



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Our Lady Star of the Sea School's first priority is the safety and well being of all of our students and community members. We review emergency procedures, attend trainings, and align practices with the Archdiocese, State, and emergency first responders. In case of an emergency on campus, we want our students to know what to expect, and how to prepare for a crisis should the need arise.

In order to enhance the safety of our students, we are preparing them by having Officer Durner of Calvert County Sheriff's Office read the ALICE Training Institute approved book, *"I'm not scared..I'm prepared!"* to our students. Officer Durner will come into the classrooms and read the story and we will help answer any questions the students may have about ALICE. The story is written in an age appropriate manner by Julia Cook and is available on ALICE training website [www.Alicetraining.com](http://www.Alicetraining.com). This book is used in all ADW schools, and approved by the National Center for Youth Issues and the U.S. Department of Education.

ALICE stands for: Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. The story will be read to all classes over the next several days. Weather permitting, we will have an evacuation drill on Wed, May 15.

### NEWS & REMINDERS :

**Staff Appreciation:** This Fri, May 10 is Staff Appreciation. Please send donations in by tomorrow. **Friday is a 12:30pm dismissal;** please pick up your children promptly.

**Father Mike:** Our pastor, Fr. Mike Wilson, has announced that he will be retiring, effective July 3. We thank him for all he has done for our parish and school, and wish him a very happy retirement! We will share news about our new pastor as soon as we receive it from the Archdiocese.

**Yearbooks:** Ordering info for 2018-19 school yearbooks will be out shortly. Yearbooks include photos from events through the end of the school year; they are published in June & arrive in July.

**Financial Obligations:** All outstanding financial obligations, including Tuition and Aftercare, must be paid **by May 31**. Unfulfilled Volunteer Service Hours will be charged to tuition accounts at \$25/hour. Per ADW standards, report cards will not be mailed & records will not be transferred until all financial obligations have been met.

**Gala:** Volunteers are needed for the Gala on May 18. Please visit the Sign Up Genius page at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca4ac2ba4f94-gala>

**Flower Fundraiser:** We are selling a variety of potted flowers and hanging baskets for a fundraiser. Orders deadline is **Wed, May 8**.

**Book Fair:** The Scholastic Book Fair will be open through, **May 12**.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

We had a very fun Dance last Friday night, with about 160 middle school students from Catholic schools. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped at the Admissions tables, as chaperones, and with cleanup.



Thanks also to all who donated food & drinks.



Yesterday, our students celebrated Earth Day by planting flowers around the school grounds.

Thank you to Mary Alves, Michele Ehrmantraut, & the Parish Grounds Committee for working with us!



## OLSS QUILT RAFFLE



We are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win an amazing quilt featuring handprints of our students (the name/location of handprints is included).

Tickets are \$5/each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will be held at the Gala on May 18. Tickets may be purchased by turning in the order form with today's news. They will also be sold at the Bazaar this Saturday.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### MAY

- May 4-12: Scholastic Book Fair
- May 10: 12:30pm Dismissal - Staff Appreciation
- May 11, 9am-2pm: Spring Bazaar
- May 17: Field Day & 12:30pm Dismissal
- May 18, 6-10pm: Fr. Alexander Gala
- May 20: No School - ADW Principals Meeting
- May 24: 12:30pm Dismissal
- May 27: No School - Memorial Day
- May 29, 2:10pm: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Clap Out
- May 31, 6:30pm: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

#### JUNE

- Jun. 3, 10:30am: Pre-K Graduation
- Jun. 7: 10:30am Dismissal / Last Day of School
- Jun. 17-21, 9am-12pm: Vacation Bible School



Our Spring Bazaar is this **Saturday, May 11, 9am-2pm** with crafters, vendors, concessions, a bake sale, and a yard sale.

Please consider donating items to the Yard Sale to raise money for our school! Items may be dropped off in the Chesapeake Room.

Many volunteers are needed to help with set up, at the Bazaar stations, and with clean up. Please sign up online to help at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4ca4ac2ba4f94-spring>

### Our Lady Star of the Sea Father Alexander Gala & Volunteer Party All adults invited!



Saturday, May 18, 2019

6:00 - 10:00pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea Providence Room  
90 Alexander Lane, Solomons, MD 20688

**\$15/each or \$25/couple;**

**includes dinner, beer, wine, & sodas**

Reservations may be purchased online (visit [olsss.org](http://olsss.org) & click on the school store link), from the Parish Office, or through the form in Parish Bulletins

**- Reservations Deadline: May 10<sup>th</sup> -**

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favorite decade  
(optional)



#### FROG IT CHALLENGE

According to St. Faustina, Mary stated, "I am not only the Queen of Heaven, I am also the Mother of Mercy." Thank your mother for all she has done for you! Happy Mothers Day!

God bless,

*Mary Bartsch*

Mrs. Mary Bartsch, Principal