



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: October 26, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a fantastic Grandparents and Special Friends Day we had on Monday! The Mass, events, and activities were a beautiful way for our students to honor their family and friends, and to let them know how much they are cared for. This celebration gave us the opportunity to express our love and appreciation for the role grandparents and special friends play in our lives.

Many thanks to Joanne Pensenstadler for organizing the Mass, and to our Music teacher Debbie Smedley for working with the children on the songs and entertainment. They did a great job! Thank you also to Heather McGaffin for coordinating the event, and to all our volunteers who helped make the morning run so smoothly!



NEWS :

Middle School PE: Effective tomorrow, 6th, 7th, & 8th grades will have PE on THURSDAYS instead of Fridays.

Health Forms: Please complete and return any health forms that you received from the School Nurse. Every student's health records must be in compliance with State regulations.

October Tag Day: Mon, Oct. 31 will be a \$1 orange- and black-themed Halloween Tag Day. Pre-K and Kindergarten students can bring their Halloween costumes in for their parties.

All Saints Day: We will celebrate Tue, Nov. 1 with Mass at 8:15am (Parish Church), followed by the Parade of Saints. Students may wear Saint costumes to school, or change out of them after the parade, or may bring a poster of a Saint.

Cold Weather: With the cooler fall temperatures here, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Please send a jacket to keep warm while outside for recess.

2017-18 Tuition Assistance: The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available for students applying to or enrolled in Catholic Schools within the Archdiocese of Washington. Tuition assistance is based on financial need. Families must apply each year to receive assistance. Please use the link on the school website to apply. The deadline is Dec. 2. **Any family currently receiving Tuition Assistance from Fr. Mike MUST complete this Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Application in order to be considered for Parish assistance for 2017-18.**

REMINDERS :

Early Dismissal: This Fri, Oct. 28 is a 12:30pm dismissal, with no Aftercare.

Flu Clinic: Flu vaccinations for PK-5th is Fri, Oct. 28. Signed permission forms must be turned in by this day.

Open House: We will host an Open House on Thu, Nov. 3 from 9-11am. Please encourage interested family & friends to visit! Volunteers are needed.

Family Thanksgiving Feast: RSVP forms for the Family Thanksgiving Feast must be turned in by Nov. 1.

Turkey Trot: Our 7th Annual Turkey Trot will be held on Tue, Nov. 22.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

There is no school on Fri, Nov. 11 for K-8th grade Conferences.

To schedule your conference, please go to the Conference Schedule webpage at www.olsss.org/conferences.html and complete the online form with your requested time choice.

OLSS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sat, Nov. 19, 9am-2pm

The Christmas Bazaar will feature over 50 local crafters & vendors. This is a great opportunity to purchase unique gifts, and support local artists! There will also be a Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Yard Sale, Visits with Santa, and Concessions.

- ❖ Many volunteers are needed, & Virtus certification is not required. Please visit the "Volunteer Opps" page of the school website to sign up to help!
- ❖ We are grateful for any gently used items you can donate for the Yard Sale at the Bazaar. Items may be dropped off in the Chesapeake Room from Nov. 11-17.
- ❖ There are sponsorship opportunities to help offset the cost of the Bazaar. Please see the flyer with today's news for more info.

FROG Full Rely on God



FROG IT CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK:

For this week's challenge, students are going to find fun and interesting facts about the Rosary to share with their family & friends. Each class will place them on paper plates to create a paper plate rosary in the Providence Room.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER:

- Oct. 28: Flu Clinic for PK-5th grades
- Oct. 28: 12:30pm dismissal
- Oct. 31: Halloween Tag Day

NOVEMBER:

- Nov. 1: All Saints Day Celebration
- Nov. 3, 9-11am: Open House
- Nov. 5, 12-8pm: Bull & Oyster Roast
- Nov. 8: Claire's Gourmet orders delivered
- Nov. 11: No School - Conferences
- Nov. 16, 11:30am: Family Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov. 19, 9am-2pm: Christmas Bazaar
- Nov. 22: Turkey Trot /Middle School Lunch
- Nov. 22: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Nov. 23-25: No School - Thanksgiving Break

HALLOWEEN RAFFLE

The 8th grade is hosting a Halloween raffle to support their graduation fund. The winner will receive a haul of Halloween goodies, including candy, toys, a gift card, and more. Please see the display by the School Office.

Tickets are 25¢/each or five for \$1.



BULL & OYSTER ROAST

Sat, Nov. 5, *12-8pm
Vera's Restaurant, Lusby

MENU:

- Raw, fried, steamed oysters
- BBQ Bacon Cheddar Oysters
- Oyster stew
- Roast beef
- Oysters Rockefeller
- Oysters Provençal
- And many sides

TICKETS:

\$ 25 in advance / \$ 30 at door

\$ 10 for children 12 and under

Available from School or Parish Office

*Tickets are sold for the seating times:

12-2pm

3-5pm

6-8pm



Our Pre-K, K, 1st, and 2nd graders had a great time on their field trip to Spider Hall Farm last week!



God Bless,

Mary Bartsch

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