



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: November 9, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

There is no school this **Fri, Nov. 11** in observance of Veteran's Day. As it is November, a month dedicated to prayers for the dead, we remember the many members of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who have served to protect our country.



NEWS:

Basketball Program Fundraiser: We will have Bake Sales after Masses this weekend - **Sat, Nov. 12 & Sun, Nov. 13** - to benefit the Seahawks Basketball Program. Anyone can get volunteer hours for baking! Please drop off baked good donations at school on **Thu, Nov. 10 or Fri, Nov. 11**.

Cans Needed: Our Art teacher is collecting empty soup cans for a Christmas art project with the students. If you have any to contribute, please send them in to the School Office.

Live Nativity Scene: We need volunteers to participate in the Live Nativity Scene in front of the Historic Church during the Solomons Christmas Walk on **Fri, Dec. 2 & Sat, Dec. 3**. Costumes are provided, shifts are just 30 minutes, and participants can enjoy cookies & hot chocolate afterwards! Please sign up through the Volunteer Opps webpage or go directly to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0948a9ad2ea0ff2-live>

Santa Shop: The Santa Shop will be held on **Wed, Dec. 7** in the Chesapeake Room to allow students to buy Christmas gifts for their families. PK & K students' buddies will assist them with their shopping. Santa Claus will visit and take photos with the children. After shopping, students enjoy Christmas cookies and hot chocolate. **Many volunteers are needed to contribute to this event;** please see the flyer i with today's news, and sign up online to help.

KoC Contest: The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster concert. Please see the info in yellow folders today. Entries are due **by Nov. 22**.

Band Concert: OLSS's Beginner and Advanced Band Christmas Concert will be held on **Mon, Dec. 5 at 7:00pm** at St. John's School in Hollywood. It will be held separately from the school Christmas concert this year.

Christmas Concert: Our Annual Christmas Concert, which includes all of our students, will be held on **Thu, Dec. 15 at 7:00pm**. More info on dress, etc. will be sent home in December.

THANK YOUS:

Many thanks to Darnelle Fisher for organizing the Bull & Oyster Roast fundraiser held last Saturday at Vera's Restaurant, and to the volunteers who assisted with the event, which raised approximately \$2,000 for our school! We are grateful to Vera's for hosting this fundraiser, and for their continued support of OLSS.

Thank you to Connie Gott for chairing the Claire's Gourmet fundraiser, and to volunteers who helped sort the large delivery that arrived yesterday. Orders totaled over \$10,000, which resulted in a profit of approximately \$3,100 for the school. Thank you to all those who participated in this fundraiser!

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OLSS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sat, Nov. 19, 9am-2pm

The Christmas Bazaar will feature over 50 local crafters & vendors. This is a great opportunity to purchase unique gifts, and support local artists!

There will also be a Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Yard Sale, Visits with Santa, and Concessions.

- ❖ **RAFFLE TICKETS:** The Grand Prize for the Raffle is \$1,000, First Prize is \$300, and Second Prize is \$200. Tickets are \$1/each, six for \$5, twelve for \$10, or 24 for \$20. Tickets may be purchased from the School Office, or at the Bazaar. The drawing will be held on Dec. 3.
- ❖ **YARD SALE:** We are grateful for any gently used items that you can donate for the Yard Sale. Items may be dropped off from Nov. 11-18.
- ❖ **VOLUNTEERS:** We are in need of volunteers for numerous positions at the Bazaar. Please sign up online if you can help out.
- ❖ **BAKE SALE:** We would appreciate baked good donations for the Bake Sale table. One plate of items equals one volunteer service hour!
- ❖ **SPONSORSHIPS:** Please consider sponsoring the Bazaar with a monetary contribution to help offset the cost of food and drink items that will be sold. Please see the Sponsorship flyer with last week's news. One volunteer service hour can be recorded for every \$25 donated.

REMINDERS:

PE Classes: The new PE class schedule is:

- **THURSDAYS:** PK, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, & 8th

- **FRIDAYS:** K, 1st, 4th, & 5th

Family Thanksgiving Feast: This will be held on Wed, Nov. 16 at 11:30am. The RSVP date has closed and we are not able to sell any more tickets.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: We are hosting a food drive to help the SMILE Food Pantry put together Thanksgiving meals for families in need in our community. Please send in donations **by Nov. 18**.

Turkey Trot: Our 7th Annual Turkey Trot will be held on Tue, Nov. 22. Students should wear their PE uniforms to school that day.

2017-18 Tuition Assistance: The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is accepting applications for tuition assistance for the 2017-18 school year **through Dec. 2**. Please use the link on the school website to apply.

FROG Full Rely on God



This week's challenge is to learn about the many different Saints and how they spread the Catholic faith. Each day, an 8th grader is presenting a Saint to the student body at prayer time, and the students are challenged to do acts of kindness like the saint.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER:

- **Nov. 11:** No School - Conferences
- **Nov. 16, 11:30am:** Family Thanksgiving Feast
- **Nov. 19, 9am-2pm:** Christmas Bazaar
- **Nov. 22:** Turkey Trot /Middle School Lunch
- **Nov. 22:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Nov. 23-25:** No School - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER:

- **Dec. 5, 7pm:** Band Concert at St. John's
- **Dec. 7:** Santa Shop
- **Dec. 15, 7pm:** Christmas Concert
- **Dec. 16:** 12:30 Dismissal
- **Dec. 19-Jan. 2:** Christmas Break

God Bless,

Mary Bartsch

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