



December 14, 2022

Dear OLSS Families,

One of the many blessings of Catholic schools is that we make celebrating the season of Advent a priority and help our children to understand that the real reason for our expectant joy leading up to Christmas is not hope of the presents under the tree, but the hope and gift of Jesus Christ - the light of the world coming to transform us so that we can transform our world. Since Advent began, our students have reflected as they lit the candles of Advent wreaths in their classrooms and hung ornaments on our Jesse Tree every morning. We thank every family who contributed so generously to the Advent charities for each class this season. The act of giving to others who are less fortunate helps children learn empathy and realize that the things they have are not a given for everyone in this world.

We wish all of our school families and friends a happy and holy Christmas and holiday season. May God bless you and your family with love, grace and mercy.

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal



NEWS & REMINDERS:

FRIDAY: This Friday, Dec. 16 is a 12:30pm dismissal. Students will be doing activities all morning, including bingo, making STREAM gingerbread houses (grades 3-8), and Christmas caroling in the Providence Room. Because the morning will be extremely busy, if students need to leave early, they must be picked up before 10:30am. We will not be dismissing any students between 10:45am-12:30pm.

TAG DAY: This Friday is a free Tag Day. Students can wear Christmas-themed or red and green clothing, following the dress code guidelines on pg. 18 of the [Parent/Student Handbook](#).

KoC EVENT: The OLSS Knights of Columbus are hosting a Seminarian Breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 18 from 9-11am in the Providence Room.

TABLETS: Students from OLSS received tablets from the K-12 Education Outreach Program Manager from the Strategic Education Office at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division Patuxent River. We are very grateful, and we look forward to engaging in further STEM opportunities in the New Year!



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are getting new carpeting in classrooms next week and need volunteers to help move furniture out of the rooms Monday-Thursday between 9am-3pm. Virtus Program completion is not required and it is a great opportunity to get volunteers hours done. Sign up [here](#).

ALL STUDENTS are participating in the Christmas concert in the Parish Church TOMORROW at 6:30pm. Children should wear their best Christmas clothes and arrive at the church by 6:15pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 🎄 Dec. 15, 6:30pm: Christmas Concert
- 🎄 Dec. 16: Free Christmas Tag Day
- 🎄 Dec. 16: 12:30pm Dismissal
- 🎄 Dec. 19-Jan. 2: No School-Christmas Break

JANUARY

- 👤 Jan. 2: No School
- 👤 Jan. 3: School Resumes
- 👤 Jan. 13: 12:30pm Dismissal
- 👤 Jan. 16: No School – MLK Day
- 👤 Jan. 20: End of 2nd Quarter
- 👤 Jan. 29-Feb. 4: Catholic Schools Week