



February 23, 2022

Dear OLSS Families,

One week from today is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, one of the most important seasons in the Church's liturgical year. Lent is a time when we try to get closer to God. Our students are encouraged to think of things they could do to achieve this. As adults, we understand these acts to be FASTING, PRAYER and ALMS GIVING.

**FASTING:** Fasting is an ancient action linked to Lent and is considered a sacred act. The goal of fasting is connected to prayer. The pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God and prayer and fasting brings us to what Lent is about – a deeper conversion and relationship with God.

**PRAYER:** Prayer is our conversation with God. In these conversations we find the strength to fast, to develop a closer and more intimate relationship with God. This relationship makes us grateful for our many blessings and motivates us to give to those less fortunate.

**ALMSGIVING:** This is a response that we have come to through prayer and fasting. It expresses our gratitude for all we have been given. We come to a realization that we all make up the Body of Christ, and with this realization there is a responsibility to all who are part of the Body. This means that our acts of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life.

Family members are welcome to come to the school Mass in the Parish Church on Ash Wednesday at 9am. Grace and Peace,

*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*  
Principal

## NEWS & REMINDERS:

**MARDI GRAS:** Next **Tue, Mar. 1** is Mardi Gras. We will have a \$1 Tag Day and students can wear, purple, green, yellow, and other bright colors.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** 1st - 8th grade students will go to Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church on Fridays during Lent.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS YOUTH EVENT:** Students in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the OLSS Youth Stations of the Cross in Silhouette performance. An informational meeting will be held on on Tue, Mar. 1 at 3:30 in the Chesapeake Room. Sign up [here](#) or email Youth Minister Joanne Pensenstadler with questions at [youthministry@olss.org](mailto:youthministry@olss.org)

**CAFETERIA POSITION:** We are searching for a Cafeteria Manager to start April 1. This position is responsible for planning, shopping, preparing, and serving school lunches four days per week. Please email resume to [principal@olsss.org](mailto:principal@olsss.org)

**SPRING BAZAAR:** Our Spring Bazaar will be held on Sat, Apr. 30, 9am-2pm with crafters, vendors, concessions, yard sale, raffles, auctions, and more! We will need many volunteers to help with this event on Apr. 29, 30, & May 1. More info and a sign-up will be out soon. If you are interested in volunteering, please email [olssvolunteerhours@gmail.com](mailto:olssvolunteerhours@gmail.com)

Our National Junior Honor Society members' service project is collecting dog food and treats for the Linda Kelly Animal Shelter. Please send donations in **by Feb. 28.**



## - UPCOMING EVENTS -

### MARCH

- **Mar. 1:** Mardi Gras Tag Day
- **Mar. 2:** Ash Wednesday/Start of Lent
- **Mar. 11:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Mar. 14:** No School – Collab.. Day
- **Mar. 17:** St. Patrick's Day 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. 13:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Apr. 14-22:** No School - Easter Break
- **Apr. 23:** Fr. Alexander Gala
- **Apr. 30, 9am-2pm:** Spring Bazaar