



February 7, 2024

Dear OLSS Families,

Ash Wednesday is next week, and our 9am school mass will be held in the Parish Church. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a period of 40 days of fasting, prayer, and penance, leading up to Easter Sunday. During Ash Wednesday services, we receive ashes on our foreheads in the shape of a cross, and the priest says, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". The ashes symbolize mortality, repentance, and the desire for spiritual renewal. Lent is also a time of increased prayer, acts of charity, and self-denial, all aimed at growing closer to God and preparing for Easter, when we commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal

NEWS & REMINDERS:

MONDAY, FEB. 12:

- St. Valentine Tag Day; students may wear red, pink, or Valentine-themed clothing for a \$1 donation, going to Catholic Relief Services.
- Teachers will send home info about their classroom's Valentine celebrations.
- Spirit Night at Salsa's restaurant in Lusby from 5-9pm; mention OLSS when ordering and Salsa's will donate a portion of your sales to our school.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13: SHROVE TUESDAY/MARDI GRAS

- Students may wear green, purple, or yellow/gold clothing for a \$1 donation, going to The Sisters of Divine Providence Madagascar Mission.
- We will have a Mardi Gras parade (weather permitting) before afternoon dismissal.
- OLSS's Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake Dinner in the Providence Room from 5-7pm; cost is by donation.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14: ASH WEDNESDAY

- 9am Mass in Parish Church; Lent begins.

PEP RALLY: We will hold a Pep Rally for our Basketball teams this **Friday, Feb. 9 at 2pm** in the Chesapeake Room. Parents are welcome to attend!

PRESIDENTS DAY WEEKEND: **Fri, Feb. 16** is a 12:30pm dismissal and there is no school on **Mon, Feb. 19**.

HONOR ROLL: Congratulations to our 2nd Quarter Honor Roll recipients! The Honor Roll List is included with today's news but is not available for public viewing on our website.

LUNCH MENU CHANGE: In celebration of Black History Month, the lunch menu on **Thursday, Feb. 22** will be Pulled Chicken Mac & Cheese, Collard Greens, Cornbread, and Peach Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Grades K-8 will attend Stations of the Cross at 2pm on Fridays during Lent, starting **Friday, Feb. 23**. Parents are welcome to attend.

VBS: OLSS may be hosting Vacation Bible School for ages 3-12 in June and is looking for volunteers, who must have completed the Virtus Program. Please email Mrs. Oster if interested at grade5@olsss.org.

VALENTINE SALES: The 8th Grade is selling Valentine treats this month to raise money for their graduation fund. Payments can be made by cash or check or through the [online store](#).

ADW TUITION ASSISTANCE: The deadline to apply for the [ADW Tuition Assistance Program](#) for the 2024-25 school year is **Feb. 16**. Log into your TADS account and select "Financial Aid Application". **Families must apply for ADW Tuition Assistance every year to be eligible to apply for OLSS Tuition Assistance.**

RE-REGISTRATION: Admissions for new families for the 2024-25 school year opens on **Monday, Feb. 12** and new families will be able to reserve available spaces in each class. We are expecting grades PK-4 to be filled to capacity. We strongly encourage current families to complete re-registration before Feb. 12 so that your child(ren) do not lose their spaces for next year.

2024 POLAR PLUNGE

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to the Polar Plunge on Saturday!



Brave staff members Mrs. Mautino, Mrs. Muldoon, Mrs. Pouncey, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Hutchins, Senora Dawn, Mrs. Angelheart, Mrs. Weber, & Father Bob all took the plunge!

Top earning student: Charlotte Adams

Top earning family: Hutchins family

Top earning teacher (who will wear the Polar Bear onesie to school): Mrs. Mautino!!!



SOUPER BOWL

The Souper Bowl results are in! The Kansas City Chiefs table received 144 donations and the San Francisco 49ers table received 174! Thank you for your donations, which will go to SMILE Food Pantry.



February 5 was our 100th Day of School!!!

SEAHAWKS BASKETBALL

Last Sunday were our Seahawks Varsity teams' last home season games, and we had a special celebration for our 8th grade seniors!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY

- ♥ Feb. 12: \$1 St. Valentine's Tag Day
- ♥ Feb. 12, 5-9pm: Salsa's Spirit Night
- ♥ Feb. 13: \$1 Mardi Gras Tag Day
- ♥ Feb. 13, 5-7pm: Knights of Columbus Dinner
- ♥ Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday/Start of Lent
- ♥ Feb. 16: 12:30pm Dismissal
- ♥ Feb. 16: ADW Financial Aid Application Deadline
- ♥ Feb. 19: No School - Presidents' Day

MARCH

- ♣ Mar. 4: Wear Kindness Shirt
- ♣ Mar. 8: 12:30pm Dismissal
- ♣ Mar. 11: No School - Collaboration Day
- ♣ Mar. 15: St. Patrick's Day Tag Day
- ♣ Mar. 21: Rock Your Socks Day
- ♣ Mar. 23-24: Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Basket Auction
- ♣ Mar. 26: End of 3rd Quarter
- ♣ Mar. 27: 12:30pm Dismissal
- ♣ Mar. 28 - Apr. 5: No School - Easter Break