



November 23, 2021

Dear OLSS Families,

Our 12th Annual Turkey Trot yesterday was a chilly, but wonderful day! Students walked & jogged all morning and were cheered on by other classes and families. I would like to thank Katie Wingenter and our HSA for all the work they put into organizing this event, and the Densing family for their support. A huge thank you also goes out to all our generous sponsors!

We are very grateful for all the Turkey Trot donations we received from OLSS families & friends to support our school. As of today we have raised approximately \$9,300. We are continuing to collect donations through the weekend in hopes of reaching our goal of \$10,000.

We wish all our school families a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal



Thanksgiving is such a special time of year! A time of great celebration, a time of precious moments shared with family and friends, and most of all, a time to praise and thank the living God for His goodness and gracious provision.

Thanksgiving Prayer

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

NEWS & REMINDERS:

FOOD DRIVE: Thank you for your generous donations to the Thanksgiving Food Drive! OLSS school and parish collected 475 lbs. of food for SMILE to help people in need this holiday.

SCHOOLSTORE.COM: OLSS has joined SchoolStore.com, a program by which we will receive cash from merchants when you shop online. You can also purchase a Caring for Classrooms gift card that will directly help your child's classroom with supplies. Please see the info pack sent home last week.

ADVENT CHARITIES: Each class has selected a local charity to sponsor this Advent season. Teachers will send home info on what donations are needed for each charity.

- **PK & Kindergarten (Shaw):** Project Echo Homeless Shelter
- **Kindergarten (Pouncey):** Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- **1st:** St. Mary's Animal Welfare League
- **2nd:** CalvertHealth Hospital Pediatric Unit
- **3rd:** Calvert Animal Welfare League
- **4th:** Birthright of Prince Frederick
- **5th, 6th, 7th, 8th:** SMILE Angel Tree Program gifts for children

ADW TUITION ASSISTANCE: The ADW Tuition Assistance Program is accepting applications for the 2022-23 school year through **Dec. 3**. To apply, log into your TADS account and select "Financial Aid Application". **Even if you have received aid in the past, financial assistance will NOT be given to families who did not first apply for ADW aid.**



SANTA SHOP

The Santa Shop is **Mon, Nov. 29 & Tue, Nov. 30** for students to shop for gifts for their families, which will be wrapped, labeled, and sent home.

Children received a [shopping list](#) earlier this month, **which they must bring with them on their shopping day**. Gifts are \$4/each and **must be paid for in advance through the [online school store](#)**. Children may purchase up to 8 gifts. If we have items left, they may purchase additional gifts on Wed, Dec. 1.

We would greatly appreciate donations for wrapping: tape, gift bags (all sizes), bows, and adhesive gift tags. Please send donations in on Monday. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Nov. 24-26:** No School – Thanksgiving
- **Nov. 29-30:** Santa Shop
- **Dec. 1:** 8th Grade HSPT
- **Dec. 17:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Dec. 20-31:** No School - Xmas Break