



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: January 3, 2018



Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope that all our school families had a wonderful Christmas break! As the new year begins, let us pray that it will be a year of peace and happiness for all. As we embark on 2018, I look forward to working with our teachers, staff, parents, and parish to continue to make Our Lady Star of the Sea School the best that it can be.

NEWS :

Home & School Association: There will be an HSA General Membership Meeting on **Wed, Jan. 10 at 7pm**. Please see the HSA newsletter with today's news.

Talent Show: Our annual Talent Show will be held on **Tue, Jan. 30 at 1pm**. Info and a permission form are included with today's news; please return by **Jan. 19**.

Pre-K & Kindergarten Info Days: We will have an Info Day for parents interested in our Pre-K program on **Tue, Jan. 16 from 8:30-10:30am**, and our Kindergarten program on **Thu, Jan. 18, from 8:30-10:30am**. Please encourage any interested friends and family to visit.

Open House: We will be having an Open House on **Sun Jan. 28 from 12-1:30pm**. Volunteers are needed to help greet visitors and help give tours; please sign up through the school website if you are able to help.

Youth Rally: Middle School students will be attending the Youth Rally in Washington, DC on **Fri, Jan. 19** with OLSS Youth Minister Joanne Pensenstadler. Permission forms and info were sent home before break. This field trip is optional; however, if students do not wish to go, they are expected to attend school that day. If you will be attending the event with your children in PK-5th grade, please notify your child's teacher; they will be allowed an excused absence from school that day.

Moe's Spirit Night: We will have a Spirit Night at Moe's in Lusby on **Wed, Jan. 31 from 5-8pm**.

Alumni Players: The OLSS Alumni Players' Dinner Theatre performance "Alibis", will be held **Fri, Jan. 26 & Sat, Jan. 27, and Fri, Feb. 2 & Sat, Feb. 3** at OLSS. Tickets are \$40/person and include dinner, drinks, and the performance. Call 410-326-8172 for reservations.

Volunteers Needed: The Alumni Players event is a fundraiser for our school. Many volunteers are needed; as waiters/waitresses (age 18+), kitchen help (age 18+), table bussers (age 12-17), and clean up. Please sign up through the school volunteer site. Volunteers may eat and enjoy the performance at no charge.

REMINDERS :



Inclement Weather: OLSS follows the inclement weather decisions of Calvert County Public Schools, who post school cancellations and delays on their website by 5:30am. We also send an email notification through School Messenger if we will have a delayed opening or cancellation.

Cold Weather: Please send your child to school with a coat, hat, & gloves, so that they will stay warm during outdoor recess.

Health Policies: With cold and flu season upon us, we would like to remind parents of our health policies. Following these important health rules will reduce the risk of spreading illness to others:

- While sick, a person is contagious at least 24 hours before becoming symptomatic, and at least 24 hours after recovering from the symptoms of a virus. **Children who come to school while ill, and return to school too soon after being ill, put all of our children and staff at risk of catching illness.**
- If your child has had a fever, vomiting, and/or diarrhea, keep them home during, and for at least 24 hours after their symptoms have subsided.
- Students must be fever-free without the use of medications for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Students may not bring any medication to school, including over-the-counter items such as throat lozenges. If medications must be administered during the school day, a Student Medication Authorization form must be completed by a physician, signed by a parent, and submitted to the School Office with the medication.



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 –
February 3
#CSW18

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States, focusing on the value it provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

Special events taking place during the week will include:

Sun, Jan. 28: Please come to the 10:45am Mass, with your children wearing their school uniforms. There will be an Open House after Mass, from 12-1:30pm.

Mon, Jan. 29: 7:00-8:30: Please join us for Pastries for Parents!

Tue, Jan. 30: We will have our Talent Show at 1pm. It will also be Sports Jerseys Tag Day.

Wed, Jan. 31, 5-8pm: Moe's Spirit Night

Fri, Feb. 2: We will have an Ice Cream Social for students at 2:00pm

The full schedule of events for Catholic Schools Week will be posted with next week's news.

OLSS BRICK FUNDRAISER

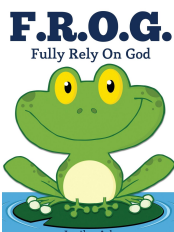
Leave your lasting mark on our campus with the purchase of a brick, to be installed on the sidewalk leading to the main entrance of the school building. Bricks will be laser etched with your message, and installed in Spring 2018. Only 1,000 bricks will be available at this time.

Bricks are \$100 each. Small replica tiles can be purchased to commemorate your brick (additional \$25).

Please turn in orders to the School Office.

FROG IT CHALLENGE

As a family, talk about the Epiphany of the Lord. You might not have any gold, frankincense, or myrrh, so what gift can you give to Jesus today?



God bless,

Mary Bartsch

Mrs. Mary Bartsch, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS :

JANUARY

- Jan. 10, 7pm: HSA Meeting
- Jan. 12: 12:30pm dismissal – Teacher In-Service
- Jan. 15: No School – MLK Day
- Jan. 16, 8:30-10:30am: Pre-K Info Day
- Jan. 18, 8:30-10:30am: Kindergarten Info Day
- Jan. 19: Youth Rally in DC
- Jan. 26-27, 6pm: Alumni Players Dinner Theatre
- Jan. 28 - Feb. 3: Catholic Schools Week
- Jan. 28, 10:45am: Opening Mass for CSW
- Jan. 28, 12-1:30pm: Open House
- Jan. 30, 1pm: Talent Show
- Jan. 31, 5-8pm: Spirit Night at Moe's

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2-3, 6pm: Alumni Players Dinner Theatre
- Feb. 9: HSA Movie Night
- Feb. 16: 12:30pm dismissal
- Feb. 19: No School – President's Day