



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: March 8, 2017

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We had a beautiful start to the Lenten season last week, with our the children celebrating Mardi Gras with a parade around the school, followed by our Ash Wednesday Mass the next day. Lent offers us a very special opportunity to change our hearts and to grow in our relationship with God. We are called to deepen our commitment to a way of life which is rooted in Christ. Lent is a beautiful season of returning to God, embracing his love and forgiveness.

Dr. Seuss Day!

Everyone had fun celebrating Dr. Seuss Day last week!



Our Teachers did an amazing job decorating their classroom doors like Dr. Seuss book covers!



Pre-K made Green Eggs & Ham, and read Seuss books with their 8th grade buddies.



Kindergarten read *The Butter Battle Book* & made their own butter.



Our Hot Lunch Program served Green Eggs & Ham for lunch.

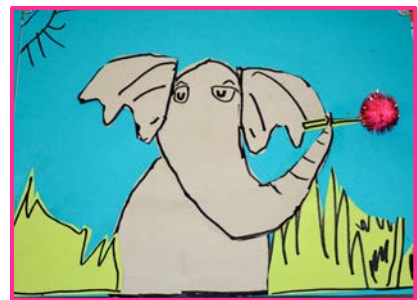
NEWS:

Math-a-thon: For the past 30 years, OLSS students have participated in the St. Jude's Math-a-thon and raised over \$51,000 to support cancer research for children. If your child would like to participate this year, info is enclosed in today's yellow folders. The deadline to turn in sign-up forms is this **Fri, Mar. 10**. Students have a choice of a paper Math-a-thon book, or completing it online. The deadline to turn in donations is **Mon, Apr. 10**.

Lenten Recipes: Traditionally, Catholics abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent. Mrs. Daniela Rallis will be sending a meatless recipe with our weekly news. Thank you Daniela for providing this!

Mis-Matched Sock Day: **Tue, Mar. 21** will be a Mis-Matched Sock Day in honor of World Down Syndrome Day.

Golf Tournament: The 7th Annual Seahawks Golf Tournament will be held on **Fri, May 12**. Please see the flyer with today's news, or visit the website at: <http://www.olss.org/2017-golf-tournament.html>



Many grades made Dr. Seuss art projects.

REMINDERS:

Lenten Coin Drive: During Lent, we will be collecting coins for the Sisters of Divine Providence's project to buy bricks to build a school, as follows:

- Mar. 6-10: pennies
- Mar. 13-17: nickels & dimes
- Mar. 20-24: quarters



Stations: Students will be visiting Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent, starting **Fri, Mar. 10.**

March Tag Day: **Fri, Mar. 17** will be a \$1 Tag Day, for St. Patrick's Day or green clothing.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH:

- **Mar. 10, 8:30-11am:** Open House
- **Mar. 17:** St. Patrick's Day Tag Day
- **Mar. 12:** Advanced Band Festival
- **Mar. 17:** \$1 St. Patrick's Day Tag Day
- **Mar. 21:** Mis-matched Sock Day
- **Mar. 24:** Maryland Day Celebrations
- **Mar. 24:** PK-K-1st-2nd Field Trip
- **Mar. 26:** Basketball Awards Ceremony
- **Mar. 28:** 5th & 6th Field Trip
- **Mar. 29:** End of 3rd Quarter
- **Mar. 31:** 12:30pm dismissal

APRIL:

- **Apr. 8-9:** Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Basket Auction
- **Apr. 12:** 12:30pm Dismissal / Start of Easter Break
- **Apr. 13-21:** Easter Break
- **Apr. 29:** Fr. Alexander Gala

FROG IT CHALLENGE:

This week's Challenge is to speak with your family about forgiveness.



Baked Goods Are Needed for the



to benefit Our Lady Star of the Sea School
After Masses in the Providence Room

Donations of baked goods gratefully accepted on Friday, April 7 at OLSS School, or before Masses on Saturday and Sunday. May be individually wrapped, or whole breads, cakes, etc.

This is a great way to earn volunteer hours! Each dessert donated = one volunteer hour.

Please sign up to donate items through the "Volunteer Opportunities" page of the school website.

God Bless,
Mary Bartsch
Mrs. Mary Bartsch, Principal

SATURDAY,
APRIL 8 and
SUNDAY,
APRIL 9



Palm Sunday **BASKET AUCTION**

We will be holding our annual Palm Sunday Basket Auction fundraiser after Masses on Palm Sunday weekend. OLSS families put together and donate themed baskets, which are placed out for viewing and bidding in Silent Auction style in the Providence Room on Palm Sunday weekend. The highest bidder wins the basket. Proceeds benefit our school.

There are many creative ideas for baskets! For example, a "Movie Night" themed basket could contain a DVD, popcorn, candy, etc.

Suggestions for basket themes are:

Cooking/grilling, Gardening, Coffee, Sports, Easter, Wine, Bath, Beach, Father's Day, Mother's Day, Picnic, Toys

Please consider donating a basket for this fundraiser. Donations are credited toward Volunteer Service Hours; every \$25 spent equals one volunteer hour. Baskets may be sent to the school starting April 3. Please attach a tag listing the contents.

Please sign up online through the "Volunteering" page on our school website if you are able to donate a basket. Thank you for your support!