



Dear Parents & Guardians,

One of the many blessings of a Catholic school is that students are allowed to celebrate the Christmas season, and are given the Opportunity to prepare for the birth of Christ during the Advent season. Their wonder and excitement is a precious reminder of the blessing the season of Advent gives to us. Catholic schools help our students understand that the real reason for our expectant joy leading up to Christmas is not the hope of presents, but the hope and gift of Jesus Christ — the light of the world, coming to us so that we can transform our families, our schools and our world.

NEWS :

Turkey Trot: Thank you to all school families and friends who donated to the Turkey Trot. A total of approximately \$5,500 was raised!



Chili Cook Off: The Chili Cook Off scheduled during the Solomons Christmas Walk this **Sat, Dec. 2**, has changed. Participants will cook chili here, to be sold at a Concessions table.

Bake Sale: We will also host a Bake Sale this **Fri, Dec. 2**, during the Xmas Walk. We are in need of:
1) Volunteers to help at the Concessions and Bake Sale tables, 5-8pm.
2) Bake Sale items; please send baked goods into school on Friday.

Art Teacher: Our Art teacher, Ms. Heidi Thompson, is leaving OLSS. We thank her for all the beautiful artwork she has done with our students. Mrs. Beth Oster will teach Art for the rest of the year.

Arts & Crafts Workshop: We are offering an Afterschool Arts & Crafts Workshop on **Tue, Dec. 12, 3-4pm**. Children will make a Christmas craft. Please see the flyer with today's news.

Raffle Tickets: Tickets for the OLSS Raffle may still be purchased this week, before the drawing this **Sat, Dec. 2**. Please purchase tickets at the School Office.

five BELOW **Five Below Fundraiser:** Shop at Five Below between Dec. 10-16, and they will donate 10% of your purchase price to the school! You may shop more than once. Please bring the flyer included with today's news with you.

Band Concert: Our Beginner & Advanced Band Christmas Concert is **Tue, Dec. 11 at 7:00pm** at St. John's School in Hollywood.

Christmas Program: Our Christmas Program for all grades will be held on **Thu, Dec. 14 at 6:30pm**. PK-4th graders should wear dress clothes; 5th- 8th graders will be wearing costumes provided at school.

REMINDERS :

2018-19: All families were sent an email with a link to register for the 2018-19 school year. **FAMILIES WHO REGISTER BY DEC. 1, 2017 WILL PAY A REGISTRATION FEE OF ONLY \$50.** Families who register after Dec. 1 will pay the full \$150 registration fee.

Tuition Assistance: The deadline to apply for the ADW Tuition Assistance Program for the 2018-19 school year is **this Fri, Dec. 1**. Please use the link on the school website to apply.

Live Nativity: If you would like to participate in the Live Nativity Scene during the Solomons Christmas Walk on **Fri, Dec. 1 & Sat, Dec. 2**, please see the sign-up sheet with the Nov. 8 news.

Basketball Scarves: Our Seahawks basketball teams have spirit scarves for sale. They make great Christmas gifts! Scarves may be purchased at this Sat's games, or through the School Office.



SHOPPING LISTS & PAYMENTS DUE DEC. 4!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Tue, Dec. 5:

Set up & decorate Chesapeake Room

Wed, Dec. 6:

Assist shoppers, Wrap Gifts, Donate Cookies, Help at Cookie/Hot Chocolate Table

Thu, Dec. 7:

Help with final shoppers & clean up

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Vote on your favorite Classroom Door Decorations

OLSS Teachers and Staff
Invite you to Dinner!

Friday

DECEMBER 8, 2017

5:30 – 7:30pm

Spaghetti with or without meatballs, salad, bread, & drinks

Cost is by donation

Our Lady Star of the Sea School
90 Alexander Lane, Solomons, MD 20688

OLSS students who attend will receive a special gift from their teacher!



ADVENT CHARITIES:



Each class is participating in an service project to support local charities for the Advent Season. More detailed info will be sent home from teachers.

Classes are supporting:

- PK: Ronald McDonald House
- K: Project Echo Homeless Shelter
- 1st: Humane Society (blankets)
- 2nd: Calvert Hospital Pediatrics (New Stuffed Animals)
- 3rd: CAWL (Calvert Animal Welfare League)
- 4th: Birthright Pregnancy Support Center
- 5th-8th: SMILE Advent Family



BASKETBALL NEWS

Come support the Seahawks at their home spirit games this weekend, playing MCA!

SATURDAY, DEC. 2

Games are at St. John's School, Hollywood
10am: JV Girls **12:15pm: Varsity Boys**
11am: Varsity Girls **1:30pm: JV Boys**

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS

We are looking for children to participate in the **4pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve;** for the Pageant, Choir, and Readers.

If your child would like to participate, please meet after the 10:45am Mass this Sun, Dec. 3. There will also be practices after the 10:45am Mass on Sun, Dec. 10, & a final practice on Sat, Dec. 23; time TBD.

Please email Anne Cannedy with any questions:
acannedy@aol.com



FROG Full Rely on God

This week's FROG IT Challenge is to pray for our leaders, those of the church and Government, that they will let God rule their hearts so they might make good decisions for their people.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

DECEMBER

- Dec. 1, 8:30-10:30am & 6:30-8pm: Open House
- Dec. 2, 6:30-8pm: Open House
- Dec. 2, 5:30-9pm: Concessions & Bake Sale
- Dec. 4, 5-8pm: Roy Rogers Spirit Night
- Dec. 6-7: Santa Shop
- Dec. 8, 5:30-7:30pm: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- Dec. 11, 7pm: Band Concert at St. John's
- Dec. 14, 6:30pm: Christmas Program
- Dec. 19: 12:30pm Dismissal | No Aftercare
- Dec. 20-Jan. 2: No School – Xmas Break

God bless,

Mary Bartsch
Mrs. Mary Bartsch
Principal