The Seahawk Spark



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Many Thanks!

It is amazing how time flies when you are having fun! We apologize for not getting a newsletter out to you all in October, but planning and executing these holiday events take up quite a bit of time.

As we roll into November, we want to take a moment and express our gratitude for our amazing school administration, teachers, and families for all the support you provide our children. THANK YOU!

We have a lot of activities coming up over the next couple months and hope you are both able to support them through volunteering and enjoy them!

Dates to Remember

November 2023 – 3rd Grade Stock the Lounge

8th – Yard Sale Donation Drop-off begins

12th – Christmas Ornament Workshop

12th – Bake Sale Committee Open House

18th – Christmas Bazaar

21st – Turkey Trot

29th - Ruddy Duck Spirit Night

December 2023 – 4th Grade Stock the Lounge

4th – 5th - Santa Shop

9th - OLSS Christmas Delight with the Annual Chili Cook-off

January 2024 – 6th Grade Stock the Lounge

Week of 28th – Catholic Schools Week

We hope everyone is excited for the upcoming **Turkey Trot!**

Please make sure your students are registered at https://olss.myfunrun.com

The **Turkey Trot** will take place on Tuesday, November 21st. Trot schedule will be out soon so you can come cheer on your favorite students. If you have any questions, please email Rebecca Mathe at becken8591@gmail.com

Trunk-or-Treat was a great success once again! Trunks were amazing! OLSSS has the most adorable Cruella's, prettiest princesses, and scariest goblins around. We also have the most amazing support! Thank you to all who supported us by hosting a trunk. OLSS appreciates your time and effort!





Profit (to date): \$3,051

Need some awesome Christmas gifts or wrapping paper? Do not worry, online ordering still available until Dec 4!

Teacher's Lounge Info

First of all, the OLSS School staff would like to extend their appreciation to everyone for all the wonderful goodies in the Teacher's Lounge. In case you are new and do not know what we are talking about, every month a different class is assigned to keeping the teacher's lounge stocked. The room parents are responsible for coordinating with their class for the month. Please check out the "Dates to Remember" for "Stock the Lounge Class".

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities!

Every **FAMILY** is required a minimum of 40 volunteer hours annually.

Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and Children can help achieve the hours...as long as they are contributing appropriately.

Chair/Co-Chair a Fundraising Event = 20 hours

Chair/Co-Chair a Social Event = 10 hours

NOTE: Please keep track of your hours, we will provide overtime.

Calling all Chili Chefs!

Do you have the Zestiest, Most Creative or Best Overall Chili? Get your best recipe ready and register for our Dec 9th Annual One Host Chili Cook-off. This year it will be held with our OLSS Christmas Delight with the Solomons Christmas Walk. Look for registration information in the school newsletter or email olsschilicookoff@gmail.com if you are interested in participating!



Bake Sale Committee Updates

If you love to bake or willing to donate a decadent treat, we need you! Please consider joining in the fun and contact our Bake Sale Coordinator: Terri Ihnacik. We will be selling bake goods at our upcoming Christmas Bazaar, November 18th.





Our Lady Star of the Sea School Home and School Association



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OLSS Christmas Delight - Dec 9th

Make you spirits bright, with the OLSS Christmas delight!

We have been planning a Christmas celebration in conjunction with the Solomons Christmas Walk. **Save the date** to help volunteer or enjoy the festivities. We will have concessions, with the chili from the cook-off, Mully's Brewery, Santa's Village for the kids, and much more!

Donations Wanted

On November 8th, we will start collecting gently used items for our OLSS Yard Sale held during the Christmas Bazaar



Conversation Corner:

Can I suggest fundraising and other community building ideas?

Of course you can! We start planning our calendar for the next year in May. If you have great ideas that you are willing to execute, feel free to put a plan together and submit the HAS at olsss.hsa@gmail.com! Please understand that we have an excellent baseline of events and like to grow and improve those each year. Balancing the schedule is very important.

We look forward to celebrating the holidays with our OLSS Community,
Always remember, "Be the Light!"