



September 1, 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope our school families are adjusting well to being back to school full days. We are excited to start the school year with an enrollment of 177 students, including many new families who have joined us.

Yesterday, our school came together to watch the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington's Opening of School Mass with Cardinal Wilton Gregory. After the mass, Wendy Anderson, Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools, gave a speech about ADW Catholic schools and said, "As we begin this new school year with some of the same challenges and uncertainties from last year, we find ourselves more at ease knowing that God has led us through last year, and we can be confident that he will guide us in this coming year as well. We can look forward with hope for the coming school year. St. Paul in a letter to the Romans spoke about hope. 'But even boast of our afflictions, knowing that the affliction produces endurance. And endurance, proven character, and proven character hope, and hope does not disappoint.' We could say our past school year, dealing with the challenge of COVID, would qualify as affliction. But we, like St. Paul, can now boast about those trials, because it did produce endurance, and proved our character to the world."

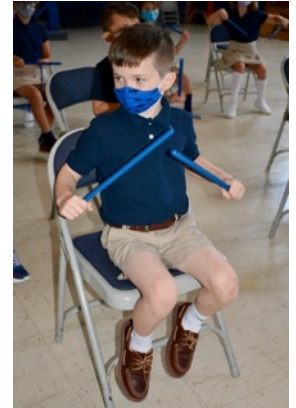
Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal

THIS WEEK AT OLSS:



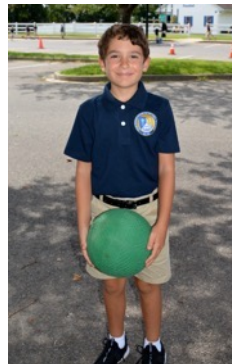
Grades 2-4 watched the ADW Mass from the Historic Church.



1st graders learned to use rhythm sticks in Music class.



2nd grade enjoyed their time outside at recess.



Kindergarteners had their first computer class.

NEWS:

LIFETOUCH PORTRAITS: Lifetouch Studios will be taking student portraits **TOMORROW** and will email parents with package and purchasing info. Hard copies were sent home with students yesterday. Students should wear dress clothes to school.

8th GRADE TEACHER: Please welcome Mrs. Sarah Ericksen to our staff. She will be our 8th grade homeroom teacher and will teach ELA to middle school.

FRIDAY: This **Friday, Sep. 3** is a 12:30pm dismissal to start Labor Day weekend. There is no school on Monday.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: We will hold Back to School Night on **Tuesday, Sep. 14** starting at **6:30pm**. More details will be out shortly.

TAG DAY: We will have a \$1 Tag Day on **Sep. 29**. More info to come.

SCHOLARSHIPS: We recently received a generous gift from the M. I. Long Family Foundation Scholarship fund. This money assisted several families with additional tuition assistance who otherwise would not have been able to afford a Catholic Education for their children. We are incredibly grateful and thankful for this charitable gift.

SPEED LIMITS: Please be respectful of our neighbors by obeying the posted speed limits around the school: 25mph on Solomons Island Road and 15mph on Alexander Lane. The Calvert County Sheriff's Office regularly monitor these roads for speeding.

REMINDERS:

MORNING CAR LINE: Temperature checks in the morning carline begin at 7:30am. Children may not enter the school building until that time, when their teachers are in their classrooms to supervise them. Please do not arrive before 7:30am.

WATER BOTTLES/SNACKS: Students must bring a snack and a refillable water bottle to school every day.

UNIFORM REMINDERS: Please remember that belts must be worn with shorts and pants. Shirts must be tucked in. Sneakers must be all black or all white. Hair regulations stated in the handbook must be followed.

ROOM PARENTS: If you are interested in helping your child's teacher and class by being a Room Parents, please email our coordinator Heather Hankins at hahankins87@gmail.com.

LUNCH VOLUNTEERING: If you have completed the Virtus Program and would like to volunteer with the lunch program please sign up [HERE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER

- ✂ **Sep. 2:** Lifetouch School Portraits
- ✂ **Sep. 3:** 12:30pm Dismissal - Labor Day Weekend
- ✂ **Sep. 6:** NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- ✂ **Sep. 14, 6:30pm:** Back to School Night
- ✂ **Sept. 29:** \$1 Tag Day
- ✂ **Sep. 30:** 12:30pm Dismissal

OCTOBER

- ✂ **Oct. 1:** No School - Calvert County Fair Day
- ✂ **Oct. 11:** No School - Columbus Day
- ✂ **Oct. 21:** Lifetouch Portraits Retakes
- ✂ **Oct. 28:** End of 1st Quarter
- ✂ **Oct. 28:** Halloween Tag Day
- ✂ **Oct. 29:** No School - Collaboration Day