



# Our Lady Star of the Sea School

*An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith*

**Newsletter: September 14, 2016**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope to see at least one parent from every school family at Back to School Night tonight, which will begin promptly at **7pm**. After presentations in the Providence Room, parents are invited to visit their children's classrooms to meet with teachers. Items covered during Back to School Night will include:

- Information on "Plus Portal", our new parent portal system for student data
- Volunteer opportunities and Committee descriptions from our Home & School Association
- OLSS Robotics Teams, with info provided by Team Leader Jim Moore
- OLSS's Seahawks Basketball Teams
- Changes to the Hot Lunch Program
- The Admissions Director from St. Mary's Ryken High School will be available to answer questions

I look forward to seeing everyone tonight!



## THANK YOU:

A big thank you to our Librarian, Mrs. Angela Ingelido, for organizing and running the Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you also to parents who helped with the Book Fair, made purchases, and donated books to our classrooms.



## NEWS:

**Hot Lunch Program:** Our Hot Lunch Program Director, George Klein, has been working hard to find ways to improve our Lunch Program. Effective **Oct. 1**, the following changes will take effect:

- 1) Hot lunches will be cooked four days per week
- 2) Fast food will be served one day per week
- 3) The price of lunch tickets will be reduced from \$4 to \$3/ticket.

Thank you to George, Susan Cole, and volunteers for all the work they put into providing healthy and delicious lunches for our children!

**Band Program:** If you would like to register your child for the Archdiocesan Music Program, please mail your registration form and payment directly to them. Band & music lessons start on **Mon, Sep. 26**.

**OLSS Basketball:** Registration for OLSS's Basketball teams for boys in grades 4-8 and girls in grades 5-8 is now open! Registration and Waiver forms were included with last week's news. Please turn them into the School Office **by Sep. 23**. More info on practice schedules will be coming out soon.

**Spirit Night:** We will have our first Spirit Night at Sweet Frog in California on **Thu, Oct. 6** from **4-9pm**! Mention OLSS when ordering, and Sweet Frog will donate 25% of the sale to our school.

**Grandparents' Day:** Our annual Grandparents/Grandfriends Day will take place on **Mon, Oct. 24**. More info and invitations will be sent home with students in early October.

I am pleased to introduce our recently elected Student Council for the 2016-17 school year:

**President:** Anthony Pensenstadler (8<sup>th</sup>)

**Vice President:** Lauren Weber (6<sup>th</sup>)

**Secretary:** Gemma Tamburri (6<sup>th</sup>)

**Treasurer:** Cassandra Massiglia (6<sup>th</sup>)



# FROG Full Rely on God



## **FROG IT CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK:**

Our students are given a FROG IT challenge every week to help them spread God's word. This week's Challenge is to get to know someone at OLSS who you haven't spoken to before.



Reps from St. Mary's Ryken High School came to OLSS yesterday to give a presentation and information about their school to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

Thank you to the three OLSS alumni, Jacob Halterman (12<sup>th</sup>), Marymargaret Quinn (9<sup>th</sup>), and Rhiannon Tamburri (9<sup>th</sup>), who also came to answer questions and talk about their experiences and student life at Ryken.



## **REMINDERS:**

**Emergency Forms:** Please complete & return the "Emergency Contact" form to school ASAP.

**Family Survey:** Please complete and return the ADW Family Survey ASAP (one survey per family).

**Car Rider Signs:** Please display your car rider sign on your dashboard during the afternoon car line. If you need additional signs, please contact the School Office.

**Scantron:** Scantron baseline testing in Math, Reading, and Religion will take place during the week of **Sep. 19-23** for grades K-8. Please be sure your child is well rested and has a healthy breakfast on testing days, and avoid scheduling doctor appointments during testing times.

**Spirit Night:** Please support our Spirit Night at Roy Rogers in Solomons on **Mon, Sep. 19** from **5-8pm!** Mention OLSS when ordering, and Roy Rogers will donate a portion of the sale to our school.

**Virtus Training:** OLSS is hosting a Virtus Child Protection training class on **Thu, Sep. 22**. Please register in advance through your online Virtus account to attend.



Please sign up through the school website's "Volunteer Opportunities" page if you can help with any of the following events:

### **Hot Lunch Program**

Help prepare, serve, and clean up for school lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays.

### **Sep. 19, 5-8pm: Roy Rogers Spirit Night**

Greet visitors & answer questions about our school.

### **Oct. 6, 4-9pm: Sweet Frog Spirit Night**

Greet visitors & answer questions about our school.

### **Oct. 8 & 9: OLSS Table at PRAD**

Help with set-up, cleanup, and working at the OLSS Sand Art table at the PRAD Festival at Calvert Marine Museum.

### **Oct. 24: Grandparents Day**

Help is needed with set-up, cleanup, and donating brunch dishes.

### **Oct. 29: OLSS Table at Annmarie Garden**

Help with set-up, cleanup, and working at the OLSS table at "Halloween in the Garden".

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **SEPTEMBER:**

- **Sep. 14, 7:00pm:** Back to School Night
- **Sep. 19, 5-8pm:** Roy Rogers Spirit Night
- **Sep. 22, 6:30pm:** Virtus Training Class at OLSS
- **Sep. 30:** 12:30pm dismissal (Fair Day)

### **OCTOBER:**

- **Oct. 6, 4-9pm:** Sweet Frog Spirit Night
- **Oct. 7:** No School – Collaboration Day
- **Oct. 20:** Lifetouch Portraits Make-Up Day
- **Oct. 24:** Grandparents Day
- **Oct. 28:** 12:30pm dismissal–Teacher Development

God Bless,

*Mary Bartsch*

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