



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

August 23, 2023

Dear OLSS Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Our Lady Star of the Sea School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2023-24 school year! We are looking forward to a productive, faith-filled partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and the school, and a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, and fidelity are the rule. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience.
- 2) Completes all homework assignments.
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills.
- 4) Prays daily to develop a love for God and a knowledge of their faith.
- 5) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.
- 6) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject.
- 7) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college, the military, or trade/vocational school.

Please consider participating in our school fundraisers and volunteer program as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions. We seek volunteers to help us in many areas throughout the year. Please check the "Volunteering" page of the school website for upcoming opportunities.

I am asking that you and your child(ren) review a copy of our school rules in the 2023-2024 Parent/Student Handbook, so that you and your child will be familiar with expectations and procedures. I ask that each student and their parent/guardian sign the School Handbook Acknowledgement Form and return a copy to the school by September 8, to be kept on file. (unless you have already submitted this form in TADS).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or to discuss them with your child's teacher. It is very important that you and your child are fully informed regarding standards related to appropriate behavior for a safe and productive school year.

The staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to working with your children this year.

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal



BACK TO SCHOOL



NEWS & REMINDERS:

LUNCHES: Please do not send in lunch items that need to be heated. We are not allowed to heat food for children due to MSDE safety regulations.

TAG DAY: We will host a Tag Day to benefit Little Flower School in Belize this **Fri, Aug. 25**. Students may wear red or blue and bring a donation of \$1, a composition book, a pack of pencils, or a pack of magic markers.

ROOM PARENTS: If you are interested in helping your child's teacher and class by being a Room Parents, please email our HSA Volunteer Coordinator, Mrs. Klasko, at library@olsss.org. If you have been a room parent in the past, we would like to give another parent the opportunity first.

ADW FAMILY SURVEY: ADW Catholic Schools Office collects income data annually on families in order to participate in federal and state programs, grants, and funding opportunities. All schools are required to participate to determine eligibility for federal education services. Please return your form ASAP.

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER:

SCHOOL PORTRAITS: Legacy Studios portrait day is **Mon, Sep. 11**; more info on ordering portrait packages will be sent home shortly. Retakes are scheduled for Oct. 23.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT will be held on **Tue, Sep. 12, starting at 6:30pm** and is for parents/guardians only. After introducing our teachers, Home & School Association President Katie Wingenter will share info on the HSA and volunteering. Parents will then visit their children's classrooms for three 15-minute sessions.

FINGERPRINTING: Safe Hire Solutions will be on site to do electronic fingerprinting at Back to School Night on **Tue, Sep. 12 from 6-8pm**. The cost is \$70, payable by cash or check. Pre-registration is required through this link: <https://secure.safehiresolutions.com/livescan-pre-registration-application/>

PICNIC: Join us for the OLSS Parish & School Picnic on **Sun, Sep. 24, 12-4pm** in the Providence Room to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the school AND the feast day of Our Lady Star of the Sea! Please RSVP using the form on this page. <https://www.olss.org/2023-parish-school-picnic> Guests are asked to bring: Last names A - H Finger foods & desserts, I - R Pasta, macaroni & potato salads, S - Z Vegetables & beverages.



OLSS FALL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR September 2-10

BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE:

- **Sat, Sep. 2:** After 4pm Mass
- **Sun, Sep. 3:** After 8am & 11am Masses
- **Tue, Sep. 5 – Fri. Sept. 8:** 8:30am–3:30pm
- **Fri, Sep. 8:** 3-6pm; shop after school
- **Sat, Sep. 19:** After 4pm Mass
- **Sun, Sep. 10:** After morning Masses

VOLUNTEER HOURS :

- 50% of purchases go towards volunteer hours.
- 100% of purchase price for books donated to classrooms or the Library goes toward volunteer hours.

Visit the Scholastic Book Fair website for e-wallet shopping:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/ourladystarofseaschool>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST

- **Aug. 25:** Tag Day for Little Flower School, Belize

SEPTEMBER

- **Sep. 1:** First Friday Mass
- **Sep. 1:** 12:30pm Dismissal (Labor Day Weekend)
- **Sep. 2-10:** Scholastic Book Fair
- **Sep. 4:** No School - Labor Day
- **Sep. 5:** Wear Kindness Shirt
- **Sep. 11:** Legacy Studios Portraits
- **Sep. 12, 6:30pm:** Back to School Night
- **Sep. 12, 6-8pm:** Virtus Fingerprinting Session
- **Sep. 24, 12-4pm:** OLSS Parish & School Picnic
- **Sep. 27, 9am:** OLSS School 90th Anniversary Mass
- **Sep. 28:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Sep. 29:** No School - Calvert Fair Day