



March 23, 2022

Dear OLSS Families,

The 4th Quarter of our school year is off to a busy start, and we have many events coming up through the end of the school year. Please read newsletters and review information and forms sent home in your child's yellow folder every Wednesday to stay up-to-date on school info.

Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal



5th grade graduated from the D.A.R.E. Program last week.



Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day on March 21.



Saint Patrick's Day Tag Day on March 17.



NEWS & REMINDERS:

DEACON CHAD: Happy Birthday to Deacon Chad. Thank you for celebrating Mass with us every Wednesday!

REPORT CARDS: 3rd Quarter Report Cards will be sent out on March 30.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Our Student Council is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for all grades on **Tue, Apr. 12**. We are requesting donations of small wrapped candies, trinket, stickers, etc. to fill the eggs. Every \$30 of donations = 1 Volunteer Service Hour. Please send donations into school **by Fri, Apr. 8**.

CASCARONES: Señora Dawn is looking for volunteers to make cascarnes (eggshells filled confetti or bird seed). Please see the letter on page 2 for more info. Each dozen cascarnes = 1 volunteer service hour.

FOOD DRIVE: Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington are hosting a [Lenten Food Drive](#). Please see the flyer with today's news for more info. Please send donations in by this **Friday, Mar. 25**.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE STUDY: One of our OLSS alumni, Claire Ruble (class of 2013) is working on a child development study at St. Mary's College. Please see the flyers with today's news if you would like to participate.

BOOST: The Maryland BOOST Program provides scholarships for families who have lower incomes to enroll their children in nonpublic schools. Please click [here](#) for more info. The application deadline is **April 29**.

PALM SUNDAY FUNDRAISERS: We are hosting a Basket Auction and Bake Sale on Palm Sunday weekend, **Apr. 9-10** and are asking for donations of [themed baskets](#) and [bake sale items](#).

GALA: OLSS Parish is hosting the 8th Annual Father Alexander Gala at the Solomons Inn Resort on **Sat, Apr. 23**. Tickets can be purchased [here](#). All proceeds will benefit families suffering from the war in Ukraine.

