



March 16, 2022

Dear OLSS Families,

Each of us has particular Lenten practices that are personally meaningful. Every Lenten practice (personal, parish or universal) should raise our awareness and gratitude for the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As you continue with your personal Lenten disciplines for this year, please think of them in terms of prayer, fasting, and/or almsgiving. I hope you will also consider participating in the school/parish Lenten practices (listed in the newsletter and the bulletin) and keep a strict observance of the Lenten disciplines of the Universal Church.

One suggestion that I have for Catholics is to invite people of other religions or no religion to attend the Stations of the Cross. It is a wonderful way to share the prayer life of the Church. There is no doubt that if you take the Lenten spirit of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to heart, you will be blessed by a richer faith life and have all the more reason to celebrate the resurrection of Christ at Easter.

I also want to formally invite you to participate in our upcoming HSA fundraisers. Our HSA has done a terrific job of fundraising so far this school year. There are a few big fundraisers left for this year and we truly need all hands on deck in order to make them successful. Please consider signing up for something that interests you and also fulfills the 20 hour [Volunteer Service Hours requirement](#). Only 10 families have fully completed this requirement.

Our enrollment for next year is well underway with some of the lower grades now at capacity. Just a reminder, if you refer a new family to OLSS and they successfully complete the registration and attend, you will receive 10% off your tuition as an incentive!!! Thank you for your support.

Grace and Peace,

*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*  
Principal

## NEWS & REMINDERS:

**TAG DAY: Tomorrow** is a \$1 St. Patrick's Day Tag Day. Please follow the Tag Day Dress Code regulations, found on page 18 in the [Parent/Student Handbook online](#). Dresses and skirts should be knee length. Leggings should be worn under dresses only.

**2022-23:** The first day of the 2022-23 school year is Mon, Aug. 22 for PK & Tue, Aug. 23 for K-8<sup>th</sup> grades.

**ROCK YOUR SOCKS:** On **Mon, Mar. 21** we will celebrate Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day by having students wear their school uniform with their brightest, most fun socks!

**BOOST:** The Maryland BOOST Program provides scholarships for families who have lower incomes to enroll their children in nonpublic schools. Please click [here](#) for more info and to apply. The application deadline for assistance for 2022-23 is **April 29**.

**PALM SUNDAY FUNDRAISERS:** We are hosting a Basket Auction and Bake Sale on Palm Sunday weekend, **Apr. 9-10** and are asking for donations of [themed baskets](#) and [bake sale items](#).

**GALA:** OLSS Parish is hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Father Alexander Gala at the Solomons Inn Resort on **Sat, Apr. 23**. Tickets can be purchased [here](#). All proceeds will benefit families suffering from the war in Ukraine.

## THANK YOU:

We would like to say a special thank you to our School Nurse, Mrs. Brandi Hutchins. For the past two years, she has led us (assisted by Mrs. Arlene Kline) and kept our school safe by keeping continually updated with the latest safety protocols - even when they seemed to change daily. She has taken the initiative to conduct on-site COVID testing, which has allowed our student to remain in school as much as possible. She is now addressing our mental health concerns and has worked to provide an in-school counselor for the first time! She also is taking initiative to implement an allergy safety program to further keep students safe. We thank her for all her hard work and helping our students and school families!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

- **Mar. 17:** \$1 St. Patrick's Tag Day
- **Mar. 18:** End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- **Mar. 21:** Rock Your Socks Day
- **Mar. 21, 22, 24:** Open Houses

### APRIL

- **Apr. 9-10:** Palm Sunday Basket Auctions & Bake Sale
- **Apr. 13:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Apr. 14-22:** No School - Easter Break
- **Apr. 23:** Fr. Alexander Gala
- **Apr. 30, 9am-2pm:** Spring Bazaar