



September 25, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We regret that due to flooding from the heavy rain and high water levels over the weekend, we were forced to close the school on Tuesday and Wednesday for the safety of students and staff. The downstairs of the school building was affected by water damage that had to be professionally and thoroughly cleaned and dried out. The damage is more extensive than previously thought, but ServPro has been working diligently around the clock to get our students back in their classrooms as soon as possible. I personally want to thank teachers and parents for working together to keep students learning and engaged over the past few days. We apologize for the inconvenience the closure has caused.

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

NEWS & REMINDERS

TAG DAY SEP. 27: We will have a \$2 Tag Day on **Friday, Sep. 27** for the Feast of the Guardian Angels with donations going to [Angels' Watch Women's TriCounty shelter](#). The minimum cost to participate in the Tag Day is \$2 per student with a cap of \$5 per family of 3 or more children. Larger donations are always appreciated. Please send the exact cash amount you would like to donate, as we cannot give change.

BAND: ADW Band Director Ms. Suuberg demonstrated several instruments to students in grades 4-8 last week. If you would like to enroll your child in the ADW Band Program, please do so online [here](#) by Sep. 27. We must meet the minimum requirement of students in order to continue with the ADW Band Program.

GRANDPARENTS DAY RSVPs: Please [submit your required RSVPs](#) for Grandparents Day by Oct. 2 to aid in our planning for the day.

GRANDPARENTS DAY FOOD DONATIONS: We are in need of brunch donations and volunteers for Grandparents Day on Oct. 4; please sign up to help through Track It Forward [here](#).

PORTRAIT RETAKES: Any students who were absent on portrait day or who would like a portrait retake may do so on **Oct. 22**. Please email your child's teacher to let them know, so they can send them for retakes. If your child received their portrait package, they must bring the package with them on retake day.

BASKETBALL MERCH: OLSS Seahawks Basketball fan t-shirts and hoodies are available for purchase. The deadline for orders is **Oct. 14**. Orders may be placed online; t-shirts [here](#) and hoodies [here](#).

OLSS MERCH: OLSS Logo Polos and Hoodies are available for purchase. The deadline for orders is **Oct. 25**. These items are only ordered in the fall and are not available for purchase at any other time. Polos can be ordered online [here](#) and hoodies [here](#).

PICNIC: The [OLSS Parish/School Picnic](#) and Ministry Fair is **Sun, Oct. 6 from 11am-4pm**.

CHILDHOOD SMART PROGRAM: NetSmartz is an online safety education program that teaches children and parents/guardians about online safety and digital citizenship. A rep will give a presentation about this program at our HSA General Assembly meeting at OLSS on Oct. 15 at 6:30pm for parents/guardians. Presentations will also be given on Oct. 28, beginning at 9am for our students in grades K-8.

TRUNK OR TREAT: HSA is hosting Trunk or Treat on **Friday, Oct. 25 from 5-7pm** and are in need of volunteers to host trunks and give out candy; please sign up through Track It Forward [here](#).

LUNCHTIME PROCEDURES: Since the school year began, I have been discussing the expectations we have of our students during their lunch times. Catholic teachings emphasize gratitude for blessings received. Saying grace and treating food with respect is a way for children to express their thankfulness for God's provision, and to acknowledge the work and care that went into preparing their food. While eating lunch, our students are expected to stay seated, eat their food, and may talk quietly with their friends. Unfortunately, we have had to address several behavioral issues with our students during lunch times as a result of them not following these rules. I would like to ask that parents and guardians discuss the importance of these with their children during all their meals, both at home and at school. Proper table manners are a reflection of respect, discipline, and gratitude that are central to our faith.

IGNATIUS BOOK FAIRS



We are hosting an [Ignatius Press Book Fair](#) from **October 4-9**. The Book Fair will be open for parents to shop on the following dates/times:

- Fri, Oct. 4: 8:00am-2:30pm
- Sun, Oct. 6: 11:30am-3:30pm
- Mon, Oct. 7: 8:00am-3:30pm
- Tue, Oct. 8: 8:00am-3:30pm
- Wed, Oct. 9: 8:00am-6:00pm

Volunteers are needed to help with setup, running the Book Fair, and packing up; please sign up through [Track It Forward](#).

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO

GRANDPARENTS DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024

9:00a.m. – MASS
10:00-10:45a.m. – BRUNCH
10:45-11:15a.m. – CLASSROOM VISITS

PLEASE RSVP THROUGH OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE WWW.OLSSS.ORG

WE UNDERSTAND THAT MANY CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE GRANDPARENTS WHO ARE ABLE TO COME TO GRANDPARENTS DAY. SPECIAL FRIENDS OR RELATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COME IN PLACE OF GRANDPARENTS.

Our Lady Star of the Sea School TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 25
5:00 – 7:00 PM

OLSS PARKING LOT
90 Alexander Lane

FREE ADMISSION!

**GAMES - LIGHT CONCESSIONS -
VOTE FOR THE BEST TRUNK**

SIGN UP TO HOST A TRUNK

Sponsored by the OLSSS HSA



UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER

- **Sep. 27:** White/Light Colors Tag Day
- **Sep. 27:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Sep. 30:** Calvert Health Dept. Flu Clinic (Optional)

OCTOBER

- **Oct. 4:** Grandparents Day
- **Oct 4-9:** Ignatius Press Book Fair
- **Oct. 6, 11am-4pm:** [Parish & School Picnic](#)
- **Oct. 11:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Oct. 11:** Solomons Fire Dept. Visit
- **Oct. 14:** No School – Columbus Day
- **Oct. 15:** Fall/Winter Uniforms Begin
- **Oct. 15, 6:30pm:** Childhood Smart Program for Parents
- **Oct. 22:** Legacy Studio Portrait Retakes
- **Oct. 24 :** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Oct. 24 :** End of 1st Quarter
- **Oct. 25:** No School - Collaboration Day
- **Oct. 25, 5:30pm:** Trunk or Treat
- **Oct 28, 9am:** Childhood Smart Program for K-8 Students
- **Oct. 31:** Halloween Tag Day