OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS



April 26, 2023

Dear OLSS Families,

On **Monday, May 1 at 6pm**, we will have a Home & School Association meeting in the Providence Room for all parents and staff. The HSA Committee will provide an overview of the remaining volunteer opportunities for this school year, volunteer requirements for next year, and discuss the main events they will be hosting next year. Parents may sign up to chair events and vote on a sales fundraiser for next year. We will also have a guest speaker from the United States Secret Service, who will present information about the Childhood Smart Program. This program teachers K-12 students how to be safe online and offline. We are asking that all parents attend this important and information meeting. Grace & Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal

NEWS & REMINDERS:

GALA: The Fr. Alexander Gala was a wonderful evening last Saturday! We thank all the parishioners and school families of Our Lady Star of the Sea who supported this event. Proceeds benefit our school.

NJHS DRIVE: OLSS's National Junior Society is hosting a Mother's Day Drive from **April 26-May 8**. They are requesting donations of items for the <u>Solomons Mission Center</u> to distribute to homeless women in our area to celebrate Mother's Day. Please send donations of personal care items such as soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, combs, etc. **by May 8**. We will also have a Tag Day on May 8 to support this cause.

PHONE SAFETY: We will have a guest speaker here on **May 1** to address phone safety with our students. This speaker will also give a presentation for parents at the HSA meeting that evening.

EARTH DAY: We will celebrate Earth Day on **Thu, May 4** with students planting flowers around the school grounds. Students should wear their PE uniform and bring gardening gloves and small garden shovels (please label with name). 8th graders will wear their class shirts.

MAY CROWNING: We will honor Mary with our May Crowning ceremony following Mass on **Friday, May 5**.

- Students are asked to bring in flowers (store-bought or wild) on **Thu**, **May 4** to decorate the church.
- All 2nd graders and other students receiving their First Holy Communion may wear their Sunday best or First Communion dresses or suits to school and bring their school uniform to change into afterwards.
- 8th graders should wear dress clothes to school for the Ceremony and portraits.

SPRING PROGRAM: We will have a Spring Patriotic Program (concert) on the evening of **Thu, May 11**. More info will be out in next week's newsletter.

VOLUNTEER oppostunities

Every family must complete 20 hours of volunteer service by the end of the school year. Please visit the <u>Volunteering</u> webpage to sign up for upcoming opportunities. <u>Unfulfilled volunteer service hours</u> will be charged at a rate of \$30 per hour to final tuition bills.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

SPRING BAZAAR: Volunteers are needed for these positions; please sign up here:

- Apr. 27-28, 9am-3pm: Sort items for Yard Sale
- Apr. 28, 3-6pm: Set up
- Apr. 29, 9am-5pm: Set up, run tables, clean up
- Donate baked goods; please sign up <u>here</u> and drop off items on Friday

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: 2pm on Fri, May 5 to celebrate May Crowning. Volunteers are needed for the following; for more info, please email olssvolunteerhours@gmail.com.

- Donate vanilla ice cream, chocolate syrup, whipped cream, sprinkles, chocolate chips, and sprinkles.
- · Serving ice cream

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE: We are hosting a dance for middle school students from local Catholic schools on Friday, May 5, 7-10pm. Volunteers are needed for the following; please sign up here.

- · Admissions table
- Chaperoning
- · Serving drinks
- Donate drinks (iced tea, lemonade, soda)
- Donate cookie trays
- Donate chips (single serve bags)





LAST SUPPER REENACTMENT

Our middle school students did a beautiful job with their reenactment of The Last Supper. Afterwards, all our students participated by having the body and blood of Christ (naan bread and grape juice).







Many thanks to Mrs. Smedley for working with our students on this production!

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

APRIL

* Apr. 29, 9am-2pm: Spring Bazaar

MAY

- May 1: Wear Kindness Shirt
- May 1, 6pm: Home & School Assoc. Meeting
- May 4: Earth Day Planting
- May 5, 9am: Mass & May Crowning Ceremony
- May 5, 7-10pm: Middle School Dance
- May 8: Tag Day
- May 9: PK / K Field Trip
- May 11: 1st / 2nd Field Trip
- May 11: All School Spring Concert Program
- May 12: Staff Appreciation / 12:30pm Dismissal
- May 16: 3rd/4th/5th Field Trip to Annapolis
- May 19: Fun Run & Field Day
- May 23: No School ADW Meeting
- May 26: 12:30pm Dismissal
- May 29: No School Memorial Day
- May 31: 8th Grade Clap-Out

JUNE

- **Jun. 2:** Last Day for Pre-K
- **Jun. 2, 6:30pm:** 8th Grade Graduation
- **Jun. 5:** Wear Kindness Shirt
- **Jun. 6:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- Jun. 7: 9am Mass | 10:30am Dismissal | Last Day