



November 22, 2022

Dear OLSS Families,

Our 13th Annual Turkey Trot was a wonderful day! I would like to thank Katie Wingenter and our HSA for all the work they put into organizing this event. 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. We are continuing to collect donations in hopes of reaching our goal of \$10,000.

This coming Sunday begins the Season of Advent. This sacred time is about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. It is a time for faith communities and families to remember, through prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds what the true meaning of Jesus' birth really is.

I wish everyone a Happy and Holy Thanksgiving!!!! I am so very thankful for each and every OLSS family member!!!

Stay Happy, Healthy, & Holy!

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal



PARENT'S ADVENT PRAYER

Father, help me to exude this word, "generosity." I want my child to recognize it in our daily living, not just when we create time in the calendar to serve those less fortunate, or when we pull out our checkbooks for a local charity. Help me to model for them what it means to have a heart full of gratitude, one that is postured to serve and love others. May they begin to notice how fortunate they are, what privileges they have, and be moved to pray for others, and give to those who go without. Whether locally or abroad, may they see the needs around them and choose to act as You would. May this Christmas season be marked not by what we "get," but by what we give. Whether we are baking cookies for a neighbor, delivering toys to a family less fortunate, or sending a gift to someone halfway around the world, may this Christmas be a time for us to grow our faith and put the needs of others over our own wants and desires. Amen

NEWS & REMINDERS:

BAZAAR: A huge thank you to Jessica Klasko for organizing the Christmas Bazaar, and to everyone who supported this event which made over \$6,000 for our school!

UNIFORM SALE: French Toast School Uniforms is having a 25% off everything sale from Nov. 27-29.

FOOD DRIVE: Thank you for your generous donations to the Thanksgiving Food Drive! to help people in need this holiday.

ADVENT CHARITIES: Each class has selected a local charity to sponsor this Advent season. Teachers will send more info to parents about donations and deadlines.

- **PK: Sleep in Heavenly Peace, St. Mary's**
- **Kindergarten:** Project Echo Homeless Shelter
- **1st:** St. Mary's Animal Adoption & Resource Shelter
- **2nd:** Calvert Health Hospital Pediatrics
- **3rd:** Calvert Animal Welfare League
- **4th:** Birthright of Prince Frederick
- **5th - 8th:** SMILE and Calvert County Angel Tree

GIVING TREE: OLSS Parish has a Giving Tree in the church with tags for Calvert Angel Tree & local families. Please bring unwrapped gifts to the Parish Office by Dec. 4.

ADW TUITION ASSISTANCE: The ADW Tuition Assistance Program is accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year through **Dec. 2**. Log into your TADS account and select "Financial Aid Application".



ONE HOT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL Saturday, December 3

We are in desperate need of chili chefs to make this event successful!

Please visit the [Chili Cook-Off web page](#) to register as a contestant. Volunteers needed! Sign up [here](#).



SANTA SHOP DEC. 5-7

- Children must bring their completed shopping list with them on Dec. 5.
- Gifts must be paid for in advance through the online school store [here](#).
- Sign up to volunteer/donate cookies [here](#).
- We would appreciate of tape, gift bags, bows, and adhesive gift tags.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- **Dec. 3:** One Hot Christmas Festival
- **Dec. 5-7:** Santa Shop
- **Dec. 15, 6:30pm:** Christmas Concert
- **Dec. 16:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Dec. 19-30:** No School – Christmas Break