



# Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: February 7, 2018

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We had a fantastic Catholic Schools Week at OLSS! I greatly appreciate all our staff, parents, and family members who volunteered at CSW and other recent events at school, including Pastries for Parents, Talent Show, Ice Cream Social, and Alumni Players Dinner Theater.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK EVENTS - Part 2

### BAY STUDIES ARCHAEOLOGY PRESENTATION:

Two Guest Speakers gave presentations on Archaeology - both land and underwater. Students had hands-on experience digging through dirt to uncover artifacts, and got to try on scuba diving equipment. A huge thank you to our Bay Studies Program Coordinator, Corey Plakos, for organizing this!

### GUESSING GAME:

Congratulations to the winners of Mrs. Weber's Guessing Game of how many letters were in the jar:

- Grades PK-2: Violet K.
- Grades 3-5: Mia P.
- Grades 6-8: Matthew K.



### BINGO FUN

Student Council organized Bingo games for the younger grades.



### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

CSW ended with our staff and students gathering together for Ice Cream Social on Friday afternoon.



### SOUPER BOWL

Thanks to all who donated to SMILE Food Pantry.



## NEWS :

### MATHCOUNTS:

Congratulations to OLSS Middle School Students who participated in MATHCOUNTS at Calvert Middle School last Sat, Feb. 3. This is a math competition with 200+ students from 24 schools throughout Southern Maryland, that aims to boost student interest in mathematics by making it challenging and entertaining. Thank you to Mr. Joe Suarez-Murias, OLSS Algebra teacher, and Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Edwards, who attended with our students.



**Spirit Night:** We received nearly \$700 from our Spirit Night at Moe's last week! Thank you to Katie Wingenter for organizing this, and to all who supported this Spirit Night fundraiser for our school.

**Valentine Treats:** Student Council is selling Valentine lollipops, heart candies, and red silk roses. Please see the order form with today's news & send in completed order forms with payment by **Mon, Feb. 12**. Student Council will deliver your orders on **Tue, Feb. 13**.

**Winter Olympics:** We will celebrate the Winter Olympics with an Opening Ceremony on Friday morning (**Feb. 9**). Each class has selected a country. Students will walk into the Providence Room by country. We will also track the medals won by country.



## REMINDERS :

**Bake Sale:** We will have a Bake Sale at the Island Bingo Spirit Day on **Feb. 11**, and would appreciate donations of baked items.

**Tuition Incentive:** If you refer a new family who enrolls at OLSS, and designates you as their referring family, you will receive **\$250** off your tuition for the 2018-19 school year.

**Scantron:** Mid-year Scantron testing for students in K-8<sup>th</sup> grades will take place this week (Math) and next week (Reading).

### POLAR PLUNGE

Saturday, Feb. 17, at 2pm

Vera's Restaurant, 1200 White Sands Dr, Lusby

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*Are you brave enough to join Father Mike & plunge into the cold Bay?*



- Plungers required to raise a minimum of \$25
- Registration starts at 1pm
- Plunge at 2pm
- Volunteers needed to help with registration



### FROG IT CHALLENGE

Say a prayer to ask the Holy Spirit to be with you today, and to guide you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO :

### FEBRUARY

- **Feb. 9:** Valentines Day Celebrations; info on class parties will come from teachers.
- **Feb. 9:** \$1 Tag Day; red/pink or Valentine-themed clothing
- **Feb. 9, 6:30pm:** HSA Movie Night
- **Feb. 11, 2pm:** Spirit Day at Island Bingo; please see the flyer and voucher with the Jan. 31 news.
- **Feb. 12:** 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School
- **Feb. 13:** Mardi Gras Parade
- **Feb. 14:** Ash Wednesday | Start of Lent
- **Feb. 16:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- **Feb. 16:** \$1 Tag Day to Support Polar Plunge
- **Feb. 17, 2pm:** Polar Plunge at Vera's; waiver form is required for participants
- **Feb. 19:** No School – President's Day

God bless,

*Mary Bartsch*

Mrs. Mary Bartsch, Principal