



## February 26, 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians,



We had a beautiful start to the Lenten season, with the children celebrating Mardi Gras yesterday, and Ash Wednesday Mass this morning. Lent offers us a very special opportunity to change our hearts and to grow in our relationship with God. We are called to deepen our commitment to a way of life which is rooted in Christ. Lent is a beautiful season of returning to God, and embracing his love and forgiveness.

### NEWS & REMINDERS :

**Stations:** Students will visit Stations of the Cross in the Historic Church on **Fridays at 2pm** during Lent.

**Dr. Seuss Day:** Dr. Seuss Day is **Mon, Mar. 2**.

**HSA Meeting:** Our Home & School Association will hold a meeting for all school families on **Mon, Mar. 2 at 6pm**. Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will provide childcare for any parents that need it during the meeting, under the supervision of an adult.

**March 6 & 9:** **Fri, Mar. 6** is a 12:30pm dismissal, and there is no school on **Mon, Mar. 9**.

**Open House:** We have an Open House on **Fri, Mar. 6** from **8:15-10am**. Please encourage interested family and friends to attend.

**Tuition Incentive:** We are hoping to increase enrollment for the next school year, and are offering a tuition incentive for existing families. If you refer a new family who enrolls at OLSS, and designates you as their referring family, you will receive 10% off your tuition for the 2020-21 school year.

**Re-Registration:** We are requesting that all families complete re-registration for the 2020-21 school year by **MARCH 13**, for administrative purposes. **After March 13**, the re-registration fee will increase from **\$150 to \$200** per family.

**Tag Day:** We will have a \$1 St. Patrick's Day Tag Day on **Tue, Mar. 17**.

**Stations of the Cross in Silhouette:** The OLSS Youth Group will perform Stations of the Cross in Silhouette on **Fri, Apr. 3 at 7pm**. Middle School students interested in participating are invited to an upcoming audition/meeting on **Tue, Mar. 3 at 4pm** in the Chesapeake Room. Sign up can be made [HERE](#) This is a great opportunity for Church Service Hours and Lenten almsgiving of time and talents.

**Palm Sunday Fundraisers:** Our Palm Sunday Basket Auction & Bake Sale will be held after Masses on Palm Sunday weekend, **April 4-5**. More info will be out soon.



Mardi Gras marks the last day of Ordinary Time before the start of Lent. Students made Mardi Gras masks in Art, and paraded around the school.



Ash Wednesday is marked 46 days before Easter Sunday. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us.



## DONATIONS FOR PROJECT ECHO HOMELESS SHELTER

OLSS's National Junior Honor Society is helping homeless residents in Calvert County by collecting for Project Echo.

### Donations requested:

- Travel sized toiletries
- Washcloths
- Towels
- Socks
- Granola bars
- Fresh fruit

**NJHS will also be providing blessing bags to assist the homeless during Safe Nights during the first week of March.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### MARCH

- **Mar. 2:** Dr. Seuss Celebrations
- **Mar. 2, 6pm:** Home & School Association Meeting
- **Mar. 6:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **March 8:** Polar Plunge
- **Mar. 9:** No School
- **Mar. 17:** \$1 St. Patrick's Day Tag Day
- **Mar. 22, 1-3pm:** Basketball Awards Ceremony
- **Mar. 27:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Mar. 27:** End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

### APRIL

- **Apr. 1:** Volunteer Appreciation
- **Apr. 3, 7pm:** Youth Group Stations of the Cross
- **Apr. 4-5:** Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Auction
- **Apr. 8:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Apr. 9-17:** No School – Easter Break
- **Apr. 20:** Cascarones in Spanish classes

Grace and Peace,

*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*

Interim Principal

*"Let all that you do be done in love."*

1 Corinthians 16:14

## CASCARONES

Señora Dawn is looking for volunteers to make cascarones (egg shells filled with confetti or bird seed). Every dozen made will earn **3** Volunteer Service Hours! Please see the letter with today's news for more info. Cascarones are due **by April 7**.

Students will crack open the cascarones on April 20.

This is a Mexican tradition where people crack eggs on the head of a friend or family member to wish them good luck.



to benefit Our Lady Star of the Sea School  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020**

**12:00pm Registration (Providence Rm)  
1:00pm Plunge Time**

**Plunge will take place at beach across the street  
from OLSS Historic Church in Solomons**

This is a fundraiser for our school and is open to students and their families! Please visit the school website to register.

**These are the brave OLSS staff  
who are plunging!**



- Stephanie Riley
- Kim Weber
- Maggie Quade
- Colleen Muldoon
- Peggy Waldheim
- Debbie Smedley
- Cindy Grater

**Staff will plunge into the following  
depths of water if they raise:**

- \$200 - socks
- \$400 - tutu
- \$1,000 - beads
- \$2,000 - head bands

- Donation jar is in the School Office
- Lunch items for from 12-2pm, including pizza, hot dogs, nachos, pulled pork sandwiches, and more!
- Raffles for a giant plush polar bear, and a polar-themed basket.