A TOPHOS CANADA

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

October 26, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please continue to monitor your children for flu and COVID symptoms, and do not send them to school if they are exhibiting any symptoms. Students who exhibit ANY new onset symptoms must remain home and contact our School Nurse for further testing instructions. Students experiencing illness MUST provide either proof of documented negative COVID test (either by testing at school or a provider) or documented alternative diagnosis of flu, ear infection, etc.. Students who experience illness may not return to school without this documentation.

Please assist us in preventing further flu and COVID outbreaks which could result in additional school closures. If you have any questions, please contact our School Nurse, Mrs. Hutchins, by calling the office or email to schoolnurse@olsss.org

Stay Happy, Health, & Holy!

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson Principal

Calvert County Sheriff's Office visited Monday for the Faith & Blue program. Deputies from their patrol, motor, K-9, and Special Operations Team demonstrated the important role law enforcement has in keeping our communities safe. We thank them for visiting our school and for keeping our community safe!





Thank you to everyone who donated blue treats for the deputies!

NEWS & REMINDERS:

- OCTOBER -

MUSIC TEACHER: We are searching for a part-time music teacher for the current school year. Please contact Mrs. Thompson if you are interested.

RAFFLE: 8th Grade has a Halloween-themed basket raffle to raise money for their graduation fund. Tickets may be purchased online <u>here</u>.

SOLOMONS FIRE DEPT. VISIT: Solomon Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad will visit tomorrow. Thanks to everyone who donated red items for them!

TRUNK OR TREAT: Our Trunk or Treat for OLSS school and parish families is tomorrow **from 5:30-7:30pm.** Sign up to volunteer <u>here</u>.

OCT. 28: There is no school on **Friday, Oct. 28** for Teacher Collaboration Day.

TAG DAY: \$1 Halloween Tag Day is **Mon, Oct. 31**. Students may wear appropriate Halloween-themed or orange and black clothes. **NO HALLOWEEN COSTUMES, HAIR DYE, OR MAKEUP ALLOWED**.

BOON FUNDRAISER: Please register for the Boon fundraiser. If a classroom has 50% registration, the teacher will receive \$100 gift card to help their classroom. Order may be placed through Oct. 31.

- NOVEMBER -

ALL SAINTS DAY: We will celebrate All Saints Day on **Tue, Nov. 1**. Children may wear Saint costumes to school **over their school uniform** for a Parade of Saints at 8:30am to the church for 9am Mass. No weapons of any kind are allowed as accessories.

FIELD TRIP: Grades 3, 4, & 5 will be going on a Social Studies/History field trip on **Nov. 3**.

CONFERENCES: Please sign up for mandatory Parent/Teacher Conferences for K-8th grades at: **NOV. 9:** http://www.olsss.org/conferences-nov-9.html **NOV. 10:** http://www.olsss.org/conferences-nov-10.html

NOV. 10: http://www.oisss.org/conferences-nov.-10.ntm

VETERAN'S DAY: There is no school on **Fri, Nov. 11** for Veteran's Day.

BASKETBALL BAKE SALE: The OLSS Basketball program will be holding a Bake Sale fundraiser after Masses on **Nov. 12 & 13**. Volunteer service hours may be earning by donating baked goods.

TURKEY TROT: Our Turkey Trot fundraiser will be held on **Tue**, **Nov. 22**. More info will be out soon.

THANKSGIVING BREAK: Tue, Nov. 22 is a 12:30pm dismissal, and there is no school **Nov. 23-25.**.

NEWS & REMINDERS:

- DECEMBER -

ADW TUTTION ASSISTANCE: Applications for the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program for the 2023-2024 school year are due by December 2. You must apply for this Program every year. To apply, log into your TADS account and select "Financial Aid Application". Families must submit an application for ADW Tuition Assistance before applying for additional OLSS School-based tuition assistance.

ADVENT CHARITIES: Each class will select a local charity to sponsor during the Advent season. Teachers will discuss the missions of the charity and send info home on what donations are needed.

SANTA SHOP: The Santa Shop will be held on **Dec. 5-7** during school hours. Each class will shop for gifts for their families, visit and have their photo with Santa, and have Christmas cookies and hot chocolate after shopping. Gifts are \$4/each. More info and shopping lists to complete and return will be sent home in November.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: We will have a Christmas Choral Concert in the Parish Church on **Dec. 15 at 6:30pm.** More info to come.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LUNCH HELP

Dates: Nov. 1-4, 7-9, 14-18, 21-22, 28-30

Sign up here

BASKETBALL PROGRAM BAKE SALE

Dates: Nov. 12-13 after Masses

Please bring donations of baked goods to church on

Sat, Nov. 12.

4-6 dozen cookies/brownies = 1 volunteer hour

1 decorated cake = 1 volunteer hour

Email Gladys Nehf <u>4nehf@comcast.net</u> for more info

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Dates: Nov. 18 (set up) and 19 (event, clean up)

Sign up to volunteer here

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - BAKE SALE

Date: Please send labeled baked goods (cookies, brownies, pies, cakes, etc.) in on Fri, Nov. 18 4-6 dozen cookies/brownies = 1 volunteer hour 1 decorated cake = 1 volunteer hour

SANTA SHOP

Dates: Dec. 4 setup; Dec. 5-6-7 event Please send in cookie donations on Dec. 5 4-6 dozen cookies = 1 volunteer hour More info and sign up <u>here</u>

FIELD TRIP FUN!

PRIDE OF BALTIMORE II



3rd, 4th, & 5th grades walked into Solomons to visit the Pride of Baltimore II, a reproduction of an early 19th century Baltimore clipper.







HORSMON FARM PK, Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd grades went to Horsmon Farm in St. Leonard to learn about Farm to Table and experienced a local agricultural farm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- **Oct. 27, 5:30-7:30pm**: Trunk or Treat
- * Oct. 27: End of 1st Quarter
- * Oct. 28: No School-Collaboration Day
- * Oct. 31: \$1 Halloween Tag Day

NOVEMBER

- Mov. 1: All Saints Day (8:30 Parade, 9:00 Mass)
- **Nov. 3:** 3rd, 4th, & 5th Field Trip
- Nov. 9: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 10: No School Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Mov. 11: No School Veterans Day
- Nov. 19, 9am-2pm: Christmas Bazaar
- Nov. 22: Turkey Trot
- **Nov. 22:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- Mov. 23-25: No School Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

- A Dec. 5-7: Santa Shop
- **Dec. 15, 6:30pm:** Christmas Choral Concert
- **Dec. 16:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Dec. 19-30:** No School Christmas Break