



September 13, 2023

Dear OLSS Families,



Thank you to all our middle schoolers who ran for Student Council positions. I am pleased to announce our Student Council Officers for the 2023-24 school year; we know they will do a great job serving their fellow students, school, and community!

- 🇺🇸 President: Kaleb Wingenter
- 🇺🇸 Vice President: Kendall Fulton
- 🇺🇸 Secretary: Stella Bailey
- 🇺🇸 Treasurer: Isla Ihnacik

Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal

NEWS:

PRAYER REQUEST: Please see [here](#) for prayer requests through the intercession of Sister Thea Bowman for a child at St. Mary's Bryantown School who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

LEGACY COUPON: We have been given the Coupon Code **OLSTAR10** for 10% off purchases of school portraits from Legacy Studios, good through 10/13/23.

STANDARDIZED TESTING: Baseline/start of the year standardized testing for grades 2-8 began this week. As an ADW school, we use [MAP \(Measures of Academic Progress\)](#) computerized adaptive assessment, which measures students' knowledge in reading, language use, and math. This week the testing is for Reading, next week is Math, and the following week is Language Usage. Parents will receive a printout of their child's scores when testing is complete.

TAG DAY: Thu, Sep. 28 is a Tag Day for the Feast of the Guardian Angels. Students may wear white or light-colored clothing and bring a donation of \$1 for charity.

ON-SITE FLU VACCINES: We will host an optional flu clinic at school on **Thu, Oct. 5** for PK-8th graders. Flu vaccines will be administered by nurses from the Calvert County Health Dept. Required forms will be sent home next week and should be sent to the School Office when completed.

GRANDPARENTS DAY: We will host Grandparents Day on **Friday, Oct. 6** with a special Mass, following by brunch for grandparents and classroom visits. Please see the flyer with today's news. RSVPs are required.

TRUNK OR TREAT: We will host a Trunk or Treat for OLSS school and parish children on **Fri, Oct. 27** from 5:30-7:30pm, and are in need of volunteers to host trunks and donate candy. More info and a sign up will be out soon.

PAINTING: We would like to thank Linda Craven for donating a beautiful painting of Jesus hanging in the Providence Room.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thank you to our Librarian Jessica Klasko for organizing the Scholastic Book Fair, and to all the volunteers who helped out. Over \$7,000 in sales were made, of which the school gets 50% to purchase books and resources through Scholastic for the library and classrooms.

Many thanks to our school families who supported the Book Fair, and to those who purchased 100+ books to donate to classrooms and our library!



8th GRADE RAFFLE

8th Grade will have raffles and fundraisers during the school year to raise money for their graduation & trip.

September's raffle is for a [Hover-1 Blast Hoverboard](#) & a 30-minute hoverboard session with Fr. Bob! Raffle tickets may be purchased with cash/check at the School Office, or through the [online school store](#).

- \$1 for one ticket
- \$5 for six tickets
- \$10 for thirteen tickets



REMINDERS:

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**.

90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:



Our school is celebrating its 90th Anniversary this year! Started in 1933 by the Sisters of Divine Providence, OLSS School has served students by providing an exceptional educational rooted in faith for nine decades.



We will have the following celebrations for this special occasion:

- **Sunday, Sep. 24:** At the 11am Mass, we will have representatives from the Associates of the Congregation of Divine Providence in attendance. Sr. Grace Schmersal will also be there. Fr. Bob will also dedicate the Providence Chapel, located on Alexander Street. This chapel is open daily for prayer.
- **Sunday, Sep. 24, 1:** Join us for the OLSS Parish & School Picnic to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the school AND the feast day of Our Lady Star of the Sea! Please RSVP [here](#). The parish will provide the main dish, and families are asked to bring the following contributions based on the first letter of your last name: A-H Finger foods and desserts, I-R Pasta, macaroni and potato salads, and S-Z Vegetables and beverages.
- **Wednesday, Sep. 27, 9am:** We will have a special school mass to celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady Star of the Sea. Family members are encouraged to attend. Afterwards, students will have a celebration together in the Providence Room.

Our Lady Star of the Sea

INAUGURAL PARISH & SCHOOL PICNIC

Celebrate the school's 90th anniversary and the feast day of Our Lady Star of the Sea!



Sunday, September 24th
12-4pm
Providence Room

RSVP & More Information:

<https://olss.org/2023-parish-school-picnic>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER

- Sep. 24, 12-4pm: [OLSS Parish & School Picnic](#)
- Sep. 25: Deadline for [Basketball Registration](#)
- Sep. 27, 9am: 90th Anniversary Mass
- Sep. 28: Tag Day / 12:30pm Dismissal
- Sep. 29: No School - Calvert Fair Day

OCTOBER

- Oct. 2: Wear Kindness Shirt
- Oct. 5: Flu Clinic (optional)
- Oct. 6: Grandparents Day / 12:30pm Dismissal
- Oct. 9: No School - Columbus Day
- Oct. 14: Deadline for [Basketball Merch Orders](#)
- Oct. 16: Fall/Winter Uniforms Begin
- Oct. 20: Solomons Fire Dept. Visit
- Oct. 23: Legacy Studios Portrait Retakes
- Oct. 25: Deadline to Order [Polos](#) & [Hoodies](#)
- Oct. 26: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Oct. 27: No School - Collaboration Day
- Oct. 31: Halloween Tag Day