



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

September 6, 2023

Dear OLSS Families,

We are looking forward to Back to School Night next **Tuesday, Sep. 12**, starting at **6:30pm**. This event is for parents/guardians only to learn more about our school and your child's classroom routine. I will start by introducing our teachers. Our Home & School Association President will also share info on our HSA and upcoming volunteering opportunities. Parents will then visit their children's classrooms, where teachers will give an overview of daily schedules, goals, activities, and discuss homework policy and other important information.



Parent involvement in back-to-school night is very important, and we hope all will attend. There will be three 15-minute sessions so parents can visit each of their children's classrooms.

Grace and Peace,  
*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*  
Principal

## NEWS:

**SEPTEMBER KINDNESS THEME:** The Kindness theme for this month is showing kindness by never giving up on doing the right thing.

**LABEL:** Please write your child's name on the tag of their PE sweatshirt or sweaters so they can be returned to them if left outside or in the classroom.

**STEM EVENT:** The USNA is hosting a [Middle School Girls STEM Day](#) on Sat, Oct. 14 in Annapolis.

**PORTRAITS:** Legacy Studios portraits are **Mon, Sep. 11**. Students should wear dress clothes to school. Portrait ordering info is being sent home with your child today. Retakes are Oct. 23.

**FINGERPRINTING:** Safe Hire Solutions will be on site to do fingerprinting at Back to School Night on **Tue, Sep. 12 from 6-8pm**. The cost is \$70, payable by cash or check. Pre-registration [here](#) is required.

**PICNIC:** Join us for the OLSS Parish & School Picnic on **Sun, Sep. 24, 12-4pm** to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the school AND the feast day of Our Lady Star of the Sea! RSVP [here](#)

**CROSS COUNTRY:** If your child is in grade 3-8 and interested in participating on a Cross Country team to represent our school, please email Mrs. Brandi Hutchins at [schoolnurse@olsss.org](mailto:schoolnurse@olsss.org) for more info.

**BASKETBALL:** All students in grades 5-8 are welcome to join the OLSS Basketball teams. Please submit [registration forms](#) by **Sep. 16**. The deadline to order [basketball hoodies and t-shirts](#) is **Oct. 14**.

**LOGO POLOS & HOODIES:** The deadline to order [OLSS logo hoodies](#) and [polos](#) is **Oct. 25**.

## OLSS Alumnus Visit



*Last week, our middle schoolers had a special visit from OLSS alumnus Abigail Halterman (OLSS Class of 2015), who presented her marine biology work and research experience. Abigail graduated from St. Anselm College with a major in Biology & minor in Chemistry, & is pursuing a M.S. in Marine Biology at Northeastern University. She discussed her education, work at an oyster farm in Southern Maryland, and DNA analysis research of trout, salmon, and genetic species identification from shark mucus.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### SEPTEMBER

- **Sep. 2-10:** Scholastic Book Fair
- **Sep. 11:** Legacy Studios Portraits
- **Sep. 12, 6:30pm:** Back to School Night
- **Sep. 12, 6-8pm:** Virtus Fingerprinting Session
- **Sep. 24, 12-4pm:** OLSS Parish & School Picnic
- **Sep. 27, 9am:** 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass
- **Sep. 28:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Sep. 28:** Tag Day (light/white clothing)
- **Sep. 29:** No School - Calvert Fair Day