



September 23, 2020

Dear Families,

As we enter into Fall, the biggest focus seems to be on Pumpkin Spice everything... and as much as we love it, we should redirect our focus and take the time to ask ourselves what it takes to “Fall in love with God”. What does it mean to truly love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength?

We begin by following in the footsteps of Jesus.

When Jesus first met His disciples, He simply asked them to “follow me.” They didn’t know where He was headed, yet they trusted and went where He led. In our own walk with the Lord, our first step is to search, in faith, for God. When the disciples started following, they still had questions, but they began the journey with Jesus. The more they were with Him, the more they began to understand who He was as the Messiah. It was through His words and actions that their love for Him grew.

God created us out of His great love. We are beneficiaries of that love and should therefore respond in love. He saved us, not because we deserved it, but because of His great love for us. To love God with all that we are requires us to place others before ourselves and to make room in our lives for a relationship with Him. Truly lived out, it means placing obedience over desire, giving thanks in all circumstances, and recognizing God’s sovereignty in our lives. Perhaps this requires us to re-evaluate our priorities in order to see if we are best using the time He has given us to know Him and make Him known.

We must understand that we might not always feel intimate with God. But even during the darker times, God is still with us. We are free to trust and obey and “Fall in Love with God” for a lifetime.

I truly wish for this experience for everyone as we enter into the Fall of the Year! Enjoy the Pumpkin spice while it lasts!!

Stay happy, healthy and holy!

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

Principal

NEWS & REMINDERS:

TAG DAY: This **Fri, Sep. 25** is a Tag Day to honor the Feast of the Guardian Angels. Students may wear white or bright clothes and bring a donation of \$1 or more, to go to Angels Watch Women’s & Children’s Shelter.

FALL/WINTER UNIFORMS: Students should start wearing the winter uniform (no more shorts) on Thu, Oct. 1. Please review the school uniforms and dress code included with today’s news to ensure your child is wearing all the pieces correctly.

CHARLESTON WRAP: Our HSA is hosting a fundraiser with Charleston Wrap. Info packs with catalogs of gift wraps, food items, candies, and gifts are being sent home with students. The deadline for orders is **Oct. 16**.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: On **Sat, Oct. 3 at 9:30am**, Fr. Ken will hold a Blessing of the Animals in the OLSS parking lot in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. All pets are welcome to receive a blessing!

HSA NEWS: Thank you to Sarah Ainger for joining our HSA Executive Board as our School and Community Outreach Coordinator.

OLSS POLOS & HOODIES: Please see the flyers with today’s news to order OLSS logo polos and hoodies in adult sizes. The deadline for orders is **Oct. 18**.

AWARD: Congratulations to our 6th grader Aibhilin Fockler, who won the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest Special Award for Excellent Penmanship!





On **Fri, Oct. 9 at 10am**, Calvert County Sheriff's Office will give a presentation at OLSS School for The National Faith & Blue Weekend; an initiative that reinforces the connections between law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve. They will also give the presentation at the **8am Mass on Sun, Oct. 11.**

To learn more about this initiative, please visit <https://faithandblue.org/>

To thank them, we would like to ask students to bring in blue-themed treats to give to them from our school. Suggestions are foods in blue wrappers, such as Oreos, Rice Krispies Treats, Cool Ranch Doritos, blue Gatorade, etc.. If you would like to participate, please send donations into school with your child **by Oct. 8.**

 **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

SEPTEMBER

- Sep. 25: \$1 Tag Day

OCTOBER

- Oct 1: Winter Uniforms begin
- Oct. 1: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Oct. 2: No School
- Oct. 3, 9:30am: Blessing of Animals
- Oct. 9: CCSO Faith & Blue Visit
- Oct. 9: Friday Night Dinner
- Oct. 12: No School – Columbus Day
- Oct. 16: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Oct. 18, 1pm: Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 26: Lifetouch Student Portraits
- Oct. 28: End of 1st Quarter
- Oct. 30: No School-Collaboration Day



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
2-4PM**

Our Home & School Association is hosting its 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat event in the OLSS parking lot on Sunday, Oct. 18 from 2-4pm. CDC protocols will be followed.



Volunteers are needed to host the trunks and give out candy. More information will be out with next week's news.

Rain date Sun, Oct. 25.

**DRIVE-THROUGH
DINNER**



**Friday, October 9
3-6 p.m.**

Where?

Parents can pick up the prepared dinner in the afternoon carline or anytime until 6 p.m.

What?

Dinner for four including pulled pork, four rolls, and two sides, for **\$20.**

