

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

Newsletter: August 28, 2019



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We enjoyed welcoming our students back to school yesterday, and meeting all the new families joining us this year! We will continue to strive to provide a loving, supportive environment, where our community of parents, teachers, students, and parish are committed to the academic and personal success of each student. We look forward to a great year ahead!









NEWS:

Friday: This Friday, Aug. 30 is a 12:30pm dismissal for Labor Day weekend. Aftercare will NOT be open.

<u>Yellow Folders</u>: Every Wednesday, your child will bring home a yellow folder. Please remove the papers inside, and send the folder back the next day. Completed forms may be returned in the folder. Inside today's are:

- Emergency Contact & Medical Form: Please complete and return ASAP.
- ADW Family Survey: This survey helps determine the amount of funding for additional services our school is eligible to receive. **Please complete and return one survey per family.** The info is confidential.
- Milk Order Form (optional): Milk, chocolate milk, and juice pouches are available for purchase at lunchtime every day for \$.50. Milk order forms for the quarter are included in today's yellow folders.

PE Days: Please have your child wear their PE uniform on their class's PE day, starting this week:

- Thursdays: 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, & 8th grades
- Fridays: Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st, 4th, & 5th grades

<u>Parent/Student Handbook</u>: The Parent/Student Handbook has been updated for the 2019-20 school year, and every family is receiving a copy in their yellow folder today. Please read through the Handbook carefully and sign and return the last page, "School Handbook Acknowledgement", to the school by Fri, Sep. 30.

<u>Spirit Night</u>: Thank you to Mindy Hermann for organizing our first Spirit Night at Texas Roadhouse last week, and to everyone who attended it. The event raised \$325 for our school, as well as \$83 in donations!

REMINDERS:

<u>School Portraits</u>: Lifetouch will be taking student portraits on **Tue, Sep. 5**. Students should wear appropriate dress clothes to school that day. Lifetouch portrait package order forms are in your child's yellow folder today. You may send the completed form with your payment on portrait day, or place your order online.

<u>Virtus Program</u>: Family members who would like to volunteer at school must first complete all steps of the Archdiocese of Washington's Virtus Child Protection Program. Info & forms are available from the School Office. OLSS will host a Live Training class and electronic fingerprinting session in September (date TBA).

<u>School Messenger</u>: Please email the School Office if you would like to add emails or phone numbers to our School Messenger parent notification system.

<u>**Car Rider Signs</u>**: Please remember to put your Car Rider sign on your dashboard where it can be seen by our staff during the afternoon car line. Please notify the School Office if you need additional Car Rider signs.</u>

2018-19 Yearbooks: A limited number of extra 2018-19 school yearbooks are available for purchase for \$30.



We hope to see all parents/guardians at Back to School Night on **Thu, Sep. 5**, starting at **6:30pm**. The evening will start with a presentation in the Providence Room, after which parents are invited to visit their children's classrooms to learn about their curriculum and schedules, and to meet other parents and students.

Our Home & School Association (HSA) committee will also give a brief presentation, and will be available to answer questions, and assist with signups for volunteer committees and HSA memberships.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair at school from **Aug. 31-Sep. 8**, with a large selection of books for children, select books for adults, as well as many fun school items.

The Book Fair will be open during school hours, and after weekend Masses. Many thanks to our wonderful Librarian, Mrs. Angela Ingelido, for organizing this!

Grace and Peace,

. Jennifer Thompson

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson Interim Principal

> "Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14



Archdiocesan Band Program

The Archdiocesan Music Program offers instrumental lessons and a group band experience in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington for students in grades 4-8. An ADW Music Teacher will come to OLSS to present a Band Demonstration on **Sep. 9**. Program info and registration forms will be sent home that day. Lessons and Band begin **Sep. 23**.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST:

Aug. 30: 12:30pm Dismissal – Labor Day WeekendAug 31-Sep. 8: Scholastic Book Fair

SEPTEMBER:

- Sep. 2: No School Labor Day
- Sep. 5: Lifetouch School Portraits
- Sep. 5, 6:30pm: Back to School Night
- Sep. 13, 10am: St. Mary's Ryken visit for 7th & 8th
- Sep. 16, 5-9pm: Roy Rogers Spirit Night
- Sep. 18, 6-8pm: Parent/Coaches Basketball Meeting
- Sep. 19: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Sep. 22: Crab & Shrimp Feast Fundraiser at Vera's
- Sep. 23: Archdiocesan Music Program Begins
- Sep. 26: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Sep. 27: No School Calvert Fair Day