



December 9, 2020

Dear OLSS Families,

As we enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent, our thoughts should be turning more and more to the coming of Christ at Christmas. As we move on the the second candle on our Advent wreaths, our sense of expectation increases, as does our recognition of the fact that we are not prepared, not only for the first coming of Christ that we will celebrate in a few weeks, but for His Second Coming at the end of time. As we light our Advent wreaths and engage in our Advent devotions, we refocus our minds and hearts on the Savior of the world.

I am taking this time to remind our students of the Advent Charities that our school is supporting. I have asked them to do a few chores around the house to earn some money that they could donate or use to purchase a gift or item that would help bring comfort to another person less fortunate than they are. Let us do all that we can to bring joy to others during this wonderful time of the year.

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Thompson



## SANTA SHOP

The children had so much fun at the Santa Shop this week!

A HUGE thank you to Heather Hankins, who organizes the Santa Shop. Mrs. Hankins shopped for the gifts throughout the year, set up the shop, decorated the school, made reindeer food for all the children, and ran the shop. We are so grateful for her dedication and for making this event so special for our students!

We would also like to thank all the moms who spent hours wrapping hundreds of gifts for the children to take home. We have so many dedicated volunteers who are making wonderful memories for our children!



## NEWS:

**CHRISTMAS TAG DAY:** We will have a Christmas-themed clothing Tag Day on **Fri, Dec. 18**. Children should bring a \$1 donation for a charity that our Student Council will select.

**HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS:** Please see the flyer with today's news to order gifts cards from our Holiday Gift Card Program. **Orders must be placed by next Mon, Dec. 14**, and will arrive by next Fri, Dec. 18.

**REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR:** We will open re-registration for existing families for the 2021-2022 school year in January, and registration for new families in February. We will send the dates and more information out in early January.

**BRICK WALKWAY CAMPAIGN:** We will be selling bricks that honor the nuns of The Sisters of Divine Providence, which will be placed in the the sidewalk leading to the main entrance of the school building. Bricks will be laser etched with the name of the nun you choose, or with your own personal message. The website to place orders is being set up and more info will be included in next week's newsletter.

## REMINDERS:

**BASKETBALL FUNDRAISERS:** Our Athletic Director is currently selling several fundraising items including chocolate bars, mugs, and Advent items. Items may be purchased after weekend Masses or paid for through the online school and sent home with your child.

**SCHOOLSTORE.COM:** OLSS has joined [SchoolStore.com](https://www.schoolstore.com), an online shopping mall where online merchants including Walmart, Kohls, & Best Buy give a percentage of sales to schools. This is a great way to support our school when you shop online. You can also purchase a Caring for Classrooms gift card that will directly help your child's classroom with supplies.

**VIRTUAL LEARNING WEEK:** We will have a Virtual Learning week and the school campus will be closed the week after Christmas Break; **January 4-8**.

**LIFETOUGH RETAKES:** Lifetouch portrait retakes will be done on **Thu, January 14**.

**MINTED FUNDRAISER:** Shop holiday cards at [Minted.com](https://www.minted.com) and save 20% on your purchase, and Minted will donate 15% to OLSS! Use code FUNDRAISEOURLADYSTAR.



## ADVENT CHARITIES

Each class is participating a service project to support local charities for the Advent Season:

- PK-1<sup>st</sup>: Project Echo Homeless Shelter
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: SMILE – Christmas gifts & stocking stuffers
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Calvert Animal Welfare League
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Birthright Pregnancy Support Center
- 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: SMILE – Christmas gifts & stocking stuffers

**SMILE donation deadline is Dec. 11.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### DECEMBER

- Dec. 9, 4:30-8pm: Spirit Night at Ruddy Duck
- Dec. 18: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Dec. 21-Jan. 3: No School - Christmas Break

### JANUARY

- Jan. 4-8: VIRTUAL LEARNING WEEK
- Jan. 13: End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan. 14: Lifetouch Portrait Retakes
- Jan. 15: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Jan. 18: No School – MLK Day
- Jan. 31-Feb. 6: Catholic Schools Week