



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

January 13, 2021

Dear OLSS Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming our students back to the campus on Tue, Jan. 19. We are dependent on cautious behavior from everyone in our community to stay healthy and remain open for in-person instruction.

At this time, COVID numbers continue to climb, with an 8.7% positivity rate in Maryland and 12.6% in Calvert County as of Jan. 9. It is of utmost importance to remain cautious in our activities and monitoring our families' health. Please assess your child for any changes in their health every morning, prior to coming to school. It is always better to err on the side of caution if your child is not feeling well.

Please review the Decision aid on the main school webpage to re-familiarize yourself with current protocols. If any family members develop symptoms on the COVID decision aid, or if ANYONE in the family or in close contact with your family has received a COVID test, all students within that family should quarantine and remain virtual learners until test results are received or quarantine is completed. Students are NOT allowed to be in the building if someone within the household OR someone they have had close contact with has a pending COVID test. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our school nurse by email to schoolnurse@olsss.org or by calling the office at (410) 326-3171.

Stay happy, healthy, and holy!

Mrs. Thompson

NEWS & REMINDERS:

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: From Jan. 31-Feb. 5, 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. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, we will not be able to have many of our traditional events, such as the Talent Show.

OPEN HOUSES: We will have Open Houses on Feb. 2, 3, & 4 from 3:15-4:30pm, by appointment only. Please encourage any interested friends and family to attend.

LIFETOUCH RETAKES: Lifetouch Portraits retakes are scheduled for Thu, Feb. 4.

BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER: Our Athletic Director is selling candy bars through March. Purchases may be made through the online school store; if you would like to pay by cash or check, please contact Gladys Nehf at 410-562-2625.

REGISTRATION FOR 2021-22: Re-Registration for current families to enroll for the 2021-22 school year will open shortly. Registration for new families will open in February. Spaces are given on a first-come, first-serve basis so we encourage you to complete your registration ASAP. The fee is \$150 per family.

SPECIAL MASS: We are honored that Cardinal Wilton Gregory from the Archdiocese of Washington will be at the OLSS school mass at 9am on Wed, Jan. 27. School parents may attend this mass, but may not sit with their child's class.

QUILT RAFFLE: Tickets for the [Quilt Raffle](#) are \$5/each or five for \$20 and may be purchased from the [online school store](#). The drawing is Wed, Feb. 3 during the School Mass.

BRICK WALKWAY CAMPAIGN

We are selling bricks, laser etched with your personal message, which will be placed in the sidewalk to the main entrance of the school. There are different sizes available, with prices ranging from \$100-\$165. Please go to <https://polarengraving.com/olss> to order. Payment may be by check or through the online school store.

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Dear OLSS Families,

Happy 2021! On behalf of the HSA Executive Board, we wanted to reach out to our incredible OLSS families to thank you for all the support this fall. With your help, we have raised \$23,000 of our \$35,000 budget! We are planning several events this spring that will require your help to ensure success and give you plenty of opportunities to accumulate your volunteer hours. Please keep your eye out for this information in coming newsletters. We also wanted to take a moment to thank the fabulous teachers and staff that keep this amazing school going! We are very fortunate to have all of them in our students' lives.

We have been utilizing Facebook to post pop-up volunteer opportunities, so please make sure to "like us". Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any ideas, questions or suggestions at olsss.hsa@gmail.com.

God Bless,

Katie Wingenter (HSA President)

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

JANUARY

- Jan. 4-15: VIRTUAL LEARNING WEEKS
- Jan. 15: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Jan. 18: No School – MLK Day
- Jan. 20: End of 2nd Quarter
- Jan. 27: Report Card Distribution
- Jan. 27, 9am: Mass with Cardinal Gregory
- Jan. 31-Feb. 6: Catholic Schools Week

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2, 3:15-4:30pm: Open House (by appt.)
- Feb. 3, 3:15-4:30pm: Open House (by appt.)
- Feb. 3: Quilt Raffle Drawing
- Feb. 4: Lifetouch Portraits Retakes
- Feb. 4, 3:15-4:30pm: Open House (by appt.)
- Feb. 12: \$1 Valentines Tag Day
- Feb. 12: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Feb. 15: No School - Presidents Day
- Feb. 16: Shrove Tuesday | Mardi Gras
- Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday | Start of Lent

YEAR DEDICATED TO SAINT JOSEPH



From December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021, the Holy Father Pope Francis declared a year dedicated to St. Joseph, Jesus' foster father. Pope Francis established this year to St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will.

St. Joseph was a holy man who was close to God. He listened and obeyed God. He is the husband of Mary and known as the foster father of Jesus. He is called the "Guardian of the Redeemer" because God asked him to care for Jesus. As missionaries, we ask St. Joseph to intercede for us so that daily, our prayer can be to listen and follow God's will.

St. Joseph is the patron saint of unborn children, fathers, workers, travelers, immigrants, and a happy death.