:** Christmas Festival & Chili Cook-Off
- 🎄 **Dec. 17, 1pm:** Christmas Concert
- 🎄 **Dec. 19:** Christmas Tag Day/12:30pm Dismissal
- 🎄 **Dec. 20-Jan 1:** Christmas Break