



December 11, 2024

Dear OLSS Families,

Our students have been working hard to learn their songs and skits for our Christmas Program this Friday, Dec. 13. The Program will be held in the Parish Church (not the Providence Room) due to the expected number of guests. Catholic churches are places of worship and reflection, and all guests are expected to be respectful of this. Please note the following:

- Students should arrive at the Parish Church between 6:00-6:15pm and sit with their classes.
- The Program will begin promptly at 6:30pm.
- All guests should maintain a quiet demeanor to respect the sacred space.
- Modest and respectful attire is expected.
- Once the concert begins, remain seated and avoid moving around to minimize disruptions.
- Keep conversations and noise to a minimum to ensure all attendees can hear and enjoy the performances.
- Photos and videos may be taken from your seat only, to avoid obstructing the view of others.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Friday night for this wonderful performance!



Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

NEWS & REMINDERS:

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK: Please see the flyer with today's news for info on Christmas Spirit Week next week! All days are free Tag Days. Clothing must follow the Tag Day Dress Code regulations in the Parent/Student Handbook. Parents will be called to bring a change of clothing to school for any students who do not follow dress code regulations.

THANK YOU: The Christmas Delight event on Saturday night was a fun-filled evening! A huge thank you to our HSA for planning the event, to our Chili Chefs for sharing their cooking talents, to Terri Ihnacik for running the Bake Sale, and to all the volunteers who helped. A special thank you to the Thomas, DeBons, and Haak families for organizing all the fun games and activities for children!

ADVENT CHARITIES: Please send in final donations for class Advent charities before their deadlines. Thank you to everyone who supported these wonderful causes!

SOLOMONS CHRISTMAS WALK: Students in grades 4-8 are invited to sing in the Historic Church at the Solomons Christmas Walk on **Sat, Dec. 14.**

CHRISTMAS BREAK: **Fri, Dec. 20** is a 12:30pm dismissal here is no school **Dec. 23-Jan. 3** for Christmas Break.

ADW TUITION ASSISTANCE: ADW Tuition Assistance for the 2025-2026 school year is accepting applications through 2/21/25. **You must apply for ADW assistance first to be considered for OLSS tuition assistance.** See [here](#) for more info and to apply.

Friday, Dec. 6 was the Feast Day of St. Nicholas. The tradition is that the night before, children leave a shoe out in front of the fireplace and the next morning, they'll find their shoe filled with gifts. This tradition comes from the legends of St. Nicholas' generosity and led to the celebration of Santa Claus on Christmas Day today.



St. Nicholas stopped by our school and left candy canes in our student's shoes!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DECEMBER

- 🎄 Dec. 13, 6:30pm: Christmas Program
- 🎄 Dec. 14: Solomons Christmas Walk
- 🎄 Dec. 17: Middle School Progressive Dinner
- 🎄 Dec. 20: 12:30pm Dismissal
- 🎄 Dec. 20-Jan. 3: No School - Break

JANUARY

- 👤 Jan. 6: School Resumes
- 👤 Jan. 16: Spaghetti Dinner
- 👤 Jan. 17: 12:30pm Dismissal
- 👤 Jan. 19: No School - MLK Jr. Day
- 👤 Jan. 20: Re-Registration for 2025-26 Opens
- 👤 Jan. 24, 9-11am: Open House
- 👤 Jan. 26-31: Catholic Schools week
- 👤 Jan. 31, 9-11am: Open House