

September 18, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

"Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their parents." Proverbs 17:6

We are looking forward to celebrating Grandparents Day on Friday, October 4. This special day provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the vital role grandparents play in the lives of children, and the values of family, faith, and intergenerational connections that are central to Catholic education.

<u>RSVPS are required</u>, and the maximum number of guests is 4 per family. We understand that many children do not have grandparents who will be able to attend; other relatives or special friends are welcome to come in place of grandparents. Parents are welcome to attend the Mass, but only grandparents/ should attend the brunch and classroom visits, unless they need to assist grandparents.

Grace and Peace, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson Principal

## **NEWS & REMINDERS**

**SPIRIT NIGHT:** Spirit Night at Green Turtle in California is **Thu, Sep 19** from 11am-midnight. Guests must present the <u>invitation</u> on their phone or paper, and Green Turtle will donate 20% of the total to OLSS.

**TAG DAY FRIDAY:** This **Friday, Sep. 20** will be a \$2 Tag Day to support our sister school, Little Flower School in Belize. Students may wear red and blue (colors of the Belize flag) and must bring in \$2 if they participate. Clothing must follow Tag Day guidelines from <u>pg. 19</u> of the Parent/Student Handbook.

NO SCHOOL SEP. 23: There is no school on Monday, Sep. 23 for Professional Development.

**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 <u>Angels' Watch Women's TriCounty shelter</u>.

HANDBOOK REVISION: The girls' dress code on page 18 of the Parent/Student Handbook has been revised. It previously stated, "Girls are advised to wear bike shorts under their skirts." Girls in grades 1-8 are now required to wear navy bike shorts under jumper and skirts. We understand that parents need time to shop for these; please have your daughter wearing the navy bike shorts by October 15.

**ADW BAND:** Band Director Ms. Suuberg demonstrated several instruments to students in grades 4-8 on Monday. If you would like to enroll your child in the ADW Band Program, please do so using the forms included with today's news. Band lessons are scheduled to start on **Friday, Sep. 27**.

BASKETBALL: Please submit basketball registration forms with payment by Sep. 25.

**BASKETBALL MERCH:** OLSS Seahawks Basketball fan t-shirts (for anyone) and hoodies (for team members and coaches only) are now available for purchase. The deadline for orders is **Oct. 14**. Please see the order form with today's news or order online; t-shirts <u>here</u> and hoodies <u>here</u>.

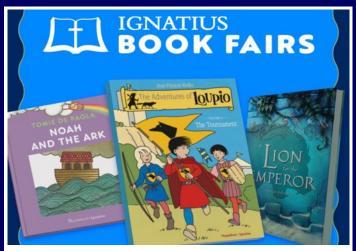
**OLSS MERCH:** OLSS Logo Polos and Hoodies are now available for purchase; please see the flyers with today's news. The deadline for orders is **Oct. 25**. These items are only ordered in the fall and are not available for purchase at any other time. Polos can be ordered online <u>here</u> and hoodies <u>here</u>.

**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 <u>here</u>.

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 from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) that teaches children and parents/guardians about online safety and digital citizenship. A rep will give presentations about this program at OLSS – on Oct. 15 at 6:30pm for parents, and on Oct. 28 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 <u>here</u>.



We are hosting an <u>Ignatius Press Book Fair</u> 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
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Volunteers are needed to help with setup, running the Book Fair, and packing up; please sign up through <u>Track It Forward</u>.



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9:00a.m. - Mass 10:00-10:45a.m. - Brunch



10:45-11:15a.m. - CLASSFOOM VISITS

PLEASE RSVP THROUGH OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE WWW.OLSSS.ORB



We UNDERSTAND THAT MARY CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE BRANDPARENTS WHO ARE ABLE TO COME TO GRANDPARENTS DAY. SPECIAL FRIENDS OF RELATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COME IN PLACE OF BRANDPARENTS.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

## SEPTEMBER

- Sep. 19, 11am-12am: Spirit Night at Green Turtle
- Sep. 20: Red & Blue Tag Day
- Sep. 23: No School Professional Dev.
- 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