



March 1, 2023

Dear OLSS Families,

Through collaborative efforts of our school administration, the Advisory Board, and the Finance Committee, we will be increasing the tuition for the 2023-24 school year by only 3%. Please see the letter with today's news for more details. The increase in tuition will help with staff retention by allowing us to give our hard-working teachers and staff salary increases. It will also help to cover the overall rise in school operating costs. Our goal is to provide the highest quality faith-based education for your children, while keeping tuition affordable.

Included with today's news are the Verification of Catholic Eligibility Form and OLSS Tuition Assistance form for the 2023-24 school year; please submit them to the school office by May 30. If you have any questions regarding financial assistance, please feel free to contact me through the school office at (410) 326-3171 or email to principal@olsss.org.

Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal

NEWS:

THANK YOU: Many thanks to Mrs. Lucas, who talked to our PK-2nd grades about dental care last Friday!

KINDNESS SHIRTS: Students should wear their Kindness shirts next Monday, Mar. 6.

MARCH 10/13: Fri, Mar. 10 is a 12:30pm dismissal and there is no school on Mon, Mar. 13 for Collaboration Day.

IN-HOUSE FIELD TRIP: Students in K-2nd grades will have an in-house field trip from Battle Creek Cypress Swamp to learn about local wildlife and habitats on on Thu, Mar. 9.

NJHS: We will have our NJHS Induction Ceremony after Mass on Wed, Mar. 15.

TAG DAY: Fri, Mar. 17 is a \$1 St. Patrick's Day Tag Day.

ROCK YOUR SOCKS: On Tue, 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.

PALM SUNDAY FUNDRAISERS: We are hosting a Basket Auction and Bake Sale on Palm Sunday weekend, Apr. 1-2 and are asking for donations of themed baskets and bake sale items. More info will be sent out with next week's news.

NO SCHOOL APRIL 21: School will be closed on Fri, April 21 due to Tiki Bar opening traffic in Solomons.

GALA: OLSS Parish is hosting the 9th Annual Father Alexander Gala at St. John Vianney's Family Life Center on Sat, Apr. 22. This event is a fundraiser for our school. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

SPRING BAZAAR: Our Spring Bazaar is Sat, Apr. 29, 9am-2pm with crafters, vendors, concessions, yard sale, raffles, auctions, bake sale, and more! We will need many volunteers to help with this event; more info will be out in coming weeks.



Our annual Polar Plunge is this **Saturday, March 4** at Drum Point Beach Club, 465 Overlook Drive, Lusby.

SCHEDULE:

- 10:30-10:45:** Plungers & spectators check-in at the Clubhouse
- 11:00-11:10:** 1st Group to Plunge → Students
- 11:15-11:25:** 2nd Group to Plunge → OLSS Staff
- 11:30-11:40:** 3rd Group to Plunge → OTHERS (including Drum Point Members, Parents & "Local Celebrities")

Club house will close at 12:00pm

Students and their family members are welcome to participate in this fun event! Each plunger is required to raise a minimum of \$30 to plunge. Registration and donation collection will be on the olss.myfunrun.com website.

REMINDERS:

MARCH LUNCH HELP: Please sign up [here](#) to help with March lunches.

YOUTH EVENT: Students in 5th grade – college are invited to participate in the OLSS Youth Stations of the Cross in Silhouette performance. Sign up [here](#).

CASCARONES: Senora Dawn is looking for volunteers to make cascarones (confetti-filled eggs); please see [this letter](#) for more details.

SPIRIT WEAR: HSA's [Online Spirit Store](#) is open for purchases through **Sunday, March 12.**

RESOURCE TEACHER: We are searching for a full-time Resource Teacher. This position assists teachers with modified instruction and works with students to enrich instruction. For more info on these positions or to apply, please email principal@olsss.org

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

No questions submitted this week

Please submit questions by email or hard copy to the school office

Students are attending Stations of the Cross Fridays at 2pm during Lent in the Parish Church



Family members are welcome to join us!

3rd GRADE'S STORES

3rd grade has been learning all about economics and created their own stores. They put business plans together, make inventory, designed ads, and set up store fronts. 2nd & 4th grade students shopped at the stores.



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Father Alexander GALA

Memories & Melodies

SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND
5:00 PM

St. John Vianney

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
105 VIANNEY LANE
PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678

DRESS CODE: COCKTAIL EVENING ATTIRE

\$100 PER TICKET

All proceeds will benefit the Our Lady Star of the Sea School.

Ticket price includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner buffet, beer & wine, and musical entertainment from The Fabulous Hubcaps!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- ✿ **Mar. 3, 9-11am:** Open House for New Families
- ✿ **Mar. 4:** Polar Plunge
- ✿ **Mar. 6:** Wear Kindness Shirt
- ✿ **Mar. 9:** In-House Field Trip for K-2nd
- ✿ **Mar. 10:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ✿ **Mar. 13:** St. No School – Collaboration Day
- ✿ **Mar. 15:** NJHS Induction Ceremony after Mass
- ✿ **Mar. 17, 9-11am:** Open House for New Families
- ✿ **Mar. 17:** St. Patrick's Day Tag Day
- ✿ **Mar. 21:** Rock Your Socks for Down Syndrome
- ✿ **Mar. 29:** End of 3rd Quarter

APRIL

- ✿ **Apr. 1-2:** Palm Sunday Basket Auctions
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- ✿ **Apr. 5:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ✿ **Apr. 6-14:** No School - Easter Break
- ✿ **Apr. 21:** No School
- ✿ **Apr. 22:** Fr. Alexander Gala
- ✿ **Apr. 29:** Spring Bazaar