



January 8, 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As the new year begins, let us pray that it will be a year of peace and happiness for all. As we embark on 2020, I look forward to working with our teachers, staff, parents, and parish to continue to make Our Lady Star of the Sea School the best that it can be.



NEWS :

Scantron Testing: K-8th grades will have mid-year Scantron standardized testing in Math and Reading from Jan. 13-23.

Open Houses: We will host two Open Houses this month; **Sun, Jan. 26, 12-1pm** and **Fri, Jan. 31, 8:15-9am.**

Catholic Schools Week: From **Jan. 27-Feb. 2**, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week, a national celebration of the value of Catholic Education in the US. The schedule of events will be out shortly.

Ledo's Spirit Night: We will be holding a Spirit Night at Ledo's Restaurant in Lusby on **Tue, Jan. 28 from 4-8pm.** Ledo's will donate 10% of your purchase to our school.

Talent Show: Our annual Talent Show will be held on **Fri, Jan. 31 at 10am.** The info and permission form is included with today's news.

5th Grade: Our 5th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Terrie Ratliff, will be leaving OLSS effective Jan. 18. We will notify parents as soon as her replacement has been confirmed. Mrs. Ratliff would like to share the following letter with school families:

It is with sadness and appreciation that I write to inform you that I will be leaving OLSSS at the end of the 2nd Quarter. Personal circumstances will prevent me from doing my best. I was blessed to be part of a learning community with a superb faculty, staff, and administration within a caring community. I will continue to keep you in my prayers.

*Gratefully,
Mrs. Ratliff*

REMINDERS :

PK Dismissal: Pre-K dismissal for full-day students will now be 3pm, to ensure the safety of all students and to streamline our carline procedure.

Lunch Tickets: School lunch is now \$4. Lunch tickets may be purchased from the School Office, or from the [online school store](#).

Basketball: The Seahawks play this Sat, Jan. 11 at Cardinal Hickey Academy: 10am JVG, 11am VG, 12:15pm VB, & 1:30pm JVB.

Youth Rally: The OLSS Youth Ministry is organizing a trip to the Youth Rally & Mass for Life on **Fri, Jan. 24.** For more info & tickets, please see <https://www.olssyouth.org/youth-rally-and-mass.html>

UPCOMING EVENTS :

- **Jan. 17:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Jan. 17:** End of 2nd Quarter
- **Jan. 20:** No School - MLK Day
- **Jan. 26, 12-1pm:** Open House
- **Jan. 26-31:** Catholic Schools Week
- **Jan. 28, 4-8pm:** Ledo's Spirit Night
- **Jan. 31, 8:15-10am:** Open House
- **Jan. 31, 10am:** Talent Show
- **Jan. 31:** 12:30pm Dismissal

Grace and Peace,
Jennifer Thompson
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Interim Principal

*"Let all that you do
be done in love."*
1 Corinthians 16:14

STEM CHALLENGE: SNOWBALL CATAPULTS

Yesterday, our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade worked together to create snowball launchers using only popsicle sticks, rubber bands, a spoon and a binder clip. They got to test different designs and see which team could launch a "snowball" the farthest. Our farthest launch was over 16 feet!

