



April 27, 2022

Dear OLSS Families,

Throughout history, Catholics have honored the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May. To symbolize her significance in the Church and our lives, May Crowning is set up to display her queenship as the mother of Jesus. We will honor Mary, the patroness of our school, with our May Crowning ceremony following Mass next **Wed, May 4**.

- ✿ Students are asked to bring in flowers (store-bought or wildflowers) on **Tue, May 3** to decorate the Mary statue in the church.
- ✿ Students receiving their First Holy Communions may wear their dresses/suits to school and change into their school uniforms after the Mass and Ceremony.
- ✿ 8th graders should wear dress clothes to school for the Ceremony and portraits.
- ✿ Parents are welcome to attend but cannot sit with the classes.



Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal

NEWS & REMINDERS:

TAG DAY: This **Fri, Apr. 29** is **Purple Up For Military Kids Tag Day**. Students may wear purple clothing and bring a \$1 donation to go to the [Military Child Education Coalition](#).

CONGRATS: Congratulations to our 4th grader Annalisa Arata, whose American Legion Americanism Essay won 2nd place in the district!

EARTH DAY: We will celebrate Earth Day on **Tue, May 3** by having students plant flowers around the school and church grounds. Students should wear their PE uniform to school and bring gardening gloves and small garden shovels (please label with your child's name). 8th graders can wear their class shirts. We also suggest that parents apply sunscreen and insect repellent to their child that morning.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: We will have an Ice Cream Social at **2pm on Wed, May 4** to celebrate our May Crowning. If you would like to donate supplies, sign up [here](#).

NJHS SERVICE PROJECT: Our NJHS members' service project is collecting donations of cat food, cat treats, & kitten milk replacer for the Linda Kelly Animal Shelter during the month of May.

SEMINIARIAN SEND-OFF: OLSS Seminarian Conor Hardy will be leaving in May to take the next step on his journey to priesthood. The Parish is hosting a Seminarian Send-Off Picnic for him next **Friday, May 6**; please see the flyer with today's new for more info.

RESURRECTION EGGS: 8th grade is selling Resurrection Eggs; plastic eggs containing toys, candy, or a Rita's gift card. Eggs are 50 cents/each or 3 for \$1. Students may bring cash to the School Office to purchase them.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION: OLSS Parish offers Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation classes. Please visit their [website](#) to register for prep classes for the 2022-23 year.

- OLSS students who will be receiving their First Holy Communions at OLSS in Spring 2023 (2nd graders) are welcome but not required to attend OLSS Faith Formation classes on Sundays next year.
- Students who will be starting Confirmation I (7th graders) **are required** to attend classes on Sundays.

SUMMER UNIFORMS: Students may now wear summer uniform shorts, and PE shorts on PE class days.

BOOST: The application deadline for Maryland [BOOST Program](#) scholarships for the 2022-23 school year is **April 29**.

TUITION ASSISTANCE: [Verification of Catholic Eligibility](#) and [OLSS Tuition Assistance](#) forms for the 2022-23 school year must be submitted the School Office by **May 31, 2022**.

In Spanish classes this week, students practiced a Hispanic tradition and broke cascarrones – egg shells filled with confetti – over each other's heads, which is supposed to bring them good luck. Thank you to Señora Dawn for this fun tradition!



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

HSA MEETING: HSA is hosting an all-hands meeting on **Mon, May 2 at 6pm** in the Providence Room.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS: Please visit the [Volunteering Webpage](#) for upcoming opportunities. Unfulfilled volunteer service hours will be charged at a rate of \$30 per hour to final tuition bills.

SPRING BAZAAR: Our Spring Bazaar is this Sat, Apr. 30, 9am-2pm. Volunteers are needed to help, and donations of Bake Sale items and food & drinks for Concessions are also needed. Please sign up through the Volunteering webpage.

SPONSORSHIPS: HSA is looking for [business sponsors](#) for the Fun Run and for the Fun Run/Field Day t-shirts.



Congratulations to the OLSS winners of the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest!

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| ✎ K: Alexander B. | ✎ 6 th : Aidan B. |
| ✎ 1 st : Declan M. | ✎ 7 th : Elana D. |
| ✎ 2 nd : Aubrey M. | ✎ 8 th : Lucie O. |
| ✎ 3 rd : Lilianna F. | ✎ Special Awards:
Sunny G. & Aibhilin F. |
| ✎ 4 th : Stella B. | |
| ✎ 5 th : Charlotte A. | |

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- **Apr. 29:** Purple Tag Day
- **Apr. 30, 9am-2pm:** Spring Bazaar

MAY

- **May 2, 6pm:** HSA Meeting
- **May 3:** Earth Day Planting
- **May 4:** May Crowning Ceremony
- **May 6, 6pm:** Seminarian Send-Off Picnic
- **May 13:** 12:30 Dismiss/Staff Appreciation
- **May 20:** Fun Run & Field Day
- **May 24:** No School - Principals Meeting
- **May 27:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **May 30:** No School - Memorial Day

JUNE

- **Jun. 1:** 8th Grade Clap-Out
- **Jun. 3:** Last Day for PK
- **Jun. 3, 6:30pm:** 8th Grade Graduation
- **Jun. 6:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Jun. 7:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Jun. 8:** Last Day /10:30am Dismissal

SPRING BAZAAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

9:00am - 2:00pm

CRAFTERS, VENDORS,
YARD SALE, CONCESSIONS,
AUCTIONS, RAFFLES, & MORE!

LOCATION

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

For more information or vendor inquiries, please contact
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