



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

August 30, 2023

Dear OLSS Families,

I hope all of our students are adjusting well to being back to school. Our school motto is "Let Everything You Do Be Done in Love". To do everything in love means to rejoice in the truth of God and to trust in Him. We can make choices each day out of love that result in being patient, kind, and forgiving. We can live in ways that reflect obedience and trust in God by doing everything in love.

As a reminder, I am always available to answer any questions parent/guardians may have. Feel free to contact me by email to principal@olsss.org or calling the School Office at (410) 326-3171.

Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal

NEWS:

FRIDAY/MONDAY: This **Fri, Sep. 1** is a 12:30pm dismissal, and there is no school on Labor Day.

KINDNESS SHIRTS: Students should wear their Kindness Shirts on **Tue, Sep. 5** with school uniform bottoms (i.e. shorts or skirts/jumpers). If you requested another shirt, the shipment will arrive soon and we will send the shirt home with your child.

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS: Two amendments have been made to the 2023-24 Parent/Student Handbook; Health section on Page 8. Changes are noted in red:

- 1) If a child is running a fever, the parent must come to the school **as soon as possible and within 30 minutes**.
- 2) If a child is diagnosed with head lice, he/she must be **completely lice-free** before returning to school.

CROSS COUNTRY: We would like to find out if students in grades 3-8 would be interested in participating on a Cross Country team to represent our school. If we have enough interest, students will have the opportunity to train with two of our parent volunteer coaches who grew up running track and field and have knowledge and training to offer to our students.

Students would have the opportunity to participate in up to 3 meets (middle school only) between Sep. and Oct., competing against other local parochial schools. The first meet would be Sep. 12 or 13, a second meet at the end of September, and one more in October.

Team will consist of 3rd-8th graders for training purposes, but only middle school will compete in the meets due to the length of the course. Most middle school XC courses are two miles which is developmentally not appropriate for anyone younger than 6th grade. If you and your student are interested, please email our School Nurse, Mrs. Brandi Hutchins, at schoolnurse@olsss.org.

REMINDERS:

ADW FAMILY SURVEY: Please return your ADW Family Survey form ASAP.

ROOM PARENTS: If you are interested in being a Room Parent, please email our HSA Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Klasko, at library@olsss.org.

SCHOOL PORTRAITS: Legacy Studios portraits are **Mon, Sep. 11**; more info on ordering packages will be sent home shortly. Students should wear dress clothes to school. Retakes are Oct. 23.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT is **Tue, Sep. 12, starting at 6:30pm** and is for parents/guardians only. After introducing our teachers, we will share info on the HSA and volunteering. Parents will then visit their children's classrooms for three 15-minute sessions.

FINGERPRINTING: Safe Hire Solutions will be on site to do fingerprinting at Back to School Night on **Tue, Sep. 12 from 6-8pm**. The cost is \$70, payable by cash or check. Pre-registration [here](#) is required.

PICNIC: Join us for the OLSS Parish & School Picnic on **Sun, Sep. 24, 12-4pm** to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the school AND the feast day of Our Lady Star of the Sea! RSVP [here](#).



Students have been enjoying Music classes with our new Music Teacher, Ms. Maria Gamble, and our previous Music Teacher, Mrs. Debbie Smedley, who has kindly been helping out!



OLSS SEAHAWKS BASKETBALL



Registration is now open for Basketball!

- All students in grades 5-8 are welcome to join.
- OLSS is a member of the Southern Maryland Youth Basketball League (SMYBL) and plays other Catholic/Christian school teams in Southern MD.
- Practices are held at gyms in Lusby & Prince Frederick and will start in mid-October.
- Please submit registration forms by **Sept. 16**.

Basketball Hoodies & T-shirts:

- 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 forms with payment.
- Deadline for orders is **Oct. 14**.



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

September 2-10, 2023
OLSS Providence Room

SCHEDULE:

- Sat, Sep. 2:** After 4pm Mass*
- Sun, Sep. 3:** After Masses*
- Tue, Sep. 5:** 8:30am-3:30pm
- Wed, Sep. 6:** 8:30am-3:30pm
- Thu, Sep. 7:** 8:30am-3:30pm
- Fri, Sept. 8:** 8:30am-6:00pm
- Sat, Sep. 9:** After 4pm Mass*
- Sun, Sep. 10:** After 8am & 11am Masses*



Visit [Scholastic Book Fair](https://www.e-wallet.com) for e-wallet shopping

*Please enter the Providence Room through the patio doors on weekend dates

OLSS SCHOOL PARENTS:

- 50% of purchases go towards volunteer hours
- 100% of purchase price for books donated to classrooms or Library goes toward volunteer hours



Book Fair volunteers are needed! There are opportunities for those who have completed the Virtus Program and those who have not.

Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4CA4AC2BA4F94-book1>

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT AT AUDI FIELD



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
7:30 PM

JOIN US IN YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR TO CHEER ON THE BLACK AND RED WITH FAMILIES IN OUR ADW CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!



BUY TICKETS: [BIT.LY/ADWSOCCER](https://bit.ly/adwsoccer)



ADW is excited to invite the #ADWcommunity to an evening of soccer and fun at the upcoming DC United Catholic Schools Family Night game hosted by the Catholic Schools Office on **Saturday, Sep. 23**.

Tickets are available at a discounted rate: <https://fevogn.com/event/CatholicschoolsDCU>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER

- Sep. 1:** First Friday Mass
- Sep. 1:** 12:30pm Dismissal (Labor Day)
- Sep. 2-10:** Scholastic Book Fair
- Sep. 4:** No School - Labor Day
- Sep. 5:** Wear Kindness Shirt
- Sep. 11:** Legacy Studios Portraits
- Sep. 12, 6:30pm:** Back to School Night
- Sep. 12, 6-8pm:** Virtus Fingerprinting Session
- Sep. 24, 12-4pm:** OLSS Parish & School Picnic
- Sep. 27, 9am:** 90th Anniversary Mass
- Sep. 28:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- Sep. 29:** No School - Calvert Fair Day