



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



October 13, 2021

Dear Fellow OLSS School Families:

Can you believe we are nearing the end of the First Quarter already? I hope everyone is off to a great start! On behalf of the 2021-2022 Our Lady Star of the Sea Home and School Association (HSA) Executive Board, I would like to welcome all of the new and returning families back to school.

The HSA is a collaboration of families and staff working together to support the success of the school and enrich the students. We organize and execute events, social programs, and fundraising initiatives to contribute to the operating expenses of our school and student activities. Additionally, we work with the local community to give back and raise awareness about our school.

Last year, the HSA raised over \$55,500 to support the school. We could not have done it without your continued support and dedication. We want to thank everyone for his or her hard work. These funds helped to improve classroom experiences, support our basketball program and provided programs, such as Santa Shop and Trunk-or-Treat.

After our unconventional school year last year, we have learned many ways to come together as a community to support our amazing school! We plan to continue to support the needs of the school and support the staff to provide a school year with activities to celebrate holidays, enhance learning experiences and provide for memories to last a lifetime. A new school year brings new goals and we hope to surpass last year's total fundraising. The HSA is dedicated to the mission of OLSS School and depends on all our families' involvement to be successful.

Although, we do not expect each family to participate in every event, we do ask that each family promote each event. We also ask that families share their talents with the school and the students when the opportunity presents itself. Not only is participating a great way to earn volunteer hours and be involved in your child's education; but, it's a great way to meet new friends, contribute to something bigger and help to grow our community spirit.

I would like to take this opportunity introduce to you the Board for this school year:

EXECUTIVE BOARD	
President	Katie Wingenter
Vice President	Heather McGaffin
Secretary	Lynn Cunningham
Treasurer	Bridgette Arata
School & Community Outreach Coordinator	Sarah Lake
Volunteer Coordinator	Jessica Klasko
Room Parent Coordinator	Michelle Morris
Advisory Faculty Member	Cindy Grater

Like us on Facebook (Our Lady Star of the Sea School Home and School Association)! This is the best place to get the latest HSA news. We post event information and volunteer opportunities.

Please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can ever be of help to you and your family. We can be reached at olss.hsa@gmail.com.

God Bless,

Katie Wingenter

HSA Executive Board President

Events to Look Forward to in 2021-2022

- October:** HSA All Hands Meeting
Wreath Sale Fundraiser
Trunk or Treat
- November:** Fall Bazaar
Turkey Trot* – Funds raised will “Support our Specials”
- December:** Santa Shop*
Chili Cook-off (TBD)
- January:** Catholic Schools Week*
HSA All Hands Meeting
- March:** Polar Bear Plunge (TBD) – Funds raised will “Support our in School Activities”
- April:** Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Basket Auction
Spring Craft Fair
- May:** HSA All Hands Meeting
Fun Run/Field Day* – Funds raised will “Support our Basketball Team”



**VIRTUS EVENT – PROGRAM COMPLETION REQUIRED TO VOLUNTEER FOR THESE EVENTS.*



Need Volunteer Hours?

We understand how overwhelming it feels to have a volunteer hour requirement ahead of you. The HSA is here to provide many opportunities for families to support the school, strengthen our OLSS school community and help families reach their volunteer hour requirement. Our role is to help promote and request volunteers for school, parish and HSA events throughout the year.

Did you know?

www.olsss.org/volunteering.html is a great resource for OLSS School volunteering information:

- You can sign up for supporting various volunteer opportunities
- Learn how to submit your volunteer hours either by sending an email or clicking the link to fill in the online volunteer log

If you chair/co-chair a single HSA fundraising event, you will earn all 20 volunteer hours.

- Events requiring chairs will be announced at October 18 HSA All Member Meeting.

The HSA Facebook page also promotes many types of volunteer opportunities.

If you still have questions about volunteering after visiting www.olsss.org/volunteering.html, feel free to email olssvolunteerhours@gmail.com



Free Fundraisers for Everyone

Helping has never been so easy! These rewards programs require little effort on your part and are an easy way to earn money for the school. You do not have to be enrolled at OLSS School to take part in these programs, so spread the word!

- **AmazonSmile** – Do your regular Amazon shopping at AmazonSmile and earn a .5% donation to OLSS School. Visit website <https://smile.amazon.com/>
 - Log on using your regular Amazon account or link in your Amazon App
 - Select Charitable Organization: **Our Lady Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church**

- **Box Tops for Education** – The program is now digital. Please download the free Box Tops application available on all platforms and designate Our Lady Star of the Sea School as your recipient. You can also log into the website for extra box tops, contests, and coupons at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

- **French Toast School Uniforms** – Purchase school uniforms from French Toast and OLSS will receive 5% cash back.
 - Visit website: <https://www.frenchtoast.com/>
 - Use code **QS4SY4** to shop OLSS School uniforms

- **Harris Teeter** – When you shop a percentage of your purchase is donated to the school that your VIC card is linked to. There are NO LIMITS to how much a school can earn.
 - Visit website: <https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education>
 - Program Dates: August 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022
 - Link to your VIC card, re-link **EVERY** year – You can now link in the Harris Teeter App
 - School Code: **5063**

- **Weis** – Each time you shop at Weis Markets using your Weis Club Card, you'll earn points for your school. The points you earn will help your school grow their share of \$500,000. Weis Markets will calculate each program period based on total eligible* purchases and automatically credit your school with cash earned.
 - Visit website: <https://weis4school.com/>
 - Program Dates: September 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022
 - Scan our school bar code (provided separately or you can pull from link) during your next shopping trip to register your Weis Club
 - School Code: **87460**

- **Shutterfly** – 8% of your purchase will be donation to our school. Don't forget that Lifetouch Portraits partner with Shutterfly, so it is a great place to order your school portraits!
 - Use the following link to our storefront:
<http://www.ourladystarofthesea.shutterflystorefront.com/>

- **Mabel's Labels** – Earn 20% back for the school on every purchase! These durable, waterproof labels work great on lunch containers, water bottles, and school uniform tags!
 - Visit: https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraising/support/
 - Enter Our Lady Star of the Sea School (Solomons) and click "Let's Get Shopping"



Leave your lasting mark at OLSS School and support our students by participating in the Commemorative Brick Walkway Campaign. The bricks are installed to create a beautiful, commemorative walkway in front of the school entrance. Your custom engraved brick(s) will be inscribed with your choice of sentiment or name(s) and added to the walkway. Think how excited the children will be as they walk past their own name or that of someone they love!

Any questions can be directed to Heather McGaffin 443.985.2108 or mcgaffinfam@gmail.com

I want to help pave the way!

\$100 per brick and will be laser etched with your message. Turn in orders to the School or Church Office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Please **PRINT** your text below how you want your brick to read.

There are 20 characters per line, which include spaces. Leave a blank space between words.

All bricks will be approved by Father prior to engraving.

Office Use Only: CASH CHECK \$ _____ DATE RECEIVED _____