



# Our Lady Star of the Sea School

*An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith*

**Newsletter: January 11, 2017**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we move into the second half of the school year, let us reflect upon our decision to give our children a Catholic education, and the reasons we have chosen to do so. The legacy of a Catholic education is more than the academic knowledge imparted to our students; it is the development of a deep and abiding sense of faith, the realization of the value of moral character, and the inspiration of a life-long journey of learning; all within a caring and supportive school community.

## WELCOME:

Please join us in welcoming the Hermann family to OLSS! Haley joined our 1<sup>st</sup> grade class this week. We are delighted to have another family at our school!

## CELEBRATING THE EPIPHANY:

Last Friday, we had a special Mass for the Epiphany.



Three of our students dressed as the Kings and brought gifts of frankincense, gold, & myrrh.

After, we had Rosca de Reyes, a Spanish American cake traditionally eaten on January 6. Baby Jesus trinkets are hidden in the bread, which some of our lucky students (and a teacher!) were delighted to find!



Many thanks to our Spanish teacher, Señora Dawn, for celebrating this special tradition with us!



## NEWS:



We are excited to announce our schedule of events for Catholic Schools week, which will take place from Jan. 29–Feb. 4. Please see the schedule with today's news. Highlights of the week include:

### Sun, Jan. 29:

- 10:45am: Opening of CSW Mass. Please plan to attend this Mass with your children, wearing their school uniforms, to show support for our school.
- 12-1pm: Open House after Mass; please encourage interested friends and family to visit.

### Mon, Jan. 30:

- 7-8:30am: Pastries for Parents: Please join us for breakfast to celebrate our school community!
- 5-8pm: Roy Rogers Spirit Night
- Operation Shoebox; students will make care packages for active duty military

### Tue, Jan. 31:

- 1pm: Talent Show: We look forward to seeing our students share their talents! Family members are welcome. Please make sure forms are turned in.
- Tag Day: Student may wear sports jerseys and bring in a \$1 donation, to go to Catholic Charities.
- Free Lunch: A generous school family has donated lunch to students and staff this day. Students may choose a Chick-Fil-A sandwich or a salad.

### Wed, Feb. 1:

- 9-10am: Open House; please encourage interested friends and family to visit.

### Thu, Feb. 2:

- Bay Studies Presentation by Natural Resource Specialist from PAX River

### Fri, Feb. 3:

- 2pm: Ice Cream Social
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders teach lower grades

## REMINDERS :

**This Friday is a 12:30 dismissal. There is no school on Mon, Jan. 16 in observance of MLK Day.**

**Basketball:** Varsity Teams play in the SYBL Mid-Season Tournament this weekend; **Jan. 14-16.**

**Scantron:** Mid-Year Scantron testing for K-8<sup>th</sup> grades will take place next week; **Jan. 17-20.**

**Tuition Incentive Program:** Please encourage friends and family to visit one of our Open House, or contact the office to schedule a visit to the school. If a new family you refer enrolls at OLSS, and designates you as their referring family, we will contact you to notify you of your possible tuition savings.

**Pre-K Info Day:** We are having an Info Day for our Pre-K program for the 2017-18 school year on **Wed, Jan. 25 from 8-10am.**

**Re-Registration & Admissions:** Re-Registration for the 2017-18 school year opens **Jan. 29.** Current families will receive an email from OLSS/TADS with instructions. Admissions for new families opens **Feb. 12.**

**Open Houses:** We are having Open Houses on **Sun, Jan. 29, 12-1pm,** and **Wed, Feb. 1, 9-11am.** Volunteers are needed to greet visitors and help give tours; please sign up through the school website if you can help.

**Youth Rally:** Middle School students are attending the Youth Rally & Mass for Life on **Jan. 27.** Permission forms and info are in today's yellow folders.

**Volunteers Needed:** Many volunteers are needed to help with the Alumni Players event; as waiters/waitresses (age 18+), kitchen help (age 18+), and bussers (age 12-17). We are also in need of a Chair for this event. Please sign up through the volunteer site.



### **FROG IT CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK:**

This week's Challenge is for our students to discuss what their Catholic education means to them.



### **OLSS ALUMNI PLAYERS PRESENTS**

#### **Performance Dates:**

<b>FRI, JAN. 27</b>	<b>FRI, FEB. 3</b>
<b>SAT, JAN. 28</b>	<b>SAT, FEB. 4</b>

**Tickets: \$40**

**includes buffet dinner, drinks, & performance**

**Call (410) 231-0168 for reservations**

## UPCOMING EVENTS :

### **JANUARY**

- **Jan. 13:** 12:30pm dismissal – Teacher In-Service
- **Jan. 16:** No School – MLK Day
- **Jan. 25, 8-10am:** Pre-K Info Day
- **Jan. 27:** Middle School Trip - Youth Rally in DC
- **Jan. 27 & 28, 6pm:** Alumni Players Dinner Theatre
- **Jan. 29 - Feb. 4:** Catholic Schools Week
- **Jan. 29, 10:45am:** Opening Mass for CSW
- **Jan. 29, 12-1pm:** Open House
- **Jan. 30, 7-8:30am:** Pastries for Parents
- **Jan. 30, 5-8pm:** Roy Rogers Spirit Night
- **Jan. 31, 1pm:** Talent Show

### **FEBRUARY**

- **Feb. 1, 9-11am:** Open House
- **Feb. 3, 2pm:** Ice Cream Social
- **Feb. 3-4, 6pm:** Alumni Players Dinner Theatre
- **Feb. 10:** 12:30pm dismissal; Teacher In-Service
- **Feb. 20:** No School – President's Day

God Bless,

*Mary Bartsch*

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