



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWS

Newsletter: September 25, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I truly can't believe that we are halfway into the first semester! It seems like just yesterday that I was greeting students at the door saying welcome back! I am seeing highly motivated teachers in classrooms with very engaged, happy, students. I am also sensing some very supportive parents and guardians at home. Together, I am confident that we will have the most successful, faith-filled year ever!

During the past 5 weeks we have:

- Celebrated many school Masses with our new Pastor, Fr. Ken
- Learned about the Four main types of Prayer
- Talked about ways to show the virtue of respect at home and school
- Discussed the characteristics and lives of many Saints
- Celebrated many student birthdays
- Held Students Council Elections
- Selected National Junior Honor Society Officers
- Had our first Student Council meeting
- Completed our first round of Scantron Testing
- Worked together to host a successful fundraiser



And that's just to name a few things that we have accomplished!!!! I know there is much more to come and I am confident that everyone will do their part. Please remember to regularly check your children's grades (4-8) on Rediker Plus Portal, and look for weekly communication from your child's teacher as well.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out. You can contact me at principal@olss.org or by calling the office at 410-326-3171. As always, I thank you for your support and I want to assure you that I will continue to do my best to guide your children.

Grace and Peace,

Jennifer Thompson

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, Interim Principal

NEWS :

Thursday/Friday: Tomorrow, Thu, Sep. 26 is a 12:30pm dismissal with no afternoon bus, and there is no school this Fri, Sep. 27 for Calvert Fair Day.

Crab & Shrimp Feast: Thank you to our H.S.A. for organizing the fundraiser at Vera's last Sunday, and to all who supported it!

Tag Day Monday: Student Council is sponsoring a Guardian Angel Tag Day next **Mon, Sep. 30** to support the Angels' Watch Shelter for women and children in Hughesville, which supports local counties. Students who wish to participate should bring a \$1 or more donation, and wear white, light or bright clothing.

Installation: During the **4:00pm Mass on Sat, Oct. 5**, Bishop Michael Fisher will perform the ceremonial installation of Fr. Ken Gill as the Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea. Please join us for this joyous occasion!

Ryken Open House: Families are invited to the SMR open house on **Sun, Oct, 27 at 1pm** to explore the campus, meet their faculty, and learn more about St. Mary's Ryken. Families will have the opportunity to tour the new Donnie Williams Center and MIL STEM Innovation Lab, meet coaches, and learn about extracurricular activities. Please see the flyer with today's news for more info.

Electronic Fingerprinting: We have an Electronic Fingerprinting session on **Mon, Sep. 30, 4-7pm**, and another on **Mon, Oct. 28 from 2:30-5:30pm** (this is likely to be the last chance to have fingerprints taken at OLSS before the end of the year). To sign up, please see the links under "Upcoming Events" on the school webpage. Online Pre-Registration must be completed at least 24 hours prior to your appointment.

REMINDERS :

Fall/Winter Uniforms: On Oct. 1, our Fall/Winter dress code begins. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook on the school website for more information on the winter uniform.

If the smallest size OLSS sweatpants (Youth Small, 6-8) are too big for your child, they may wear solid navy sweatpants.

OLSS Merchandise: We are taking orders through Oct. 15 for OLSS logo polo shirts and hoodies, in adult sizes. Please see the order forms with the Sep. 11 news, or order through the online school store.

Blessing of the Animals: On Sat, Oct. 5 at 10am, Fr. Ken will hold a Blessing of the Animals on the Historic Church lawn, in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. All pets are welcome to come receive a blessing!

GRANDPARENTS/ GRANDFRIENDS DAY Friday, Oct. 18



- 9:00am: Mass in Parish Church
- 10:00am: Brunch & Entertainment
- 11:00am: Classroom Visits

- Please RSVP
- Food items are needed for the brunch
- Volunteers are needed to help with set up, serving, & clean up
- Transportation Permission forms are required if your child will leave with grandparents
- 12:30pm dismissal day / No Aftercare

This event is always a big one - to ensure we have enough, we are asking each family to donate a food item and/or time for this event.

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Our fall fundraiser is underway!

Info packs with catalogs of gift wraps, food items, candies, and gifts were sent home last week.

- Oct. 18 is the deadline for orders
- Students who sell 15+ items receive a free dress down day

Please join us for dinner!

Enjoy a night in Italy with your School Family

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

OLSS Teachers and Staff
Invite you to Dinner!

Friday

OCTOBER 11, 2019
5:30 - 7:30pm

Spaghetti with or without meatballs, salad, bread, & drinks

Cost is by donation

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

OLSS students who attend will receive a special gift from their teacher!

UPCOMING EVENTS :

SEPTEMBER

- Sep. 26: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Sep. 27: No School - Calvert Fair Day
- Sep. 30, 4-7pm: Electronic Fingerprinting

OCTOBER

- Oct. 1: Winter Uniforms Begin
- Oct. 1: PK, K, 1st, & 2nd grade Field Trip
- Oct. 10: Fire Dept. Visit for PK, K, 1st, & 2nd grade
- Oct. 11, 5:30-7:30pm: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- Oct. 16, 5-8pm: Moe's Spirit Night
- Oct. 18: Grandparents Day
- Oct. 18: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Oct. 25, 8:15-10am: Open House
- Oct. 27, 2-4pm: Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 28: Lifetouch Portraits Re-Takes
- Oct. 28: End of 1st Quarter
- Oct. 28, 2:30-5:30pm: Electronic Fingerprinting
- Oct. 29: PK-5th grade Flu Clinic (optional)
- Oct. 31: \$1 Halloween Tag Day