



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

Newsletter: October 25, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The past week has been very busy with field trips!

PK-2<sup>nd</sup> grades visited Spider Hall Farm yesterday. They learned about local agriculture, and how many food items start off on the farm and make their way to the store and onto our tables. They also got to explore the corn maze, take a hay ride, play games, and pick pumpkins from the patch!



Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad came here to talk to our PK-2<sup>nd</sup> students about fire safety, and how they help our community. They will return tomorrow to talk with our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders.



Also yesterday, our middle schoolers walked to the OLSS Cemetery with Spanish teacher Senora Dawn in honor of Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead. They cleaned up the cemetery and said prayers for those laid to rest there, which is a tradition in many Spanish-speaking countries. Thank you to Senora Dawn for this experience!



## NEWS & REMINDERS :

**No School:** There is no school this **Fri, Oct. 27**, for a Professional Development Day for teachers.

**Halloween in Garden:** We are in need of volunteers for the OLSS table at Annmarie Gardens this **Sat, Oct. 28**, from **11am-4pm**. We would also appreciate donations of candy for the event.

**Halloween:** **Tue, Oct. 31** will be a \$1 orange-and-black themed Halloween Tag Day. PK and Kindergarten students may bring their Halloween costumes in for their parties.

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

**Spirit Night:** We have a Spirit Night at Red Robin on **Tue, Nov. 7** from **4-8pm**.

**Claire's Delivery:** Orders for the Claire's Gourmet fundraiser will be delivered to school on **Wed, Nov. 8**. Please plan to pick your items up from school **between 1-3pm** that day.

**Open House:** We will host an Open House on **Fri, Nov. 10** from **9-11am**.

**Report Cards:** The first quarter closes on **Nov. 3**. Report cards will be given at Parent-Teacher conferences on **Nov. 10**.

**Thanksgiving Feast:** We will be hosting our Family Thanksgiving Feast on **Wed, Nov. 15**. The menu is being finalized and will be sent home with sign-up forms next week.

**Turkey Trot:** Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot will be held on **Tue, Nov. 21**. Students will walk & jog on the Solomons boardwalk to raise money for our school. More info will be sent home soon.



## 2018-19 ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Archdiocesan of Washington 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. We encourage all families to apply.

Please use the link on the school website to apply.  
**The deadline is Dec. 1.**



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

**There is no school on  
Fri, Nov. 10 for K-8<sup>th</sup>  
grade Parent-Teacher  
Conferences.**

To schedule your conference:

- 1) Go to the Conference Schedule webpage: [www.olsss.org/conferences.html](http://www.olsss.org/conferences.html)
  - 2) Fill out the online form with your requested time choice for one 15-min conference
- The Conference page will be continually updated as requests are received.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report cards will be given to parents/guardians at conferences



## BASKETBALL NEWS:

We will have Bake Sales after Masses on **Sat, Nov. 4 & Sun, Nov. 5** to support the basketball program. Anyone can get volunteer hours for baking! Please drop off baked good donations on Fri, Nov. 3.

Varsity teams will play in a kick-off tournament at Kings Christian Academy on **Sat, Nov. 4**; Varsity Girls at 9am, and Varsity Boys at 12:45pm.

God bless,

*Mary Bartsch*

Mrs. Mary Bartsch  
Principal



## OLSS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Sat, Nov. 18, 9am-2pm

**The Christmas Bazaar will feature over 50 local crafters & vendors, a Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Yard Sale, & Concessions.**

Many volunteers are needed, & Virtus certification is not required. Please visit the "Volunteer Opps" page of the school website.

We are grateful for any gently used item donations for the Yard Sale at the Bazaar. Items may be dropped off from Nov. 13-17.

## FROG Full Rely on God

This week's FROG IT Challenge is for students and their families to discuss how the Ten Commandments influence your lives.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### OCTOBER

- Oct. 27: No School – Collaboration Day
- Oct. 31: \$1 Halloween Tag Day

### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1: All Saints Day Mass & Celebrations
- Nov. 7, 4-8pm: Spirit Night at Red Robin
- Nov. 8: Claire's Gourmet Orders Arrive
- Nov. 9: 12:30pm Dismissal / No Aftercare
- Nov. 10: No School – Conference Day
- Nov. 10, 9-11am: Open House
- Nov. 15: Family Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov. 18, 9am-2pm: Christmas Bazaar
- Nov. 21: Turkey Trot
- Nov. 21: 12:30 Dismissal / No Aftercare
- Nov. 22-24: No School – Thanksgiving Break