



March 4, 2020

Dear Our Lady Star of the Sea Families,

I am honored and excited to have been selected to be the Permanent Principal of Our Lady Star of the Sea School!!! This school and all of its families mean so much to me. Please be assured that I, along with the teachers and staff, will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that your children have the best possible experiences, both academically and spiritually, while at OLSS. I look forward to working with all of you to continue to make 2019 - 2020 the best school year ever—with even more to come next year!

## NEWS :

**Welcome:** We are delighted to welcome the Thorne family to our school! Brandon and Mikayla started in our 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes last week.

**March 6 & 9:** This **Fri, Mar. 6** is a 12:30pm dismissal, and there is no school on **Mon, Mar. 9**.

**Rock Your Socks:** We will celebrate Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day on **Mon, Mar. 23** by having students wear their school uniform with their brightest, most fun socks!

**Home & School Association:** HSA would like to thank families and staff who attended the meeting on Monday, where we discussed events we have left during the school year. For those who were unable to attend, we have created a [Sign Up Genius](#). If you would like to help with any event, please sign up online by next **Wed, Mar. 11**. (If you signed up on Monday, you don't have to sign up online). Thank you all for your continued support.

**Volunteer Hours:** As part of the Tuition Agreement, all families must complete 40 hours of volunteer service (20 hours for part-time PK) per school year. **Unfulfilled hours will be charged at \$25/hour to tuition accounts at the end of the school year.** Please check the Volunteering page of the school website to view and sign up for upcoming opportunities.

**Palm Sunday Fundraisers:** We will have THREE fundraisers taking place at OLSS on Palm Sunday weekend, **April 4-5**, and are in need of donations from volunteers to make them successful.

- **Bake Sale:** We are in need of baked goods, which can be sent in on Fri, Apr. 3. Please see the flyer with today's news for more info.
- **Basket Auctions:** We are in need of donated themed baskets, which will be placed out for bidding in Silent Auction or brown bag (raffle) style. Please see the flyer with today's news for more info.
- **Spaghetti Dinner:** This is **Sat, Apr. 4 from 5-7pm** in the Providence Room. Cost is by donation.



to benefit Our Lady Star of the Sea School  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020**

**12:00pm Registration (Providence Rm)**  
**1:00pm Plunge Time**

Plunge will take place at beach across the street  
from OLSS Historic Church in Solomons

This is a fundraiser and is open to students and their families! Please visit the school website to register.

**These are the brave OLSS staff  
who are plunging!**



- Stephanie Riley • Kim Weber
- Maggie Quade • Colleen Muldoon
- Peggy Waldheim • Debbie Smedley
- Cindy Grater • Alexandra Paglia

**Staff will plunge into the following  
depths of water if they raise:**

- \$200 - socks
- \$400 - tutu
- \$1,000 - beads
- \$2,000 - head bands

- Donation jar is in the School Office
- Lunch items for from 12-2pm, including pizza, hot dogs, nachos, pulled pork sandwiches, and more!
- Raffles for a giant plush polar bear, and a polar-themed basket.

## REMINDERS :

**Open House:** We have an Open House this **Fri, Mar. 6** from **8:15-10am**. Please encourage interested family and friends to attend.

**Tuition Incentive:** We are hoping to increase enrollment for the next school year, and are offering a tuition incentive for existing families. If you refer a new family who enrolls and designates you as their referring family, you will receive 10% off your tuition for the 2020-21 school year.

**Re-Registration:** We are requesting that all families complete re-registration for the 2020-21 school year by **MARCH 13**, for administrative purposes. **After March 13, the re-registration fee will increase from \$150 to \$200 per family.**

**Tag Day:** We will have a \$1 St. Patrick's Day Tag Day on **Tue, Mar. 17**.

**Cascarones:** Señora Dawn is looking for volunteers to make cascarones (egg shells filled confetti or bird seed). Every dozen made = 3 volunteer hours! Please see the letter with the Feb. 26 news for more info.

## UPCOMING EVENTS :

### MARCH

- **Mar. 6:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **March 8:** Polar Plunge
- **Mar. 9:** No School
- **Mar. 15:** Advanced Band at ADW Festival
- **Mar. 17:** \$1 St. Patrick's Day Tag Day
- **Mar. 22, 1-3pm:** Basketball Awards Ceremony
- **Mar. 23:** Rock Your Socks for Downs Syndrome
- **Mar. 27:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Mar. 27:** End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

### APRIL

- **Apr. 1:** Volunteer Appreciation Celebration
- **Apr. 3, 7pm:** Youth Group Stations of the Cross
- **Apr. 4-5:** Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Auction
- **Apr. 4, 5-7pm:** Spaghetti Dinner
- **Apr. 8:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Apr. 9-17:** No School – Easter Break
- **Apr. 24, 5-7pm :** Middle School Dance

Grace and Peace,  
*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*  
Principal

*"Let all that you do be  
done in love."*  
1 Corinthians 16:14

## POLAR PLUNGE RAFFLES

We have two raffles; tickets are \$1/each or six for \$5, and may be purchased at the School Office or at the Polar Plunge.



Life-size polar bear cub, polar bear blanket, polar bear calendar, & scarf



An assortment of alcoholic drinks in a polar bear lunch bag; great over ice!

## Dr. Seuss Day!



8<sup>th</sup> graders read Dr. Seuss books to lower grades.



Teachers decorated their doors.



Mr. Klein made Green Eggs & Ham for lunch!



Kindergarten made ooblek!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT

Middle School made Blessing Bags with Sr. Grace, to be given to homeless in our community through the Safe Nights Program.

