



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

August 19, 2020

Dear OLSS Families,

We are excited to welcome our students back to school next week. We have many new families joining our school; please welcome them to the OLSS community!

As summer travels come to an end, please keep in mind that the Maryland Dept. of Health strongly recommends that any Marylander who travels to a state with a COVID-19 test positivity rate above 10% should get tested and self-quarantine at home until the test result is received. As of today, the states on the list are Florida, Texas, Georgia, Louisiana, Arizona, Alabama, Nevada, South Carolina, Nebraska, Mississippi, and Idaho. (*Out of State Travel & Public Travel Advisory Issued on July 29, 2020*)

Stay happy, healthy, and holy!

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

THURSDAY, AUG. 20, 5:30pm: NEW PARENTS MEETING

- This event is for new parents to learn more about school policies and procedures to help prepare for the upcoming school year.
- Parents will be met at the front door for temperature checks before entering the building.
- Please wear face masks.
- Chairs will be placed six feet apart, but parents in the same household may sit closer together.

FRIDAY, AUG. 21, 9:00am-3:00pm: OPEN DAY FOR IN SCHOOL FAMILIES

- New and returning in school students and parents may visit their classrooms, meet their teachers, and drop off school supplies.
- **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** – please sign up at: <http://www.olsss.org/open-day.html>
- Parents and children will be met at the front door for temperature checks before entering the building.
- Please wear face masks.

TUESDAY, AUG. 25, 9:00am-3:00pm: OPEN DAY FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING STUDENTS

- Virtual learning students and parents will visit their classrooms, meet their teachers, pick up their books, and take the Scantron Assessment baseline testing for Reading.
- **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** – please sign up at: <http://www.olsss.org/open-day-virtual.html>
- Parents and children will be met at the front door for temperature checks before entering the building.
- Please wear face masks.

START OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

Our back to school schedule next week is:

- **MON, AUG. 24 & TUE, AUG. 25:** PK Introduction & Assessment Days
- **WED, AUG. 26:** Kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd Grades **only** / 12:30pm dismissal
- **THU, AUG. 27:** 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades **only** / 12:30pm dismissal
- **FRI, AUG. 28:** 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades **only** / 12:30pm dismissal

Please send the following items to school with your child every day:

- Snack
- Lunch
- Refillable water bottle
- Face mask

NEWS:

8TH GRADE GRADUATION: Our 8th grade class of 2020 will hold their Graduation Mass & Ceremony this Friday evening in the Parish Church. The event is limited to immediate family members only.

ROOM PARENTS: Thank you to all parents who offered to be Room Parents for their child's class. We have assigned each class a Room Parent.

ADW MUSIC PROGRAM: The Archdiocese of Washington's Music & Band Program will begin **Mon, Aug. 31**. All music lessons will be held virtually. More information will be sent to participants directly from the ADW Music Program.

REMINDERS:

AFTERCARE: If you plan to enroll your child(ren) in Aftercare, please notify the School Office by email to olssscool@comcast.net **as soon as possible**. Due to new restrictions, we may only have 13 children in Aftercare with two staff. **All required forms** (available on the school website) **must be completed before children may attend**.

BEFORE CARE: If you plan to enroll your child(ren) in Before Care, on a full- or part-time/occasional basis, please notify the School Office by email to olssscool@comcast.net **as soon as possible**. Due to new restrictions, we may only have 14 children in Before Care with one staff member. **All required forms** (available on the school website) **must be completed before children may attend**.

SUMMER READING: Upcoming 4th – 8th graders have required Summer Reading assignments, posted on the school website, that are due on their first day of school.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Please send your school supplies in on your Open Day visit, or on your child's first day of school. Virtual learners should also consider purchasing the supplies on their class lists, in anticipation of joining classrooms in the school in the future.

MEDICATIONS: If your child needs to take over-the-counter or prescription medication during school hours, medications and required authorization forms must be brought by a parent/guardian to the School Office to be checked in. Medical forms can be found at: <http://www.olsss.org/forms.html>

LUNCH TICKETS: We will be introducing a new electronic system to pay for school lunches. Detailed information will be sent out before the Hot Lunch program begins on Sep. 8.

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- ✦ **Thu, Aug. 20, 5:30pm:** New Parents Meeting
- ✦ **Fri, Aug. 21:** Open Day for In School Students
- ✦ **Mon, Aug. 24:** PK Intro & Assessment Days
- ✦ **Tue, Aug. 25:** PK Intro & Assessment Days
- ✦ **Tue, Aug. 25:** Open Day for Virtual Learners
- ✦ **Wed, Aug. 26:** K, 1st, & 2nd Grades **only**
- ✦ **Thu, Aug. 27:** 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades **only**
- ✦ **Fri, Aug. 28:** 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades **only**
- ✦ **Mon, Aug. 31:** All grades begin
- ✦ **Mon, Aug. 31- Fri, Sep. 4:** 12:30 dismissals
- ✦ **Mon, Sep. 7:** No School – Labor Day
- ✦ **Tue, Sep. 8:** Full school days begin



HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

- HSA's Facemask Fundraiser is accepting orders through Aug. 21.
- HSA is selling storage crates (one of the items on each class's school supply list) for \$5/each at the school; please pay through the online school store.
- HSA is hosting a fundraiser with Mabel's Labels, in which 20% of your purchase is donated to the school. Please see https://mabelslabels.com/en_US/fundraisin g/support/