



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

Newsletter: August 30, 2017



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We enjoyed welcoming our students back to school yesterday! We will continue to strive to provide a loving, supportive environment at OLSS School, where our community of parents, teachers, students, and parish are committed to the academic and personal success of each student. We look forward to a great year ahead!

This year, we are adopting Pope Francis's "Praying With Your Five Fingers". This method uses fingers as a memory aid to pray for our family and friends, teachers and doctors, government authorities, for those who are suffering, and for ourselves. **Please have your child complete their "Praying with Five Fingers" poster and bring it into school by this Fri, Sep. 1.** We are looking forward to seeing their work!



*Students learned the FROG dance together*



## NEWS :

**Hot Lunch Program:** We are currently recruiting for a part-time Hot Lunch Program Coordinator. Please contact Mrs. Bartsch if you are interested in this position.

**Milk Orders:** Milk, chocolate milk, and juice pouches are available for purchase at lunchtime every day for \$.75. Milk order forms for the quarter will be sent out shortly.

**Yellow Folders:** Every Wednesday, your child will bring home a yellow folder. Please take out and review the papers inside, and send the folder back to school the next day. Completed forms may be returned in the folder.

**PE Days:** Please have your child wear their PE uniform on their class' PE day, starting this week:

- **Thursdays:** Pre-K, Kindergarten, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup>grades
- **Fridays:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades

**Family Survey:** The ADW Family Survey will come home in your child's folder this week. This survey helps determine the amount of funding for additional services our school is eligible to receive. Please complete and return one survey per family. The info is confidential.

**School Portraits:** Lifetouch will be taking student portraits on **Wed, Sep.6**. Students should wear appropriate dress clothes to school that day. Lifetouch portrait package order forms are in your child's yellow folder today.

**Spirit Night:** We will be having a Spirit Night at Roy Rogers in Solomons on **Mon, Sep. 18** from **5-8pm**. Volunteers are needed to greet customers; please sign up through the "Volunteer Opps" webpage.

**Virtus Training:** OLSS is hosting a Virtus Child Protection training class on **Tue, Sep. 26, 7-9pm**. If you would like to attend, please register online through your Virtus account by selecting "Register for Live Training".

## REMINDERS :

**Scholastic Book Fair:** We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair at school from **Sep. 2-8**. The Book Fair will be open during school hours, and after the weekend Masses.

**Virtus Program:** Family members who would like to volunteer at school, or chaperone field trips, must first complete all steps of the Archdiocese of Washington's Virtus Child Protection Program. Info & forms are available from the School Office.

**School Messenger:** Please email the School Office if you would like to add emails or phone numbers to our School Messenger notification system.

**Car Rider Signs:** Please notify the School Office if you need additional Car Rider signs.



### Archdiocesan Band Program

The Archdiocesan Music Program offers instrumental lessons and a group band experience in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington for students in grades 4-8. An ADW Music Teacher will come to OLSS to present a Band Demonstration on **Sep. 11**. Program info and registration forms will be sent home that day. Lessons begin **Sep. 25**.



The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Providence Room from Sep 2-8 at the following times:

- Sat, Sep. 2, after 4pm Mass
- Sun, Sep. 3 after both Masses
- Tue, Sep. 5 - Fri, Sep. 8 during school hours



We hope to see all parents at Back to School Night on **Thu, Sep. 7**, starting at **7:00pm**. The evening will start with a presentation in the Providence Room, after which parents are invited to visit their children's classrooms to learn about their curriculum and schedules, and to meet other parents and students.

Our Home & School Association (HSA) committee will also give a brief presentation, and will be available to answer questions, and assist with sign-ups for volunteer committees and HSA memberships.

### FIRST SCHOOL MASS

We celebrated our first Mass of the school year together this morning. Older students sat with younger children to help them throughout Mass. Our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders did a great job with their Mass parts!



## UPCOMING EVENTS :

### SEPTEMBER

- Sep. 1: 12:30pm Dismissal for Labor Day weekend
- Sep. 4: No School - Labor Day
- Sep. 6: Lifetouch School Portraits
- Sep. 7, 7pm: Back to School Night
- Sep. 18, 5-8pm: Roy Rogers Spirt Night
- Sep. 29 - 12:30pm Dismissal for Calvert Fair Day

### OCTOBER

- Oct. 13: Grandparents Day
- Oct. 13: 12:30pm Dismissal for Grandparents Day
- Oct. 17: Lifetouch Portraits Make-Ups
- Oct. 20: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Oct. 27: No School - Collaboration Day

God bless,

*Mary Bartsch*  
Mrs. Mary Bartsch  
Principal