



Dear OLSS Families,

We are celebrating the joyous beginning of Advent, when we embark on a spiritual journey of reflection and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Each Sunday of Advent is marked by the lighting of a candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing the increasing light of Christ coming into the world. The center candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day and symbolizes the fulfillment of God's promise and the arrival of the Light of the World.

In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, let us not forget the true essence of Christmas -the miraculous incarnation of God's love. May the spirit of Advent permeate our homes, bringing warmth, peace, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson



CELEBRATING ADVENT

During Morning Prayer in the Historic Church, our middle school students share Advent readings, and we light the Advent candles on the wreath.



We have also begun our Jesse Tree tradition. Each day of Advent is associated with a biblical character or event that played a role in the lineage leading to the birth of Jesus.

Each ornament represents a different story, and we hang them on the Jesse Tree. Our middle school students read the Bible stories and verses to the rest of the students, and our Kindergarteners hang the ornaments on the Jesse Tree.



NEWS & REMINDERS:

TEACHERS LOUNGE: If you would like to donate food/drinks for the Teachers Lounge, please sign up [here](#) and record donations in Track It Forward for volunteer hours (every \$30 = 1 hour).

ADVENT CHARITIES: Each class is sponsoring a charity during Advent. Teachers have sent info on donations and deadlines.

CHEFS NEEDED: We need chefs to make their chilis at the Chili Cook-Off on **Fri, Dec. 7**. Please visit the [Chili Cook-Off page](#) for more info and to register.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Our Christmas Program is **Fri, Dec. 13 at 6:30pm** in the Providence Room. All students are required to attend.

SOLOMONS CHRISTMAS WALK: Students in grades 4-8 are invited to sing in the Historic Church at the Solomons Christmas Walk on **Sat, Dec. 14**.

CHRISTMAS BREAK: **Fri, Dec. 20** is a 12:30pm dismissal here is no school **Dec. 23-Jan. 3** for Christmas Break.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: OLSS Parish is having a Children's Christmas Pageant at 3:30pm on Christmas Eve for children 5+. Please see [here](#) for info.

ADW TUITION ASSISTANCE: ADW Tuition Assistance for the 2025-2026 school year is accepting applications through 2/21/25. **You must apply for ADW assistance first to be considered for OLSS tuition assistance.** See [here](#) for more info and to apply.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
**The OLSS
 Christmas
 DELIGHT**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 7
 5-8 PM**

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL
 90 ALEXANDER LN, SOLOMONS

**LIVE MUSIC
 CHILI COOK-OFF
 BEER & WINE TASTING
 KIDS' ACTIVITIES
 SPECIAL GUESTS: SANTA &
 MRS. CLAUS**



JOIN US AT OLSS CHRISTMAS DELIGHT FOR

**SANTA'S
 VILLAGE**

SATURDAY, DEC. 7TH, 5-8 PM

VISIT WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS
 LETTERS TO SANTA
 CRAFT ACTIVITIES
 ELF MOVIE SHOWING & MORE!

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Please join us for this family-friendly event held this Saturday!

Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please see the sign ups for more info:

Help with the Event: <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/953089/event/981252>

Bake Sale Donations: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4CA4AC2BA4F94-53543461-christmas>

Santa's Village Items: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4CA4AC2BA4F94-53607950-christmas#



SANTA SHOP

Our students had a great time at the Santa Shop! A huge thank you to Mrs. Tamburri and all the volunteers; we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for being such a vital part of our school community and for helping make this event so special.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DECEMBER

- 🎄 Dec. 7: Christmas Delight / Chili Cook-Off
- 🎄 Dec. 13, 6:30pm: Christmas Program
- 🎄 Dec. 14: Solomons Christmas Walk
- 🎄 Dec. 17: Middle School Progressive Dinner
- 🎄 Dec. 20: 12:30pm Dismissal
- 🎄 Dec. 20-Jan. 3: No School - Christmas Break

JANUARY

- 🎁 Jan. 6: School Resumes
- 🎁 Jan. 16: Spaghetti Dinner
- 🎁 Jan. 17: 12:30pm Dismissal
- 🎁 Jan. 19: No School - MLK Jr. Day
- 🎁 Jan. 20: Re-Registration for 2025-26 Opens
- 🎁 Jan. 24, 9-11am: Open House
- 🎁 Jan. 26-31: Catholic Schools week
- 🎁 Jan. 31, 9-11am: Open House