



Dear OLSS Families,

I, for one, am so glad that we are entering the Spring of the year and things seem to be getting back to normal. It will be so refreshing to be able to gather in person for events and to recreate that sense of community. I am excited to begin the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and to celebrate all those traditions that make us uniquely OLSS!

Speaking of tradition, I am excited to announce that we will be reviving an OLSS tradition. Starting next year, we will be returning to our original OLSS uniform, which will highlight our quintessential plaid. Recently, the Catholic Schools Office invited us to showcase our school by posting pictures of our students in their school-specific plaids. This was the catalyst for my decision to return to our roots.

Uniforms for PK and K will not change. The new school uniforms for students in Grades 1-8 will be:

- **Boys in Grades 1-8:** Light blue polo or button-down shirt with navy shorts or pants.
- **Girls in Grades 1-5:** Light blue polo or blouse with plaid jumper.
- **Girls in Grades 6-8:** Light blue polo or blouse with plaid skirt, navy shorts, or navy pants.

**GIRLS UNIFORMS, GRADES 1-8**



- Socks/Tights:
- With skirts & jumpers: White or navy knee-high socks or tights
  - With pants & shorts: White or navy fold over socks
- Footwear:
- Grades 1-5: All-white or all-black sneakers OR brown boat shoes
  - Grades 6-8: Brown boat shoes
  - All-white or all-black sneakers with PE uniform

**BOYS UNIFORMS, GRADES 1-8**



- Socks: White or navy crew socks
- Footwear:
- Grades 1-5: All-white or all-black sneakers OR brown boat shoes
  - Grades 6-8: Brown boat shoes
  - All-white or all-black sneakers with PE uniform

We are currently setting up our new uniform items with online school uniform retailers French Toast, Lands End, and Tommy Hilfiger, and will share the info to shop with them soon. Except for the plaid jumpers and skirts, uniform items may be purchased at local stores such as Target, Walmart, and Old Navy.

I realize that some parents purchase uniforms in the next size when they are on sale and want to respect the money spent. Students will not be expected to have the new uniform on the first day of school for the 2022-23 school year; rather we will have a transition period, with the new uniforms to be worn exclusively (i.e., no more navy/khaki pieces) starting with the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the school year, on **October 28, 2022**.

If your child outgrows the khaki uniform and/or you would like to purchase the new uniforms sooner, students may start wearing the new uniform after Easter break, on **April 25, 2022**.

Grace and Peace,  
*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*

## NEWS & REMINDERS:

### Congratulations to our students who won awards in the American Legion's Americanism Essay Contest!

- 🇺🇸 Sam H. won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Grade 7-8 Group
- 🇺🇸 Lucie O. won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Grade 7-8 Group
- 🇺🇸 Daniel D. won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Grade 5-6 Group
- 🇺🇸 Annalisa A. won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Grade 3-4 Group & 2<sup>nd</sup> place at State Level



**APRIL LUNCH HELP:** Please sign up [here](#) to help with April lunches. Virtus Program completion is required.

**ADW ANNUAL APPEAL:** This year's ADW Annual Appeal theme is "From God's Abundance, Our Gifts of Charity" to remind us that everything we have and share with others is from our loving Father. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church and sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of those within and beyond parish boundaries. Please consider a commitment to the 2022 Annual Appeal this weekend. Learn more at [appeal.adw.org](https://appeal.adw.org). Those wishing to receive the Catholic Active Parishioner Grant towards school tuition will need to respond "yes" to the question regarding donation to the Annual Appeal on the application form.

**EASTER EGGS:** Student Council is requesting donations of small wrapped candies, trinket, stickers, etc. to fill eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Every \$30 of donations=1 Volunteer Service Hour. Please send donations **by Fri, Apr. 8.**

**CASCARONES:** Señora Dawn is looking for volunteers to make cascarones, which the students will crack open after Easter break. Please see the March 23 newsletter for more info. Each dozen of homemade cascarones = 1 volunteer service hour. Store-bought cascarones are also accepted; every \$30 of purchased cascarones = 1 volunteer hour.

**BOOST:** The Maryland BOOST Program provides scholarships for families who have lower incomes to enroll their children in nonpublic schools. Please click [here](#) for more info. The application deadline is **April 29.**

**PALM SUNDAY FUNDRAISERS:** We are hosting a Basket Auction and Bake Sale on Palm Sunday weekend, **Apr. 9-10** and are asking for donations of [themed baskets](#) and [bake sale items](#). Room Parents for each classroom are assisting with the collection of items to create a class basket; please contact your child's teacher or room parent for more info.

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

The parish is in need of altar servers to help at weekend Masses. Altar serving is a wonderful way to participate in the liturgy and serve the parish community. If you are interested in serving, please attend one of our upcoming trainings

**Saturday, April 2nd at 10am**  
**Monday, April 4th at 6pm**

Trainings are held in the Parish Church. Please contact Seminarian Conor Hardy with questions at [hardyc@adw.org](mailto:hardyc@adw.org).

Children and teens in grades 5-12 are welcome to serve.

Altar serving can be counted for religious education hours.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### APRIL

- **Apr. 6:** NJHS Induction Ceremony After Mass
- **Apr. 9-10:** Palm Sunday Basket Auction/Bake Sale
- **Apr. 12:** Easter Egg Hunt (all grades)
- **Apr. 13:** Last Supper Reenactment
- **Apr. 13:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Apr. 14-22:** No School - Easter Break
- **Apr. 23:** Fr. Alexander Gala
- **Apr. 30, 9am-2pm:** Spring Bazaar

#### MAY

- **May 4, 9:00am:** May Crowning Ceremony
- **May 13:** 12:30pm Dismissal/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. 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 of School/10:30am Dismissal