



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: August 6, 2018

Dear OLSS Families,

I hope everyone is having a great summer! OLSS staff are busy preparing for another exciting school year ahead. Please review the news and reminders in this newsletter, and contact the School Office at olssschool@comcast.net or (410) 326-3171 with any questions.

TEACHERS & STAFF:

We are pleased to announce our teachers and staff for the 2018-19 school year:

- Pastor: Monsignor Michael Wilson
- Principal : Mrs. Mary Bartsch
- Pre-K Director/Teacher: Mrs. Mia Cotroneo
- Pre-K Assistants: Mrs. Terri Yates, Mrs. Amy Quade
- Kindergarten: Mrs. Cheri Shaw
- Grade 1: Mrs. Peggy Waldheim
- Grade 2: Mrs. Carmen Norris
- Grade 3: Ms. Maggie Quade
- Grade 4: Mrs. Kimberly Weber
- Grade 5: Mrs. Sharon Cheseldine
- Grade 6 & 7: Mrs. Patti Edwards
- Grade 8: Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
- Grade 8 Algebra: Mrs. Beth Oster
- Art: Mrs. Beth Oster
- Music : Mrs. Debbie Smedley
- Library: Mrs. Angela Ingelido
- Physical Education: Mrs. Cindy Grater
- Instructional Technology: Mrs. Cindy Grater
- Spanish: Mr. Todd Levitas
- CCPS Title I Instructor: Ms. Kara Scarda
- School Secretary/Admin Assistant: Mrs. Colleen Muldoon
- Admin Assistant: Mrs. Amber Tamburri
- School Nurse: Mrs. Mary Ann Dale
- Aftercare (Younger): Mrs. Amy Quade
- Aftercare (Older): Mrs. Heidi Trice
- Facilities Manager: Mr. Ron Yates

NEWS:

2017-18 Yearbooks: Yearbooks have arrived and may be picked up from the School Office. Please call to make sure the office is open first. A limited number of extra yearbooks will be available for purchase for \$30.

School Uniforms: If you would like to come by the school to purchase PE uniforms, or to look through our Uniform Exchange, please contact the School Office first to ensure the school building is open.

Aftercare: If you plan to enroll your child(ren) in Aftercare, please email the School Office **by Aug. 17**. All required forms (available on the school website) must be completed before children may attend.

New Parents Meeting: Our New Parents Meeting, originally scheduled for **Thu, Aug. 23 at 7pm**, will take place the **same night at 5:30pm**, due to a concert taking place at the Calvert Marine Museum.

Back to School Mass: We will celebrate the start of the school year at the **10:45am Mass on Sun, Aug. 26**. School families are encourage to attend, with students wearing their school uniform.

First Day: Our first day of school is **Wed, Aug. 29**. It is a 12:30pm dismissal, with Aftercare available for registered students until 6pm. Lunch will be served. Please join us **from 7:15-7:50am** for donuts in the Providence Room. Students will report to their classrooms promptly at 7:50am, so please arrive early.

School Portraits: Lifetouch will take student portraits at school on **Wed, Sep. 5**. Lifetouch order forms will be sent home during the first week of school, and may also be purchased through the Lifetouch website.

Back to School Night: Back to School Night is **Wed, Sep. 5, at 7:00pm**. We will start with a presentation in the Providence Room, after which parents may visit their child's classroom. Our Home & School Association (HSA) committee will be available to answer questions about volunteering opportunities at the school.

Parish Picnic: Please join us for OLSS School's 85th Anniversary Celebration at the OLSS Parish & School Picnic on **Sun, Sep. 9 at noon!** Please see the flyer sent out with this newsletter for more info.

REMINDERS :

Summer Reading: Students entering grades 4-8 are required to complete Summer Reading assignments, which were distributed at the end of the last school year. Info and forms are posted on the school website.

School Supplies: The required school supply list for all grades is posted on the school website. Please send your child's supplies with them on the first day of school. They may also be dropped off at the New Parents Meeting on **Thu, Aug. 23 from 5:30-6:30pm**.

Medications: If your child needs to take 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>

School Website: All weekly newsletters, school calendars, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities are posted on our school website, www.olsss.org.

School Messenger: If you would like to change or add family email addresses or phone numbers to our Schoolreach parent notification system, please email the info to the School Office.

Virtus Program: All family members who would like to volunteer at the school must first complete all steps of the Archdiocese of Washington's Virtus Child Protection Program. Info & forms are available from the School Office or school website. The required steps are:

- 1) Create a VIRTUS account online at <http://www.virtus.org>
- 2) Register for and attend a Child Protection Workshop (info available from Virtus website)
- 3) Sign and submit the Acknowledgement Form from the workshop booklet to the School Office
- 3) Complete a Volunteer Application Form and submit it to the School Office
- 4) Complete Electronic Background Check form and submit to School Office with two forms of identification

UPCOMING EVENTS :

AUGUST:

Aug. 23, 5:30pm: New Parents Meeting

This meeting helps to prepare new parents for the school year. PE uniforms and napmats will be available for purchase. The Uniform Exchange will be available.

Aug. 29: First Day of School

- **7:15-7:50am:** Donuts in Providence Room
- 12:30pm dismissal
- Lunch will be served
- Aftercare available for registered students until 6pm

Aug. 31: 12:30pm dismissal - Labor Day weekend

SEPTEMBER:

Sep. 1-9: Scholastic Book Fair open during school hours & after weekend Masses.

Sep. 3: No School – Labor Day

Sep. 5: School Picture Day; order forms & info will be sent home during the first week of school.

Sep. 5, 7:00pm: Back to School Night

Sep. 9, 12pm: Parish & School Picnic

Sep. 24: Archdiocesan Music Program Begins

Sep. 28: No School - Calvert Fair Day

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH & SCHOOL PICNIC

Sunday, September 9

Mass at 10:45am

Picnic & Activities start at noon

*Activities for all ages including
local tastings, games, face
painting, corn hole & door prizes*

Please bring a dish to share:

Last Name A-M: Side dish

Last Name N-Z: Dessert



God bless,

Mary Bartsch

Mrs. Mary Bartsch, Principal