



January 3, 2024

Dear OLSS Families,

As we begin 2024, we are filled with gratitude for the wonderful community at our school. The start of a new year brings with it the chance to grow spiritually, academically, and as a community. As we embark on this new chapter, let us draw inspiration from the teachings of Christ and the values that guide us. May the light of faith illuminate our path, and may we continue to foster a nurturing environment where love, compassion, and understanding flourish. May 2024 be a year of abundant joy, prosperity, and spiritual fulfillment for each and every one of you. We are blessed to have you as part of our OLSS family, and we look forward to continuing this journey of faith and education together.

Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal

NEWS & REMINDERS:

WELCOME BACK! We are delighted to have our 6th grade teacher Mrs. Frederick back after having to have time off for a broken leg. We are also happy to welcome back Garcon and Jaden F., and Colton V. to our classes!

LUNCH HELP: Please sign up to help with January lunches [here](#)..

JAN. 12 & 15: Fri, Jan. 12 is a 12:30pm dismissal, and there is no school on Mon, Jan. 15 for MLK Day.

OPEN HOUSES: We will be hosting Open Houses on Jan. 19 & Feb. 1. Please share with friends or family interested in our school.

RE-REGISTRATION: On Jan. 29, families will receive an email to complete re-registration for the 2024-25 school year. Admissions for new families opens Feb. 12. We encourage you to complete re-registration ASAP to secure a spot for your child(ren) for 2024-25.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 28-Feb. 2. We are looking for volunteers to give presentations about their jobs for Career Day on Fri, Feb. 2; please email Ms. Quade at grade3@olsss.org if interested.

ADW TUITION ASSISTANCE: The deadline to apply for the [ADW Tuition Assistance Program](#) for the 2024-25 school year is Feb. 16. Log into your TADS account and select "Financial Aid Application".

Families must apply for ADW Tuition Assistance every year to be eligible to apply for OLSS Tuition Assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY

- ❄️ **Jan. 8-12:** Kindness Week
- ❄️ **Jan. 12:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ❄️ **Jan. 15:** No School - MLK Day
- ❄️ **Jan. 19:** End of 2nd Quarter
- ❄️ **Jan. 19, 9-11am:** Open House
- ❄️ **Jan. 26:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ❄️ **Jan. 28 - Feb. 3:** Catholic Schools Week
- ❄️ **Jan. 29, 7-8am:** Pastries for Parents

FEBRUARY

- ♥️ **Feb. 1, 9-11am:** Open House
- ♥️ **Feb. 3:** Polar Plunge
- ♥️ **Feb. 5:** Wear Kindness Shirt
- ♥️ **Feb. 12:** \$1 St. Valentine's Tag Day
- ♥️ **Feb. 13:** \$1 Mardi Gras Tag Day
- ♥️ **Feb. 14:** Ash Wednesday/Start of Lent
- ♥️ **Feb. 16:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ♥️ **Feb. 19:** No School - Presidents' Day

SAVE THE DATE!

Fr. Alexander Gala - Saturday, May 4

KINDNESS WEEK: JANUARY 8-12

Kindness Week plays an essential role in fostering a positive and supportive learning environment for our children. Students will engage in activities that help develop important social and emotional skills such as empathy, teamwork, and conflict resolution, which are vital for academic success and overall well-being

Each day next week is a Kindness-themed Spirit Day. Clothing must follow Tag Day Dress Code regulations.

- **Mon, Jan. 8: "Dream of Kindness" – Wear PJs to school**
- **Tue, Jan. 9: "Kindness Rocks" – Dress up as a rock star**
- **Wed, Jan. 10: "Tied Together by Kindness" – Wear a tie with uniform**
- **Thu, Jan. 11: "Shine Bright for Kindness" – Wear bright colors**
- **Fri, Jan. 12: "Never Too Old for Kindness" – Dress up as an old person; \$1 Tag Day**