

October 13, 2021

Dear Parents,

Please take the time to review our Home & School Association's info pack included with today's news. It contains info on upcoming events and fundraising opportunities with local stores and online companies that donate a portion of their sales to our school when you shop with them. We just received a check from Weis Markets for \$508.27 from their Weis 4 School Program, which you can sign up for online so that a portion of your purchases are contributed to the school. As always, we greatly appreciate your support!



Grace and Peace, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson Principal

NEWS:

BEFORE CARE: We are finally able to offer Before Care Services. We apologize for the delay and appreciate your patience as we took the extra time to assure that we met all MSDE required protocols and certifications. We will begin Before Care on **Mon, Oct. 18.** Before Care starts at 6:30am. Please contact the office if you are interested in registering your child(ren) for this program.

HSA MEETING: Please join us for an All School HSA Meeting on Mon, Oct. 18 at 6pm. We will be discussing our upcoming fundraisers and community events and would like your input. We are also looking for someone to co-chair our annual Turkey Trot event in November. The Zoom link is: Topic: My Meeting Time: Oct. 18, 6pm Join Zoom Meeting: <u>https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6826643577?pwd=aDNhd2xEVjRGdkFidnlxc1pGY2hzZz09</u> Meeting ID: 682 664 3577

Passcode: Seahawks!

GRANT: OLSS received a second grant from the Maurice I. Long Foundation for technology purchases. This money will be used to purchase full class Chromebooks and iPads as well as a charging Station. We are very grateful for their support of our school!

CONTEST: OLSS School is a nominee for "Best Private School" in the Southern Maryland News Reader Approved 2021! Please vote at <u>www.somdnews.com/contests</u>

FAITH & BLUE: On **Oct. 18,** Calvert County Sheriff's Office will give a presentation for OLSS students for <u>National Faith & Blue</u> Program. To thank them, students can bring in blue-themed treats, such as foods in blue wrappers or blue Gatorade. Please send donations in **by Oct. 15.** We want to show our local law enforcement officers our gratitude and thank for all they do for our community.

RYKEN OPEN HOUSE: St. Mary's Ryken High School is having an Open House on **Sun, Oct. 24 at 1pm.** Please see the flyer with today's news for more info. Families can tour the campus, meet the President, Principal, staff and students, and learn more about Ryken's college preparatory, Catholic environment for students in grades 9-12.

FIRE DEPT VISIT: On **Mon, Oct. 25**, Solomons Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad will visit OLSS students to discuss their roles in the community. If you would like send in donations of red and white snacks, candy, etc., we will give them to the responders that day. Please send donations in by **Oct. 22**.

REMINDERS:

UNIFORMS: Winter school uniforms start **Oct. 15**. Please read the Parent/Student Handbook thoroughly regarding proper uniform code. Belts must be worn with uniform pants. Students in grades 1-8 may wear a navy crewneck, navy cardigan, or OLSS PE sweatshirt over their school uniform. Hair must be regulation length, skirts must be regulation length, knee-high socks or tights should be worn with skirts.

FLU SHOTS: Calvert County Health Dept. is offering free flu vaccinations for PK-5th graders at OLSS on **Mon, Oct. 18.** If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine, please fill out a <u>consent form online</u>, read the <u>Vaccine Information Statement</u>, and sign up <u>here</u>.

OLSS ADVISORY BOARD: The School Advisory Board is currently looking for two additional members to complete the membership for the 2021/2022 school year. This position is typically a three-year term, but is flexible. If interested, please email Mrs. Thompson at <u>principal@olsss.org</u>. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 16 at 6pm.

OCTOBER RAFFLE: The 8th Grade class will be holding a Halloween-themed raffle this month from Oct. 13-27 to raise money for their graduation fund. Tickets are \$.50 each or 3 for \$1.00 and may be purchased online <u>here</u> or at school by sending in money in a clearly marked envelope.

TRUNK OR TREAT: We will have a Trunk or Treat for OLSS students on **Thu, Oct. 28** from 9:30-11:00am. Volunteers are needed to host trunks and donate candy. Trunk setup is at 8:30am, and the event will be over by 11:15am. Please sign up to host a trunk <u>here</u>.

ALL SAINTS DAY: We will celebrate All Saints Day on **Mon, Nov. 1**. Children may bring Saint costumes to school to change into for a Parade of Saints in the afternoon.

YARD SALE: There will be a Yard Sale at the Fall Bazaar on **Nov. 6**, and we would appreciate donations of gently used items. A flyer with more info and donation drop-off times is included with today's news.

