



April 10, 2024

Dear OLSS Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and break. We are still in the Easter season, which will conclude on May 19 when we celebrate Pentecost. This occurs 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus and 10 days after his ascension into heaven. Because Easter Sunday doesn't have a fixed date, and Pentecost depends on the timing of Easter, Pentecost can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13. This year, it is on May 19. It is one of the most important feast days of the year and celebrates the beginning of the Church.

Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal

NEWS & REMINDERS:

TAG DAY: Mon, Apr. 15 is a \$1 Tag Day for Purple Up for Military Kids. Students may wear purple clothing and bring \$1, which will be donated to [Operation Ummate](#).

NJHS: Four of our middle school students will be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society after Mass on **Wed, April 17**.

NO SCHOOL: There is no school on **Fri, April 19 & Mon, April 22**.

RESURRECTION EGGS: 8th grade is selling Resurrection Eggs; plastic eggs with toys, candy, or a Rita's gift card. Students may bring cash to purchase them; they are \$1 for two eggs.

GOLF EVENT VOLUNTEERS: We are in need of volunteers to run concessions at the golf tournament, and donations of hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, chips, water and Gatorade. Sign up [here](#).



QUILT RAFFLE: We are hosting a raffle for a beautiful quilt made from OLSS students' artwork. Tickets are \$5/each or five for \$20 and may be purchased [online](#) or after Masses.

If you would like to earn volunteer service hours by selling tickets, please sign up [here](#).

YARD SALE: We will be hosting a Yard Sale in June. Donations may be dropped off on Wednesdays at the Parish Office; please call (410) 326-3535 for the times if you would like to drop items off. Large furniture items will not be accepted until June.

GALA VOLUNTEERS: The Father Alexander Gala is in need of volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up; please sign up [here](#).

GALA BASKET DONATIONS: There will be basket auctions and a 50/50 raffle at the Gala. If you would like to earn volunteer hours by donating a themed basket (1 hour for every \$30 spent), please contact [Alison Hegarty](#) in the Parish Office.

SHIRT SALE: Our 90th Anniversary shirts are on sale for \$10/each; please purchase [here](#). They may be worn to school on Mondays.

BOOST SCHOLARSHIPS: [MSDE's BOOST Program](#) application deadline is **May 3**.

SCHOOL STORE: The [SchoolStore.com](#) fundraiser will run through the end of the school year.

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

Students in grades 3-8 participated in the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay Contest, "What Freedom Means to Me". The winners are:

Grades 3 & 4:

- 1st: Lillian P.
- 2nd: Isabelle M.
- 3rd: Charlie D.



Grade 5 & 6:

- 1st: Tyler W.
- 2nd: Zoe R.
- 3rd: Emery H.



Grade 7 & 8:

- 1st: Kaleb W.
- 2nd: Carissa D.
- 3rd: Andrew T.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ☀ **Apr. 15:** \$1 Purple Up! Tag Day
- ☀ **Apr. 17:** NJHS Inductions after Mass
- ☀ **Apr. 19:** No School – Solomons Event
- ☀ **Apr. 19:** [Seahawk Scramble](#)
- ☀ **Apr. 22:** No School – Profess Develop.
- ✿ **May 3:** Mass & May Crowning
- ✿ **May 4:** Father Alexander Gala
- ✿ **May 10:** Staff Appreciation
- ✿ **May 10:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ✿ **May 10, 7-9pm:** Middle School Dance
- ✿ **May 17:** Field Day
- ✿ **May 21:** No School -Principals Meeting
- ✿ **May 24:** Fun Run
- ✿ **May 24:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ✿ **May 27:** No School - Memorial Day
- ✿ **May 29:** 8th Grade Clap-Out
- ✿ **May 31:** PK Last Day of School
- ✿ **May 31, 6:30pm:** 8th Grade Graduation

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

Father Alexander GALA

Homecoming

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH
5:00PM

Join us for an evening of dinner, food, dancing, and friendship as we honor Fr. Maurice Alexander and this year's Fr. Alexander Award recipients, Cindy Grater and Kim Weber.

The Fr. Alexander Award is to honor people who have been dedicated servants of Christ in our community. Cindy Grater and Kim Weber have both served the OLSS School for over 20 years and have shown constant commitment to the development of our school children in both education and the Catholic faith. The goal of the Gala is three-fold: To honor Fr. Alexander, to raise funds for our School and its service to the larger community, and to honor people or organizations in the area who have reflected the spirit of Fr. Alexander by helping to make the Solomons area a better place.

Tickets are \$75 per person, to include hors d'oeuvres, dinner buffet, dessert, beer & wine, non-alcoholic beverages, and dancing! You will also have the opportunity to bid on some incredible items, generously donated by our own parishioners, and potentially win a 50/50 raffle! *Payments for the auction and 50/50 will only be accepted as cash or check, we will not be able to accept card payments.* Proceeds benefit Our Lady Star of the Sea School.

EVENT DETAILS:

Location: Our Lady Star of the Sea Providence Room

Date: Saturday, May 4

Dress Code: Homecoming Dance Attire

SCHEDULE:

5:00pm: Doors Open & Hors D'oeuvres

5:30pm: Dinner

6:30pm: Awards Announced

7:00-10:00pm: Music & Dancing

The deadline to [purchase tickets](#) is April 21. If tickets sell out sooner, registration will be closed.