OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

May 29, 2024

Dear OLSS Families.

As the school year comes to an end, we are filled with gratitude and joy. The 2023-24 year has been a testament to the strength of our community, the dedication of our educators, and the brilliance of our students. We are proud of the academic achievements of our students and congratulate them for their hard work and dedication.

Our commitment to nurturing the spiritual growth of our students remains steadfast. This year, we celebrated Masses, prayer services, and religious events that have strengthened our bond with God and each other. Service projects included food drives for SMILE Food Pantry, donations to local charities, and monetary donations to many charities through Tag Days and Penny Wars. The generosity and spirit of service truly embody the teachings of Christ and is an essential value to teach to our children.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated faculty and staff, whose commitment makes Our Lady Star of the Sea School a nurturing and inspiring place to learn. We bid farewell to two of our specials teachers; Senora Dawn Skeith-Baugher and Ms. Maria Gamble. Senora Dawn has been our Spanish Teacher for the past 12 years and has taught our students language skills and about the rich culture and traditions of the Spanish-speaking world. We thank her for her many years of inspired teaching. Ms. Gamble has taught Music and Theology this year, and we thank her for her contributions. Both teachers will be greatly missed, and we wish them joy in their new journeys.

As we enter the summer months, we encourage you to continue fostering a love of learning and faith at home. Students will be bringing math and reading packets home to work on over the summer. Students entering grades 4-8 in the fall have required summer reading book reports that will be due on the first day of school.

We also express our deep appreciation to our parents and guardians for your continuous support and involvement and for being an integral part of our school community. May God bless you and your families with a restful and joyous summer.

Grace and Peace.

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson Principal

NEWS & REMINDERS:

FINANCIAL AID FOR '24-25: OLSS Tuition Assistance Forms and Catholic Active Parishioner Grant forms are due by May 31. Paper copies can be sent to the School Office or emailed to bookkeeper@olss.org

TUITION AGREEMENTS: Mrs. Muldoon will be sending Tuition Agreements to parents in June via email, which must be signed in TADS. The first tuition payments for the 2024-25 school year are due July 10.

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE: Mon, June 3: Regular school day | **Tue, June 4:** 12:30pm dismissal | **Wed, June 5:** 10:30am dismissal

YEARBOOKS: 2023-24 yearbooks can be ordered here using school's ID 7235380-2401. Yearbooks are \$36.75. To place a "Message from Home" in the yearbook, please use this <u>link</u>. The cost is \$10.

SAVE THE DATE: There will be an OLSS Parish/School Picnic and Ministry Fair on October 6.





FUN RUN

I would like to thank everyone for their support of and donations to our Fun Run fundraiser, which exceeded our goal of \$10,000! A huge thank you to the Wingenter family for organizing and running the Fun Run. The money raised will be going towards improvements in school facilities.



TO OUR 8TH GRADE GRADUATES

As you stand on the threshold of a new chapter in your lives, we want to take a moment to celebrate and honor you. Your journey at Our Lady Star of the Sea School has been filled with growth, learning, faith, and friendship. We bid you farewell with hearts full of pride and joy.

From your first days in Kindergarten to your final year in 8th grade, you have grown not only in knowledge but also in faith. Your participation in Masses, prayer services, and service projects has deepened your spiritual foundation and demonstrated your commitment to living out the teachings of Christ. We have watched you develop into compassionate, thoughtful, and resilient young adults, ready to make a positive impact in the world. Your hard work and dedication have been evident in your academic accomplishments. You have excelled in your studies, embraced challenges, and pursued excellence. As you transition to high school, remember that the values and lessons you have learned will continue to guide you. Embrace new opportunities with courage and confidence, knowing that you are well prepared for the journey ahead. Stay grounded in your faith, and let it be a source of strength and inspiration as you navigate the challenges and adventures that await you.

We are grateful for the joy and energy you have brought to our school. You have been an integral part of our community, and your presence will be missed. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to your families for their support and partnership throughout your time here. May you find success in your endeavors, joy in your experiences, and peace in your hearts. Remember that you will always be a part of the OLSS family, and we look forward to hearing about your future achievements and adventures.



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