



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

Newsletter: October 18, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a fantastic Grandparents/GrandFriends Day we had last Friday! The Mass, events, and activities were a beautiful way for our students to honor their family and friends, and to express our love and appreciation for the role grandparents and grandfriends play in our lives. We also celebrated the 100-year anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's Miracle of the Sun; the final apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1917 by three shepherd children in Fátima, Portugal.

Thank you to Debbie Smedley and Jennifer Thompson for organizing the beautiful Mass. Mrs. Smedley did an amazing job working with the children on the shepherd roles, and the songs and entertainment. Thank you also to Heather McGaffin and our HSA for coordinating the event, to everyone who sent in delicious items for the brunch, and to all the volunteers who helped the morning run so smoothly.



NEWS

Cold Weather: With the cooler fall temperatures here, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, with a jacket to keep warm while outside for recess.

Bull & Oyster Roast: Thank you to our HSA for organizing the Bull & Oyster Roast fundraiser at Vera's Restaurant on Sunday, and to all who came out to support it!

Order Deadline: The deadline for placing orders for the Claire's Gourmet fundraiser is **Fri, Oct. 20**.

Early Dismissal: This **Fri, Oct. 20** is a 12:30pm dismissal; please pick up your children promptly.

No School: There is no school next **Fri, Oct. 27**, for a Professional Development Day for teachers.

Open House: We will host an Open House on **Fri, Nov. 10** from 9-11am. Please encourage family & friends to visit!

Turkey Trot: Our 8th Annual Turkey Trot will be held on **Tue, Nov. 21**. Students will walk & jog on the Solomons boardwalk to raise money for our school. More info will be sent home soon.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

There is no school on Fri, Nov. 10 for K-8th grade Parent-Teacher Conferences.

To schedule your conference:

- 1) Go to the Conference Schedule webpage: www.olsss.org/conferences.html
 - 2) Fill out the online form with your requested time choice for one 15-min conference
- The Conference page will be continually updated as requests are received.
 - 1st quarter report cards will be given to parents/guardians at conferences

DATES:

- Oct. 20: Deadline for orders
- Nov. 8: Orders delivered to OLSS

Claire's
GOURMET



INCENTIVES:

- Top seller gets \$100 tuition credit (must sell at least 30 items)
- For every 10 items you sell, your name will be put in for a drawing prize of a \$200 tuition credit
- Families who sell 15 items, or students who sell 10 items, earn a dress-down day

REMINDERS :

Flu Clinic: Calvert County Health Dept. free flu shots for PK-5th are **Mon, Oct. 23, 1-3pm.**

Emergency Evacuation Practice: On **Wed, Oct. 25** at **9am**, we will hold an Emergency Evacuation Drill. Students will walk to the United Methodist Church at 14454 Solomons Island Rd, which is our location in the event that the school building must be evacuated.

Halloween in Garden: We are in need of volunteers for the OLSS table at Annmarie Gardens on **Sat, Oct. 28**, from **11am-4pm**. We would also appreciate donations of candy for the event.

Halloween: PK & K may bring Halloween costumes and will have classroom parties on **Tue, Oct. 31**.

All Saints Day: We will celebrate All Saints Day on **Wed, Nov. 1**. Students may bring Saint costumes to change into, or a poster of a Saint. More info on the day's schedule will be out soon.

Spirit Night: We have a Spirit Night at Red Robin on **Tue, Nov. 7** from **4-8pm**.

HALLOWEEN RAFFLE

Student Council is hosting a Halloween raffle basket containing Halloween goodies, including candy, toys, a decorations, and more.

~ Tickets are 25¢/each or 5 for \$1. ~



FROG Full Rely on God

This week's FROG IT Challenge is for students and their families to choose their favorite Saint and find five fun facts about them.



Example: Did you know that St. Scholastica had a twin brother, St. Benedict of Nursia?

God bless,

Mary Bartsch

Mrs. Mary Bartsch
Principal

OLSS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Sat, Nov. 18, 9am-2pm

The Christmas Bazaar will feature over 50 local crafters & vendors. This is a great opportunity to find unique gifts, and support local artists! There will also be a Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Yard Sale, and Concessions.

- ❖ Many volunteers are needed, & Virtus certification is not required. Please visit the "Volunteer Opps" page of the school website.
- ❖ We are grateful for any gently used item donations for the Yard Sale at the Bazaar. Items may be dropped off in the Chesapeake Room from Nov. 13-17.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER

- Oct. 18, 3-4pm: Afterschool Workshop 4th - 8th
- Oct. 20, 9am: Solomons Rescue Squad Visit
- Oct. 20: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Oct. 24: PK-2nd Field Trip to Pumpkin Farm
- Oct. 27: No School – Collaboration Day

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1: All Saints Day Mass & Celebrations
- Nov. 7, 4-8pm: Spirit Night at Red Robin
- Nov. 8: Claire's Gourmet Orders Arrive
- Nov. 9: 12:30pm Dismissal / No Aftercare
- Nov. 10: No School – Conference Day
- Nov. 10, 9-11am: Open House
- Nov. 15: Family Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov. 18, 9am-2pm: Christmas Bazaar
- Nov. 21: Turkey Trot
- Nov. 21: 12:30 Dismissal / No Aftercare
- Nov. 22-24: No School – Thanksgiving Break