



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

August 6, 2024

Dear OLSS Families,

We are looking forward to the new school year ahead, with an enrollment of 191 students! I am pleased to announce our teachers and staff for the 2024-2025 school year:

- PK Director/Teacher: Mrs. Stephanie Riley
- PK Teacher: Mrs. Allison Pouncey
- Kindergarten: Mrs. Cheri Shaw
- Kindergarten Aide: Ms. Cindy Gross
- Grade 1: Mrs. Patricia Mautino
- Grade 1 Aide: Mrs. Nicola Fockler
- Grade 2: Mrs. Carmen Norris
- Grade 2 Aide: Mrs. Gina Dailey
- Grade 3: Mrs. Marcella Edwards-Burden
- Grade 4: Mrs. Kimberly Weber
- Grade 5: Mrs. Beth Oster
- Grade 5 Social Studies & Literature: Mrs. Gina Dailey
- Grade 6/Vice Principal: Ms. Maggie Quade
- Grade 7: Mrs. Sarah Sullivan
- Grade 8: Mr. Keith Balderson
- Resource Teacher: Mrs. Cheryl Dwyer
- CCPS Title One/Equitable Services: Mrs. Kara Scarda
- Physical Education: Mrs. Cindy Grater
- Computers: Mrs. Cindy Grater
- Library/Algebra: Mrs. Jessica Klasko
- Art: Mrs. Beth Oster
- Primary Aide/Resource: Mrs. Judy Angelheart
- Secretary/Tuition Bookkeeper: Mrs. Colleen Muldoon
- Admissions Director: Mrs. Amber Tamburri
- School Nurse (Mon-Thu): Mrs. Brandi Hutchins
- School Nurse (Fri): Mrs. Kathy Almassy
- Aftercare Director: Mrs. Amy Quade
- Before Care: Mrs. Clarice Maldonado

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### **SATURDAY, AUG. 10, 8:30-11:30am: SPRUCE UP DAY**

- This is an opportunity to earn volunteer service hours by helping clean our school for the upcoming school year. Please come any time between 8:30-11:30am. Virtus Program completion is not required.
- Family members over 18 years of age are eligible to earn volunteer hours.
- We will provide cleaning supplies, but feel free to bring your own.

### **TUESDAY, AUG. 13, 5:30pm: NEW PARENTS MEETING**

- This event is for new parents to learn more about school policies and procedures to help prepare for the upcoming school year. Please do not bring children to this meeting.

### **TUESDAY, AUG. 13, 5:30pm: VIRTUS CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM FINGERPRINTING**

Safe Hire Solutions will be on site to do electronic fingerprinting on **Tue, Aug. 13 from 5:30-7:30pm.**

- The cost is \$70, payable by cash or check to Safe Hire Solutions.
- Please bring the [Livescan Pre-Registration Form](#) with you.

### **TUESDAY, AUG. 20, 9am-12pm: OPEN DAY FOR NEW FAMILIES OF 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE ONLY**

- New students and parents may visit their classrooms, meet their teachers, and drop off school supplies.
- Please limit classroom visits to 15 minutes.

### **TUESDAY, AUG. 20: 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PRE-K STUDENTS ONLY**

- Pre-K students should arrive at their building between 7:45-8:00am.
- Dismissal for half-day students is at 11:15am and full day students at 12:15pm; no hot lunch will be served.

### **WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21: 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN – 8<sup>th</sup> GRADES**

- Students should arrive between 7:30-7:55am.
- Students should bring lunch from home; no hot lunch will be served this day.
- Dismissal will be at 12:15pm for full-day PK and 12:30pm for K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Students entering grades 1-8 should bring their completed summer work packs to school.
- Students entering grades 4-8 should bring their completed summer reading assignments. These will be the first graded assignments of the school year. Hard copies were sent home with students on the last day of school, and all info is posted on the school website.

## NEWS & REMINDERS:

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** We are still searching for a Foreign Language Teacher, Music Teacher, and Lunch Coordinator; please email [principal@olsss.org](mailto:principal@olsss.org) if you are interested in these positions.

**LUNCH TICKETS:** Due to rising food costs, we have increased the cost of lunch tickets to \$5/ticket. Any remaining lunch tickets on your child's account from the previous school year will be rolled over to the new year with no additional charge. Lunch tickets must be purchased in advance. Snack cards with punches left from the end of the last school year can be used in the new school year.

**ONLINE STORE FEES:** Due to increased PayPal fees, there is a 3.65% fee added to items sold on the online school store. Lunch tickets and PE uniforms may be paid for with cash or check at the School Office for no additional fees.

**MORNING DROP-OFF TIME:** Students may be dropped off in the morning car line between 7:30-7:55am. **Children may not be dropped off or get out of cars in the car line before 7:30am.** All students are expected to be in their homeroom **by 7:55am.** After this time, they will be marked tardy. Students arriving after 7:55am must be walked to the main entrance of the school by a parent/guardian to be admitted.

**BEFORE CARE:** We will be offering Before Care from 6:30am-7:30am starting on **Thu, Aug. 22.** To be cost-effective for our school, families must commit to using the program. The cost is \$900/year for one child, \$1,600/year for two children, and \$2,100/year for three children for daily use; and \$15/day per child for occasional use. Charges will be added to TADS Tuition Accounts. **Parents must submit the [required forms](#) prior to participation.** Please email the School Office at [olsss@comcast.net](mailto:olsss@comcast.net) with any questions.

**PICK-UP TIMES & LATE FEES:** Due to habitual late pick ups after afternoon dismissal, we are now charging late pick-up fees of \$10 plus \$1/minute for each minute late after the designated pick-up times, which will be automatically added to your TADS tuition account. Late fees will be assessed as follows:

- Half-day PK: Late fee charged if picked up after **11:15am**
- Full-day PK on early dismissal days: Late fee charged if picked up after **12:15pm**
- Full-day PK on regular school days: Late fee charged if picked up after **2:40pm**
- K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades on early dismissal days: Late fee charged if picked up after **12:45pm**
- K – 8<sup>th</sup> grades on regular school days: Late fee charged if picked up after **3:15pm**

**VOLUNTEERING:** We are now using [Track It Forward](#) to display volunteer opportunities and to sign up to volunteer and record completed volunteer service hours. Each family was sent an invitation by email to join on Aug. 4 to the email address listed as the Primary Email in your TADS account. Please see the flyer with today's news for more info. We will no longer be using the Volunteer Log Book or previous methods of recording volunteer service hours.

**AFTERCARE:** If you are enrolling your child(ren) in Aftercare, [all required forms](#) must be completed before children may attend. Please email our Aftercare Director with any questions at [olssaftercare@comcast.net](mailto:olssaftercare@comcast.net)

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** The [list of required school supplies](#) for all grades is posted on the school website. Please send supplies with your child(ren) on the first day of school. If you are a new family, you may bring your child's supplies to school on Open Day.

**MEDICATIONS:** If your child needs to take over-the-counter or prescription medication during school hours (including cough drops and lip balm, as per MSDE regulations), medications and [required authorization forms](#) must be brought by a parent/guardian to be checked in with our School Nurse, Mrs. Brandi Hutchins. Please email her with any questions at [schoolnurse@olsss.org](mailto:schoolnurse@olsss.org).

**YEARBOOKS:** If you paid for your 2023-24 school yearbook but have not picked it up yet, we will send it home with your child during the first week of school. If you would like to purchase one, please stop by the school office; the cost is \$35 payable by cash, check, or you may pay through the [online school store](#).