



April 19, 2023

Dear OLSS Families,

Christ is risen! Alleluia! We hope that all our school families had a wonderful Easter and break. We will continue to celebrate Easter until the Feast of Pentecost on May 28. There are only seven weeks of school left, and there will be many activities taking place including May Crowning, our Middle School Dance, Earth Day flower planting, Spring Concert Program, Fun Run and Field Day, First Holy Communions, and field trips. Please read newsletters sent by the school and by your child's teacher to keep informed, and return field trip permission forms by their due date. We need volunteers to help with these events; please visit the [Volunteer Opportunities](#) website for more info.

Grace & Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal

NEWS & REMINDERS:

LAST SUPPER: Middle school's re-enactment of The Last Supper is tomorrow; **Thu, Apr. 20 at 1:30pm** in the Historic Church.

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY: There is no school this **Fri, Apr. 21** due to the traffic issues caused by the Tiki Bar opening day in Solomons.

GALA: The Fr. Alexander Gala this **Sat, Apr. 22**. Proceeds from this event benefit our school. Volunteers are needed to help with clean up on Sun, Apr. 23; please sign up [here](#).

SUMMER UNIFORMS: Students may now wear summer uniform shorts, and PE shorts on PE class days. Please consult the Dress Code section of the Parent/Student Handbook for more information.

RESURRECTION EGGS: 8th grade is selling "Resurrection Eggs"; plastic eggs containing toys, candy, and Rita's gift cards to raise money for their graduation fund. They are \$1/each or six for \$5. Students may bring cash to the School Office to purchase them.

YARD SALE: We appreciate donations of items for the Yard Sale at the Bazaar. Please see the [flyer](#) for more info and donation drop-off times.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE: We are hosting a dance for middle school students from the local Catholic schools on **Friday, May 5 from 7-10pm**. Students must bring their signed permission form. Volunteers are needed to help at the admissions table, chaperoning, and for the drinks/snacks table. Please sign up [here](#).

SNACK/DRINK DONATIONS: We are in need of donations of chips (single serving packs), cookies, and drinks (iced tea, lemonade, sodas) for the Dance on May 5. Every \$30 spent = 1 volunteer service hour. Please sign up [here](#).

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: We will have an Ice Cream Social at **2pm on Fri, May 5** to celebrate our May Crowning. Volunteers are needed to help serve ice cream. Parents needing Volunteer Service Hours can purchase ice cream and toppings. Please email olssvolunteerhours@gmail.com.

EARTH DAY: We will celebrate Earth Day on **Thu, May 4** with students planting flowers around the school grounds. Students should wear their PE uniform to school and bring gardening gloves and small garden shovels (please label with name). 8th graders will wear their class shirts.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Question: Why doesn't our Easter Break match up with the Public Schools' Spring break schedule?

Years ago, when Catholic Schools were mostly taught by Religious Sisters, the week after Easter, known as the Easter Octave, is when all of the Nuns would go on a Silent Retreat. Pastors would often go on their Retreat at that time as well. Additionally, the Triduum is a sacred time. So that families could celebrate services together and fully enter into the Spirit of this solemn, holy time, it made sense to start the Break before Holy Thursday. Therefore, a religious Easter break (not a secular Spring Break) would be celebrated by the entire school community at that time.

While none of the schools in Southern Maryland have Religious Sisters associated with their school anymore, several schools within the Archdiocese of Washington still do, so the Catholic Schools Office still traditionally sets that week after Easter as our Easter Break on our School Calendar.

Public Schools have a Spring Break, and it does usually coincide with Easter, but it is not specifically for the celebration of the Religious Holiday and Season whereas our break specifically is, so it is doubtful that ADW will change this long-standing, meaningful tradition.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

SPRING BAZAAR

Saturday, April 29
9am - 2pm

Crafters, Vendors,
Concessions, Auctions, Bake
Sale, Raffles, & More!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BAZAAR

Please sign up [HERE](#) to help with:

- Apr. 25-29: Sorting items for Yard Sale
- Apr. 28: Bazaar set up
- Apr. 29: Bazaar set up, run tables, clean up
- May 1: Donation drop off

Please sign up [HERE](#) to donate baked goods.

PURPLE UP! FOR MILITARY KIDS

Monday's Tag Day donations will go to the National Military Family Association's [Operation Purple Programs](#), whose mission is to support and enhance the quality of life for military families.



In Spanish classes this week, students practiced a Hispanic tradition and broke cascarrones - egg shells filled with confetti - over each other's heads, which is supposed to bring them good luck. Thank you Señora Dawn for this fun tradition!



- UPCOMING EVENTS -

APRIL

- ✿ **Apr. 21:** No School
- ✿ **Apr. 22, 5pm:** [Fr. Alexander Gala](#)
- ✿ **Apr. 29, 9am-2pm:** [Spring Bazaar](#)

MAY

- ☀ **May 1:** Wear Kindness Shirt
- ☀ **May 4:** Earth Day Planting
- ☀ **May 5, 9am:** Mass & May Crowning Ceremony
- ☀ **May 5, 7-10pm:** [Middle School Dance](#)
- ☀ **May 9:** PK / K Field Trip
- ☀ **May 11:** 1st / 2nd Field Trip
- ☀ **May 11:** All School Spring Concert Program
- ☀ **May 12:** Staff Appreciation / 12:30pm Dismissal
- ☀ **May 16:** 3rd/4th/5th Field Trip to Annapolis
- ☀ **May 19:** Fun Run & Field Day
- ☀ **May 23:** No School - ADW Meeting
- ☀ **May 26:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ☀ **May 29:** No School - Memorial Day
- ☀ **May 31:** 8th Grade Clap-Out

JUNE

- 🌿 **Jun. 2:** Last Day for Pre-K
- 🌿 **Jun. 2, 6:30pm:** 8th Grade Graduation
- 🌿 **Jun. 5:** Wear Kindness Shirt
- 🌿 **Jun. 6:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- 🌿 **Jun. 7:** 9am Mass | 10:30am Dismissal | Last Day

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GLOW

OUR LADY STAR OF
THE SEA SCHOOL

BLACK LIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

for Catholic school students

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 7-10pm

OLSS School,
90 Alexander Ln.
Solomons, MD
20688
olsss.org

- * Admission \$5 at the door
- * Signed permission form required
- * Cell phones will be held in office
- * Wear neon or white to GLOW!