



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: November 22, 2016

Happy Thanksgiving

Dear Parents & Guardians,

On behalf of the administration, faculty, staff and students, we wish you all a wonderful time with your family as you share the Thanksgiving holiday together.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, food and shelter, health, the love we have for one another, our family, and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

Mary Bartsch, Principal

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BASKETBALL PEP RALLY:

Last Friday was our Pep Rally to kick off the Basketball Season. The Spirit Committee did a great job decorating and getting everyone on their feet, and Solomon Seahawk joined in, too! The students have such a tremendous amount of school spirit! Thank you to Gladys Nehf for organizing the Pep Rally.



TURKEY TROT:

We had a great Turkey Trot today! Our students walked & jogged along the Solomons Boardwalk all morning in the chilly fall air. Afterwards, they warmed up in the Providence Room with hot chocolate.

A big thank you to Cindy Grater for running the Turkey Trot, and to the parents who helped out. We are grateful for all the Turkey Trot donations we have received from OLSS families!



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:

The 7th Annual OLSS Christmas Bazaar last Saturday was a huge success! Thank you to organizers Katie Franklin, Patti DiBonaventuro, Jessica Klasko, Monica McKenzie, Anne Cannedy. Thank you to Brian Quinn for being our Santa. And thank you to Fr. Mike for selling many Santas from his collection to benefit our school, and to our 6th grade students Lauren and Cassie, who sold their crafts to raise money for the school's basketball program!

Many school parents and parishioners worked at tables, donated bake sale & yard sale items, sponsored concessions, & purchased raffle tickets. Your support is greatly appreciated!



NEWS :

Food Drive: Thank you to all who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive to help local families.

Basketball Games: Please come out to support our Seahawks Basketball teams on **Sun, Nov. 27** as they play games at Ryken! It is a Home Spirit Game Day. OLSS will be hosting the Concessions stand to raise money for our basketball program. Please see the game schedule online.

Advent Charities: **Sun, Nov. 27** is the first Sunday of Advent. Each of our classes will be participating in a service project to support local charities for the Advent Season. More info will be sent home after Thanksgiving Break.

Raffle Drawing: The drawing for the Christmas Raffle will be held on **Dec. 3**. Thank you and good luck to all who purchased tickets!

Movie Night: HSA will be hosting a Movie Night in the Providence Room on **Fri, Dec. 9** at **6:30pm**, showing "Polar Express".

Coat Drive: We are collecting new and gently used coats in designated bins in the school lobby through Jan. 27 to support the ADW Catholic Schools and Catholic Charities "Coats of Many Colors Coat Drive".

REMINDERS :

Cans Needed: Please send empty cans for upcoming Art projects to the School Office.

Tuition Assistance: Please use the link on the school website to apply for ADW tuition assistance for the 2017-18 school year. The deadline is **Dec. 2**. *Any parent who plans to apply for financial aid through OLSS Parish must first complete this application in order to be considered for aid from Father Mike.*

Band Concert: Our Band Christmas Concert is **Mon, Dec. 5** at **7:00pm** at St. John's School in Hollywood.

Christmas Concert: Our School Christmas Concert will be held on **Thu, Dec. 15** at 6:30pm.

Children's Choir: Students in grades 4-8 are invited to join the Children's Choir to sing at the OLSS Live Nativity Scene on **Sat, Dec. 3**, from 6:30-8:30pm.

SANTA SHOP

Shopping lists & payments due Dec. 2!
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

- Please sign up online to help -

Tue, Dec. 6: Set up & decorate Chesapeake Room

Wed, Dec. 7: Assist shoppers, Wrap Gifts, Donate Cookies, Help at Cookie & Hot Chocolate Table

Thu, Dec. 8: Help with final shoppers & clean up



UPCOMING EVENTS :

NOVEMBER:

- **Nov. 23-25:** No School - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER:

- **Dec. 2:** Deadline to apply for ADW Financial Aid
- **Dec. 5, 7pm:** Band Concert at St. John's
- **Dec. 7:** Santa Shop
- **Dec. 9, 6:30pm:** HSA Movie Night "Polar Express"
- **Dec. 15, 6:30pm:** Christmas Concert
- **Dec. 16:** 12:30 Dismissal
- **Dec. 19-Jan. 2:** Christmas Break