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September 29, 2021

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow is a Tag Day for the Feast of the Guardian Angels, and we would like to use this as an opportunity to help our sister school, Little Flower Catholic School near Punta Gorda, Belize. Because of the pandemic, their students are still learning virtually, which unfortunately means not many students are receiving an education because most families cannot afford computers and internet service. They could greatly use our financial assistance, as well as school supplies.



Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

Principal

As their guardian angels, we ask our students to bring in either school supplies (pencils, pens, crayons, pencil boxes, etc.) or a monetary donation in any amount for the Tag Day. School supplies will be collected through Oct. 15. All donations will go directly to Little Flower School and be made through our <u>online store</u>.

Thank you for helping us to support this school.





Thank you to OLSS School parent Mary Ruble for sharing these photos from the 2019 mission trip.

NEWS:

THURSDAY DISMISSAL: Our dismissal time for Thursday, Sep. 30 will be 12:00pm instead of 12:30pm due to the parking lot being needed for a large funeral in the Parish Church.

WINTER UNIFORMS: Winter school uniforms (pants instead of shorts) **start Monday, Oct. 4**. If the weather is warm, we may decide to continue summer uniforms longer, and will notify parents. Students may continue to wear PE shorts on their PE day through the end of October.

SWEATSHIRTS: Students in grades 1-8 may wear a navy crewneck, navy cardigan, or OLSS PE sweatshirt over their school uniform. NO OTHER SWEATSHIRTS may be worn indoors during the school day.

OCTOBER LUNCH HELP: If you have completed the Virtus Program and would like to volunteer to help with lunch in October, please 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. The School Advisory Board will have a main focus of working out details related to our increase in enrollment and the necessary expansion to our campus. If interested, please email Mrs. Thompson at principal@olsss.org. Our next meeting is scheduled for November 16 at 6 pm.

BAND PROGRAM: The ADW Band Program will be starting again this fall, with a new instructor. This program is open to students in grades 4-8 for flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, or drums. Please see the flyer with today's news for more info and to register. There will be an instrument demonstration on **Tue, Oct. 5 at 1:30pm** for Grades 4-6 and new students in 7-8 who are interested.

ROBOTICS AND CODING CLUBS: The following Robotics Clubs are now forming: Lego Robotics for Grades 3-8, Vex IQ Robotics for Grades 5-8, Vex Robotics for Grades 5-8, Scratch Programming for Grades 5-8 and Advanced Programming for Grades 6-8. Online Programming Clubs will meet once or twice a week in the evening online. Robotics Clubs will most likely meet Friday evenings at OLSS. To sign up, send your child's name, grade, and interest in either robotics or programming to Jim Moore at imooreiii@gmail.com. Feel free to email Jim or call in the evenings at 443-536-1265. Many thanks to him for organizing these clubs for our students!



REMINDERS:

LABELS: Please write your child's name on the tag of their PE sweatshirt. Children take their sweatshirts off outside and they get mixed up or lost.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: On **Sat, Oct. 2 at 9:30am**, Fr. Ken will hold a Blessing of the Animals in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. All pets are welcome to receive a blessing!

FLU SHOTS: Calvert County Health Dept. is offering free flu vaccinations for PK-8th 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 here.

TRUNK OR TREAT: We will have a Trunk or Treat for students on **Thu, Oct. 28** during the school day. Volunteers are needed to host trunks and donate candy. More info on signing up will be out soon.

FALL BAZAAR: More info on volunteer opportunities at the Fall Bazaar on Nov. 6 will be out soon.

SHUTTERFLY FUNDRAISER: HSA has organized a fundraiser with Shutterfly, who will donate 8% of each purchase to our school when made through our school storefront.



BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Registration is now open for OLSS School's Seahawks Basketball teams!

- Boys in grades 4-8 and girls in grades 5-8 are welcome to join.
- OLSS is a member of the Southern Maryland Youth Basketball League (SMDYBL) and plays other Catholic/ Christian school teams in Southern Maryland.
- Practices are held at gyms in Lusby & Prince Frederick and will start in mid-October.
- Please complete the registration form & submit by Sep. 29

T-SHIRTS & HOODIES

- Please see the flyers with today's news to order OLSS Seahawks Basketball hoodies (for team members & coaches) and t-shirts (for anyone).
- Orders can be placed through the online school store or by turning in completed forms with payment.
- Deadline for orders is Oct. 15.



SEPTEMBER

- **Sep. 30:** \$1 Tag Day
- **Sep. 30:** 12:00pm Dismissal

OCTOBER

- · Oct. 1: No School Fair Day
- · Oct. 10: Solomons Fire Dept. Visit
- Oct. 11: No School Columbus Day
- · Oct. 18: Flu Shots
- · Oct. 21: Lifetouch Portraits Retakes
- · Oct. 28: End of 1st Quarter
- · Oct. 28: Halloween Tag Day
- · Oct. 28: Trunk or Treat
- · Oct. 29: No School

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1: All Saints Day
- · Nov. 6, 9am-2pm: Fall Bazaar
- Nov. 11: No School Veterans Day
- · Nov. 12: No School Conferences
- · Nov. 23: Turkey Trot Fundraiser
- **Nov. 23:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- Nov. 24-26: No School Thanksgiving

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