



Dear Parents & Guardians,

This week, we will sadly say good-bye to our school nurse, Mrs. Mary Ann Dale. Mrs. Dale has been with us for the past three years and has taken wonderful care of our students when they have visited her for scraped knees, upset tummies, and other ailments. We thank her for all her loving care, and wish her the best with her retirement and move to Hot Springs, Arkansas!



We would also like to welcome our new nurse, Mrs. Brandi Hutchins. Mrs. Hutchins is a registered nurse, currently working at Calvert Memorial Hospital, whose daughter is a student at OLSS. We know she will do a great job taking care of our students!

NEWS :

Winter Uniforms: Students should now wear the school winter uniform (no uniform shorts). PE shorts may be worn on PE days through the end of October.

Spirit Night: We will have a Spirit Night at Moe's in Lusby on **Wed, Oct. 16 from 5- 8pm**. Moe's will donate 40% of proceeds to OLSS. Please bring the flyer in today's yellow folders with you.

Lifetouch Retakes: Lifetouch will retake portraits on **Mon, Oct. 28**. If your child plans to retake, they must bring their original portrait package with them.

Flu Clinic: Calvert County Health Dept. is offering free flu vaccination for PK-5th grade students on site at OLSS on **Tue, Oct. 29, at 8:30am**. Info and forms are in today's yellow folders.

Halloween: Thu, Oct. 31 is a Halloween Tag Day. Children may wear orange, black, and appropriate Halloween-themed clothing and bring in a \$1 donation for charity. Teachers will send home info about their class's Halloween party plans.

All Saints Day: We will celebrate All Saints Day on **Thu, Nov. 1 with Mass at 8:15am**, followed by a Parade of Saints outdoors. Students may bring Saint costumes to change into, or a poster of a Saint.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be held on **Thu, Nov. 7 from 3:30-9:00pm**, & **Fri, Nov. 8 from 1:00-3:30pm**. To schedule your conference, go to the Conference Schedule webpages:

- **Thu, Nov. 7:** www.olsss.org/conferences-7th.html
- **Fri, Nov. 8:** www.olsss.org/conferences-8th.html

Fill out the online form with your requested time choice for one 15-min conference per teacher.

The Conference page will be continually updated as requests are received. 1st quarter report cards will be given at conferences.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

OLSS Teachers and Staff
Invite you to Dinner!

Friday

OCTOBER 11, 2019
5:30 – 7:30pm

Spaghetti with or without meatballs, salad, bread, & drinks

Cost is by donation

Our Lady Star of the Sea School
90 Alexander Lane, Solomons, MD 20688

Enjoy a night in Italy with your School Family

OLSS students who attend will receive a special gift from their teacher!

Students who attend will have a free dress down day next Wed, Oct. 16!

2020-21 ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The ADW Tuition Assistance Program is available for students applying to or enrolled in Catholic Schools within the ADW. The application period for the 2020-21 school year is Oct. 1-Dec. 7, 2019. Families must apply each year to receive assistance. We encourage all families to apply.

The deadline for applications is **Dec. 7, 2019**.

Please use the following link to apply:

<https://adwcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance/archdiocesan-tuition-assistance-program/>

REMINDERS :

OLSS Merchandise: We are taking orders through **Oct. 15** for OLSS logo polo shirts and hoodies. Please see the order forms with the Sep. 11 news, or order through the online school store.

Charleston Wrap: The deadline for orders for the Charleston Wrap Fundraiser is **Oct. 18**.

Trunk or Treat: HSA will host Trunk or Treat on **Sun, Oct. 27 from 2-4pm**. Volunteers are needed to participate, and donations of candy are also needed. Both count towards Volunteer Service Hours. Please sign up through the SignUp Genius for this event at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca4ac2ba4f94-trunk>

Yard Sale: We would appreciate donations of yard sale items for the Nov. 23 Christmas Bazaar, which we will start collecting the week before.

UPCOMING EVENTS :

OCTOBER

- Oct. 10: Fire Dept. Visit for PK, K, 1st, & 2nd grade
- Oct. 11, 5:30-7:30pm: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- Oct. 16, 5-8pm: Moe's Spirit Night
- Oct. 18: Grandparents Day
- Oct. 18: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Oct. 25, 8:15-10am: Open House
- Oct. 27, 2-4pm: Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 28: Lifetouch Portraits Re-Takes
- Oct. 28: End of 1st Quarter
- Oct. 28, 2:30-5:30pm: Electronic Fingerprinting
- Oct. 29: PK-5th grade Flu Clinic (optional)
- Oct. 31: \$1 Halloween Tag Day

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1: All Saints Day Mass & Parade of Saints
- Nov. 4: No School - Professional Development
- Nov. 7: 3:30-9:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 8: 12:30 Dismissal
- Nov. 8: 1:00-3:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 11: No School - Veteran's Day
- Nov. 15, 2pm: Basketball Pep Rally
- Nov. 20, 11:30am: Family Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov. 23, 9am-2pm: Christmas Bazaar
- Nov. 26: Turkey Trot Fundraiser
- Nov. 26: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Nov. 27-29: No School - Thanksgiving Break

GRANDPARENTS/ GRANDFRIENDS DAY Friday, Oct. 18



- **9:00am:** Mass in Parish Church
- **10:00am:** Brunch & Entertainment
- **11:00am:** Classroom Visits

• **RSVP's required**

- Food items are needed for the brunch
- Volunteers are needed to help with set up, serving, & clean up; please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca4ac2ba4f94-olss>
- Transportation Permission forms are required if your child will leave with grandparents
- 12:30pm dismissal day / No Aftercare

We ask each family to donate a food item and/or time for this event.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS SURVEY

Every three years, the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Washington conduct the Catholic Identity Program Effectiveness Survey. This survey, a requirement for retaining our accreditation with Cognia, seeks to measure satisfaction with criteria aligned to strong Catholic identity and program effectiveness. The results of this survey will help identify school and Archdiocesan-wide program strengths and challenges, and will also help inform our priorities for school and Archdiocesan strategic planning.

It is important we receive feedback from all members of the school community - parents, students, faculty and staff - regarding our programs and how we can continue to grow and improve in the coming year. Please click the following survey link to provide your valuable parent feedback. Your responses will remain anonymous.

<https://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#!/action/114980/28721>

Grace and Peace,

Jennifer Thompson

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Interim Principal

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