



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: January 10, 2018

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we move into the second half of the school year, let us reflect upon our decision to give our children a Catholic education, and the reasons we have chosen to do so. The legacy of a Catholic education is more than the academic knowledge imparted to our students; it is the development of a deep and abiding sense of faith, the realization of the value of moral character, and the inspiration of a life-long journey of learning. As we seek to increase our enrollment, please spread the word about our wonderful school, and encourage friends and family to visit our upcoming Open Houses.

NEWS :

Home & School Association: There is an HSA General Membership Meeting **tonight at 7pm** in the Providence Room.

Early Dismissal: This **Fri, Jan. 12** is a **12:30pm dismissal, with no Aftercare and no PM bus.**

Polar Plunge: The Polar Plunge fundraiser will be held at Vera's on **Sat, Feb. 17 at 2pm.** More info will be out soon!

Violin & Viola Program: We are excited to announce the introduction of a Violin & Viola Program, starting this spring. Please see the flyer with today's news for info and registration. Thank you to Mrs. Smedley for organizing this!

Volunteer Hours: Please update your sheet in the Volunteer Hours Log Book with your completed volunteer hours by the end of this week.

Gift Card Sales: Volunteers are needed to sell gift cards after weekend Masses in the Parish Church. Please sign up online if you can help.

REMINDERS :

Upcoming Open Houses:

- Tue, Jan. 16, 8:30-10:30am:** Pre-K Info Day
- Thu, Jan. 18, 8:30-10:30am:** Kindergarten Info Day
- Sun, Jan. 28, 12-1:30pm:** Open House (all grades)

Talent Show: Our Talent Show will be held on **Tue, Jan. 30 at 1pm.** Info and permission forms were sent home in last Wed's yellow folders; please return **by Jan. 19.**

Youth Rally: Middle School students will attend the Youth Rally in DC on **Fri, Jan. 19.**

Moe's Spirit Night: We will have a Spirit Night at Moe's in Lusby on **Wed, Jan. 31 from 5-8pm.**

Alumni Players Present

Peter Kennedy's

Alibis



Jan
26th - 27th

Feb
2nd - 3rd

ALUMNI PLAYERS DINNER THEATRE

Alumni Players: The OLSS Alumni Players' Dinner Theatre performance "Alibis", will be held **Fri, Jan. 26 & Sat, Jan. 27, and Fri, Feb. 2 & Sat, Feb. 3** at OLSS. Tickets are \$40/person and include dinner, drinks, and the performance. Catering by Thompson Seafood. Call 410-326-8272 for reservations.

Volunteers Needed: The Alumni Players event is a fundraiser for our school. Many volunteers are needed; as waiters/waitresses (age 18+), kitchen help (age 18+), table bussers (age 12-17), and clean up. Please sign up through the school volunteer site. Volunteers may eat and enjoy the performance at no charge.



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018

January 28 –
February 3
#CSW18

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States, focusing on the value it provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

Special events taking place during the week will include:

Sun, Jan. 28: Please come to the 10:45am Mass, with your children wearing their school uniforms. There will be an Open House after Mass, from 12-1:30pm.

Mon, Jan. 29: 7:00-8:30: Please join us for Pastries for Parents!

Tue, Jan. 30: We will have our Talent Show at 1pm. It will also be Sports Jerseys Tag Day.

Wed, Jan. 31, 5-8pm: Moe's Spirit Night

Thu, Feb. 1: Bay Studies guest speaker on Archeology

Fri, Feb. 2: We will have an Ice Cream Social for students at 2:00pm

OLSS BRICK FUNDRAISER

Leave your lasting mark on our campus with the purchase of a brick, to be installed on the sidewalk leading to the main entrance of the school building. Bricks will be laser etched with your message, and installed in Spring 2018. Only 1,000 bricks will be available at this time.

Bricks are \$100 each. Small replica tiles can be purchased to commemorate your brick (additional \$25).

Please turn in orders to the School Office.

F.R.O.G.
Fully Rely On God

FROG IT CHALLENGE

As a family, talk about how well you share with people at home and at school. When is it easy to share and when is it hard? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you share with others.



God bless,

Mary Bartsch

Mrs. Mary Bartsch, Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS :

JANUARY

- Jan. 10, 7pm: HSA Meeting
- Jan. 12: 12:30pm dismissal – Teacher In-Service
- Jan. 15: No School – MLK Day
- Jan. 16, 8:30-10:30am: Pre-K Info Day
- Jan. 18, 8:30-10:30am: Kindergarten Info Day
- Jan. 19: Youth Rally in DC
- Jan. 26-27, 6pm: Alumni Players Dinner Theatre
- Jan. 28 - Feb. 3: Catholic Schools Week
- Jan. 28, 10:45am: Opening Mass for CSW
- Jan. 28, 12-1:30pm: Open House
- Jan. 30, 1pm: Talent Show
- Jan. 31, 5-8pm: Spirit Night at Moe's

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2-3, 6pm: Alumni Players Dinner Theatre
- Feb. 9: HSA Movie Night
- Feb. 16: 12:30pm dismissal
- Feb. 17. 2pm: Polar Plunge at Vera's
- Feb. 19: No School – President's Day