



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: September 21, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all the parents who came to Back to School Night last Wednesday. I also want to thank our staff and teachers for the great Back to School Night presentations they gave.

Scantron Testing for grades K-8 continues through the end of this week. Please make sure your children are well rested and have a healthy breakfast on their testing days.

Arrivederci!

Last Friday, all of the children and teachers gathered together to say good-bye to Father Jack. He has been a visiting priest at OLSS since July, and has been a great help to our school. He is returning to Vatican University



in Rome for one year to complete his studies. The children gave him cards that they made, and sang a special song. We will miss him greatly!



BASKETBALL NEWS



- Parents of interested players should attend the Basketball Parents Meeting tonight at 6:30pm
- Registration forms for OLSS's Basketball teams are due by this **Fri, Sep. 23**
- Middle School Boys have practice/conditioning at St. Paul's this **Fri, Sep. 23, 4-6pm**
- Middle School Girls will have their first practice/conditioning at St. Paul's this **Fri, Sep. 23, 6-8pm**
- Games start in mid-November
- Order forms for Basketball team hoodies (for players & coaches only) and T-shirts (for anyone) are included with today's news

NEWS:

Room Parents Needed: We are still in need of Room Parents for Kindergarten and 1st Grade. This is a fun job that works with the parents and children to plan class parties and assist the teacher. Please contact the School Office if you can help.

Fall Uniforms: Students should begin wearing fall/winter uniforms (no shorts) on **Oct. 3**; please see the Parent/Student Handbook for more info. Gym shorts may be worn on PE days through the end of October.

Family Movie Night: The HSA will host a family movie night on **Fri, Oct. 14 at 6:30pm** in the Providence Room. More details to come!

Service Project: OLSS will be sponsoring a service project to support Birthright, a pregnancy care center in Prince Frederick. We will be collecting donations from **Oct. 10-14**. More info will be included with next week's newsletter.

Flu Clinic: Calvert County Health Dept. is offering free, optional flu vaccinations at OLSS for PK-5th grade students on **Fri, Oct. 28**. They will offer shots only (no mists). More info will be sent home in October.

Claire's Gourmet Fundraiser: We will be having a Claire's Gourmet fundraiser for the school starting next week. Claire's Gourmet sells frozen desserts, cookie dough, and other items. Orders will be delivered to OLSS on Nov. 8, or may be shipped directly to someone. Info packs will be sent home next week.



ROBOTICS TEAMS:

OLSS has three Robotics Teams :

- 1) Lego Robotics: Grades 5-6
- 2) Vex IQ: Grade 7
- 3) Vex Robotics: Grade 8

The level of difficulty in robots increases with each team.



Coaches are also needed for the teams.

If you are interested Robotics, please contact Jim Moore at

jmooreiii@comcast.net

REMINDERS:

Virtus Training: OLSS is hosting a Virtus Child Protection training class tomorrow night. Please register in advance through your online Virtus account to attend.

Band Program: If you would like to register your child for the Archdiocesan Music Program, registration forms and payments should be sent directly to them. Band & music lessons start on **Mon, Sep. 26.**

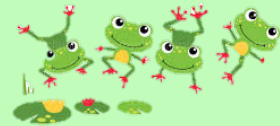
Grandparents' Day: Grandparents/Grandfriends Day will take place on **Mon, Oct. 24.** More info will be sent out in early October.

Car Rider Signs: Please display your car rider sign on your dashboard during the afternoon car line, to help it run smoothly.

F R O G Full Rely on God

FROG IT CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK:

Our students are given a FROG IT challenge every week to help them spread God's word. This week's Challenge is to see the good God brings into each of our lives by telling our families something good about our day, every day.



Please sign up through the school website's "Volunteer Opportunities" page if you can help with any of the following events:

Hot Lunch Program

Help prepare, serve, and clean up for school lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays.

Gift Card Sales After Masses

Sell gift cards after weekend Masses.

Oct. 6, 4-9pm: Sweet Frog Spirit Night

Greet visitors & answer questions about our school.

Oct. 8 & 9: OLSS Table at PRAD

Help with set-up, cleanup, and working at the OLSS Sand Art table at the PRAD Festival at Calvert Marine Museum, in 2-hour shifts.

Oct. 24: Grandparents Day

Help with set-up, cleanup, and donating brunch dishes.

Oct. 29: OLSS Table at Annmarie Garden

Help with set-up, cleanup, and working at the OLSS table at "Halloween in the Garden", in 2-hour shifts.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER:

- **Sep. 22, 6:30pm:** Virtus Training Class at OLSS
- **Sep. 30:** 12:30pm dismissal (Fair Day)

OCTOBER:

- **Oct. 3:** Winter Uniforms Begin
- **Oct. 6, 4-9pm:** Sweet Frog Spirit Night
- **Oct. 7:** No School – Collaboration Day
- **Oct. 14, 6:30pm:** HSA Movie Night
- **Oct. 20:** Lifetouch Portraits Make-Up Day
- **Oct. 24:** Grandparents Day
- **Oct. 28:** 12:30pm dismissal-Teacher Development

God Bless,

Mary Bartsch

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