



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

January 5, 2022

Dear OLSS Families,

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas! I thank you all for the generous Christmas gifts, cards, and wishes! The best gift is the joy I receive every day while spending time with your children, helping them grow in mind, body, and spirit. I am looking forward to a joyful, productive, and faith-filled 2022.

I take the liberty to borrow the words of Saint Pope John Paul II to echo my New Year's wishes for you:

"I wish you a year filled with serenity and happiness: may you always be certain of God's love for you. As he did 2,000 years ago, Christ comes today with his saving Gospel to guide the uncertain and faltering steps of people and nations, leading them towards a future of true hope. I ask him to bless this moment of festivity and good wishes, that it may be the promising beginning of a new year filled with joy and peace. Let us enter the Year '2022' with our eyes fixed on the mystery of the Incarnation. Christ, yesterday, today, and for ever. To him belong time and the ages. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen! I thank you. Happy New Year to all. Praised by Jesus Christ!" (*Jan. 1, 2000*)

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal

NEWS & REMINDERS:

VIRTUAL WEEK: We apologize for the delay in scheduling the pickup of materials for the current week of Virtual Learning. Our school families' and staff's safety is always our top priority, and with the lasting effects of Monday's storm, we want to ensure the roads are safe for everyone to travel.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS: We are delighted to have four new students starting with us this month! Rafaella L. is from Peru and is visiting our 6th grade for two months. Kenneth N. is joining our 3rd grade, and Ascher F. and Josie J. will be in our PK. Please welcome these families to our school community!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week, a national celebration of the value of Catholic Education in the US, from Jan. 30 - Feb. 5. The schedule of events will be out shortly.

OPEN HOUSES: We will have Open Houses on Feb. 1 and Feb. 3 from 3:30-5:30pm by appointment only. Please encourage any interested friends and family to visit.

PARISH HELP NEEDED: OLSS Parish is looking for volunteers to run the Coffee & Donut Socials on Sun, Jan. 30 and Sun, Feb. 6 after the 11am Masses. This would count towards your Volunteer Service Hours. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4CA4AC2BA4F94-olss21>

BASKETBALL: SMYBL has paused basketball games for the month of January, and practices through Jan. 14. Practices are tentatively planned to resume the week of Jan. 17 and the games at the beginning of February. SMYBL plans to complete the season in its entirety, with the season running through at least the end of March.

REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023: We will open re-registration for existing families for the 2022-2023 school year later this month, and registration for new families in February.. More info will be out soon.

SANTA SHOP DONATIONS: If you have any leftover from the holiday, we would greatly appreciate gently used or new Christmas gift bags (any sizes), jewelry boxes, and bubble wrap for the 2022 Santa Shop. Thank you!

LUNCH HELP: We need volunteers to help with lunch this month. Please sign up [here](#) if you can help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- Jan. 3-7: Virtual Learning Week
- Jan. 14: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Jan. 14: End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan. 17: No School - MLK Day
- Jan. 30-Feb. 4: Catholic Schools Week

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 1. 3:30-5:30pm: Open House (by appointment)
- Feb. 3. 3:30-5:30pm: Open House (by appointment)
- Feb. 18: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Feb. 21: No School - Presidents Day