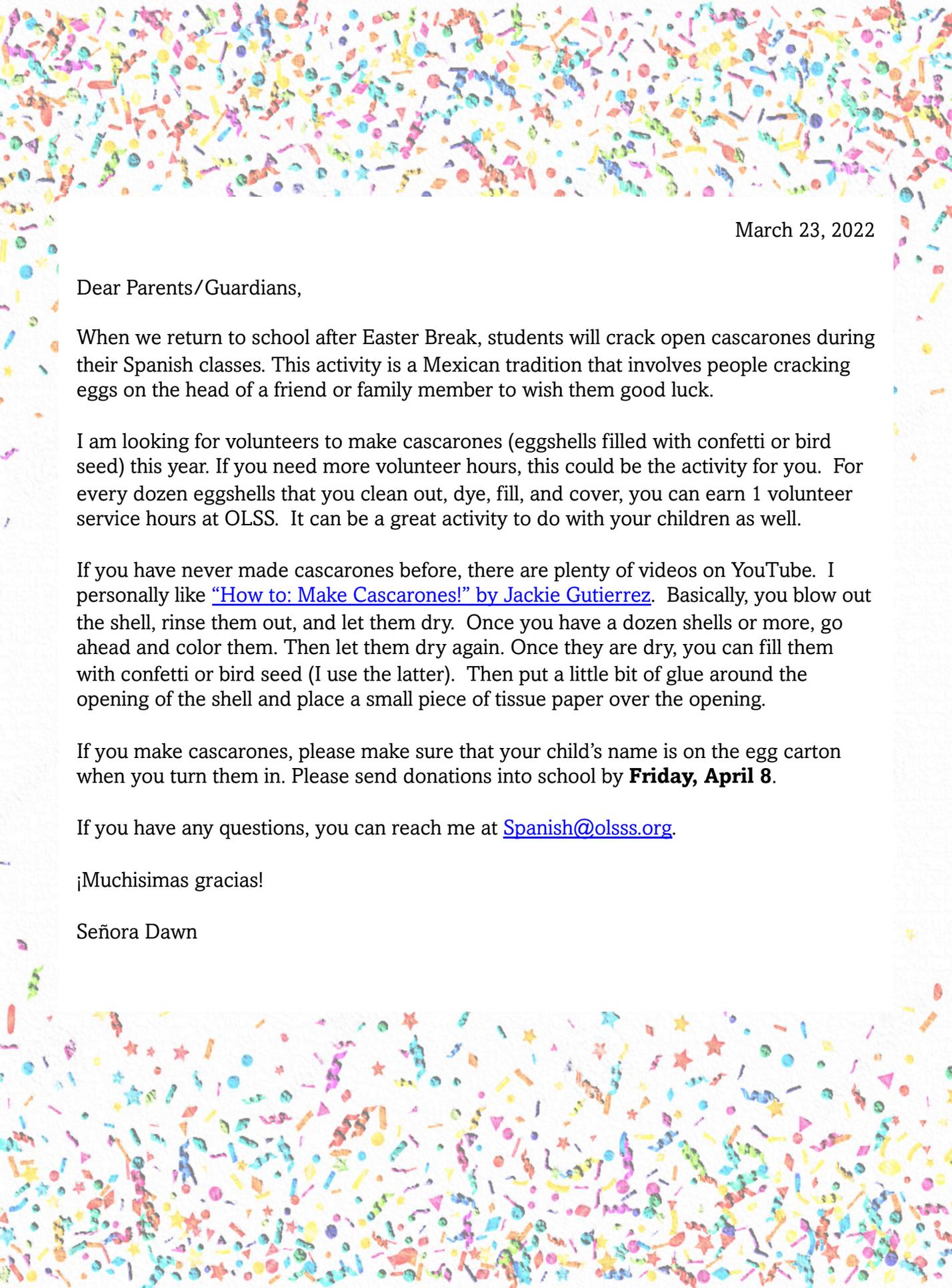
UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

- **Apr. 6:** NJHS Induction Ceremony After Mass
- **Apr. 9-10:** Palm Sunday Basket Auctions & Bake Sale
- **Apr. 12:** Easter Egg Hunt (all grades)
- **Apr. 13:** Middle School's Last Supper Reenactment
- **Apr. 13:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Apr. 14-22:** No School - Easter Break
- **Apr. 23:** Fr. Alexander Gala
- **Apr. 30, 9am-2pm:** Spring Bazaar

MAY

- **May 4, 9:00am:** May Crowning Ceremony
- **May 13:** 12:30pm Dismissal / Staff Appreciation
- **May 20:** Fun Run & Field Day
- **May 24:** No School - Principals Meeting
- **May 27:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **May 30:** No School - Memorial Day



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

When we return to school after Easter Break, students will crack open cascarones during their Spanish classes. This activity is a Mexican tradition that involves people cracking eggs on the head of a friend or family member to wish them good luck.

I am looking for volunteers to make cascarones (eggshells filled with confetti or bird seed) this year. If you need more volunteer hours, this could be the activity for you. For every dozen eggshells that you clean out, dye, fill, and cover, you can earn 1 volunteer service hours at OLSS. It can be a great activity to do with your children as well.

If you have never made cascarones before, there are plenty of videos on YouTube. I personally like [“How to: Make Cascarones!” by Jackie Gutierrez](#). Basically, you blow out the shell, rinse them out, and let them dry. Once you have a dozen shells or more, go ahead and color them. Then let them dry again. Once they are dry, you can fill them with confetti or bird seed (I use the latter). Then put a little bit of glue around the opening of the shell and place a small piece of tissue paper over the opening.

If you make cascarones, please make sure that your child’s name is on the egg carton when you turn them in. Please send donations into school by **Friday, April 8**.

If you have any questions, you can reach me at Spanish@olsss.org.

¡Muchisimas gracias!

Señora Dawn