



# Our Lady Star of the Sea School

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

**Newsletter: February 8, 2017**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We had a fantastic Catholic Schools Week at OLSS! I greatly appreciate all our staff, parents, and family members who volunteered at CSW and other recent events at school, including our Open Houses, Pastries for Parents, Talent Show, Ice Cream Social, and Alumni Players Dinner Theater.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS - Part 2

Congratulations to the winners of Mrs. Weber's St. Scholastica Guessing Game! Students guessed how many pieces of chocolate were in the jar. The closest were:

- Grades PK-2: Landon Burke
- Grades 3-5: William Rauner
- Grades 6-8: Annalyse Stump



*Operation Shoebox donations*

Thank you to all who donated food items for the Souper Bowl, which will go to the SMILE Food Pantry. We are also grateful for all the donations

to Operation Shoebox; these items will go into care packages and be sent to active duty troops overseas who are protecting our country.



*Souper Bowl donations*



Laura LaBella, a Wildlife Biologist for PAX River, came in to talk to our students about local wildlife as part of our Bay Studies Program. She brought in a variety of turtles and snakes for the children to see. Thank you to Corey Plakos for setting up the seminars for our students!



Members of Prince Frederick Rotary Club gifted Student Dictionaries to each of our 3rd graders, and talked to them about their mission and motto, "Service Above Self".



Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders were teachers for the day on Friday, and did a great job teacher lessons to our lower grades.




CSW ended with our staff and students gathering together for Ice Cream Social on Friday afternoon.

## NEWS:

**Science Fair:** Congratulations to the winners of the Grades 5-8 Science Fair, included with today's news. All of our students did amazing work!

**Spelling Bee:** Congratulations to the winners of the Middle School Spelling Bee, held today:

1<sup>st</sup>: Ben Fisher                      3<sup>rd</sup>: Cassie Massiglia  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Peyton Dziekiewicz        4<sup>th</sup>: Robyn Strauss

**Candy Sale:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade is sponsoring a candy sale this month for their graduation fund, selling chocolate roses, chocolate hearts, love bugs, & conversation hearts before morning prayer. They will even deliver candy grams! 

**Clothes:** Members of the OLSS Twinning Committee leave **Feb. 24** for a mission to Belize. If you have new or gently used teen-sized t-shirts and jeans to donate to families in need, please send them into school for Sr. Paula to take.

**Early Dismissal:** This **Fri, Feb. 10** is a 12:30 dismissal. There is no PM bus. Aftercare is open.

**100<sup>th</sup> Day:** **Fri, Feb. 10** is the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School! PK-2<sup>nd</sup> grades will celebrate with special activities.

**Valentine's Day:** **Tue, Feb. 14** will be a \$1 red and pink Valentines-themed Tag Day. Students may exchange Valentines, and Room Parents may arrange goodie bags to give out to students.

**K Open House:** We are having an Open House for Kindergarten on **Thu, Feb. 16** from 8-9am. Please encourage interested family & friends to visit!

**Presidents Day:** There is no school **Mon, Feb. 20** in observance of President's Day.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### FEBRUARY:

- **Feb. 10:** 12:30pm dismissal; Teacher In-Service
- **Feb. 11, 2pm:** Polar Plunge at Vera's
- **Feb. 14:** Valentine's Tag Day
- **Feb. 20:** No School - President's Day

### MARCH:

- **Mar. 1:** Ash Wednesday; 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Lent
- **Mar. 3:** No School; Teacher In-Service
- **Mar. 17:** St. Patrick's Day Tag Day
- **Mar. 12:** Advanced Band Festival
- **Mar. 26:** Basketball Awards Ceremony
- **Mar. 29:** End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- **Mar. 31:** 12:30pm dismissal

## ROBOTICS:

OLSS's Vex robotics team, the Robohawks, went to the College of Southern Maryland, La Plata this past weekend for the Southern Maryland Vex Middle School Championship. The Robohawks started their season back in September and have worked many hours building, programming, redesigning and improving their robot. They faced some tough competition, and finished 19<sup>th</sup> out of 24 teams to end their season.

Special thanks to Robotics coaches Jim Moore, and his son Jimmy Moore, for coaching throughout the year and for volunteering at CSM to prepare for the competition.

Congratulations Robohawks on a great season!



## POLAR PLUNGE

This **Saturday, Feb. 11, at 2pm**  
Vera's Restaurant, 1200 White Sands Dr, Lusby

**\* Are you brave enough to join Father Mike & plunge into the cold water of the Bay? \***



- Plungers required to raise a minimum of \$25 in pledges or personal donations
- Registration starts at 1pm
- Plunge at 2pm
- Volunteers need to help with registration inside restaurant

**Your participation supports OLSS School!**



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

This week's Challenge is to see Jesus in others, and to forgive others and be able say you're sorry.

God Bless,

*Mary Bartsch*

Mrs. Mary Bartsch, Principal