



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: April 26, 2017

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Each month of the calendar year has a special spiritual dedication, and May is the month dedicated to Mary. Our Lady, Star of the Sea is an ancient title for Mary, mother of Jesus Christ. We will honor Mary at our Mass and May Crowning on **Monday, May 1**, at **8:15am** in the Historic Church.

For May Crowning:

- Students are asked to bring in cut flowers or wild flowers to decorate the church.
- 8th graders should wear dress clothes to school to have their senior portraits taken.
- Students receiving their 1st Communions this spring may wear their dress clothes.
- We will have an Ice Cream Social at 2:15pm.
- All family members are welcome to attend May Crowning and the Ice Cream Social.



NEWS :

Earth Day: Students will plant flowers around the ground to celebrate Earth Day this **Fri, Apr. 28:**

- Students should wear their PE uniform to school
- 8th graders may wear their class shirts
- Please send gardening gloves & a gardening shovel
- Please apply sunscreen & insect repellent to your child

Cinco de Mayo: Señora Dawn has planned fun activities to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Hot lunch on **Fri, May 5** will be Mexican food. Students will also make and break open piñatas the following week!

Volunteer Appreciation: We will celebrate our school volunteers on **Wed, May 10**, with a special Mass at 8:15am, followed by brunch. Invitations for our volunteers are included in today's yellow folders.

Spring Program: On **Thu, May 18 at 6:30pm**, we will have a Spring Program featuring all students performing.

Spirit Night: We will have a Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A in California on **Mon, May 22** from 5-7pm.

SPRING FUNDRAISERS:

- We are selling beautiful potted and hanging flowers. Orders are due May 9 & will be in May 11.
- The Youth Group is selling religious statues in a variety of finishes, which will arrive by Mother's Day. Sample statues are in the School Office.

Please see the flyers & order forms with today's news.



REMINDERS :

Summer Uniforms: Students may start wearing summer uniform shorts on **May 1**.

Band: The Band Travel Concert is next **Wed, May 3**.

Field Day: We need many volunteers for Field Day on **May 19!** Please sign up through the school website.

Yard Sale: The Yard Sale is **Sat, Jun. 10**. Donated items may be dropped off starting in June.

Vacation Bible School: VBS for children ages 3-12 is **Jun. 26-30**. More info at: www.olssyouthgroup.com

7th Annual Seahawk Scramble Golf Tournament Fri, May 12, 9:00am

Chesapeake Hills Golf Course

This is a very fun fundraiser to support our school! For more info, including registration and sponsorship opportunities, please visit: www.olsss.org/2017-golf-tournament.html

Volunteers are needed to help with the following:

- Set-Up: from 6:30am
- Registration: 8:00-8:45am
- Tournament: 9:00am-2:00pm
- Clean-up: 2:00-3:30pm
- Please email Joe Kleponis if you can help at: joekleponis@comcast.net

**BLACK LIGHT
★ MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE ★**
FOR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS
FRIDAY, MAY 12, 7-10 P.M.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE
ADMISSIONS TABLES, CHAPERONING, &
DONATIONS OF SNACKS & DRINKS.**



Please sign up through the school website to help.

FATHER ALEXANDER GALA – “AN EVENING IN ROME”

The Father Alexander Gala is this **Sat, Apr. 29, 6-10pm**. This event honors three members of our community. There will be a cocktail hour, dinner, dancing, live music, raffles, silent auctions, & more! All families are asked to participate by purchasing tickets, sponsorships, or volunteering to help with this event. Gala info can be found on the school website with April 5th news items.

Many volunteers (adults & middle school students) are needed to help with decorating, setup, kitchen duty, waiting tables, cleanup and more. You can volunteer anytime on Thu, Apr. 27, Fri, Apr. 28, and Sat, Apr. 29. Please visit the “Volunteer Opportunities” page on the school website to sign up.

Also, we are looking for donations for the Gala's Silent Auction. Items such as timeshares, tickets to sporting events, gift cards to restaurants or local businesses, etc. would all be greatly appreciated. Please contact Heather McGaffin with any questions at: mcgaffinfam@gmail.com



PARISH DIRECTORY

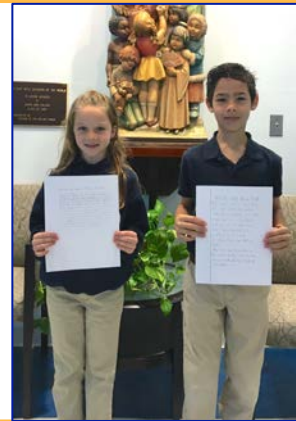
The Parish Office is creating a new Parish Family Directory this spring. All families are encouraged to be included!

- Family portraits will be taken between May 5-9 and May 25-28. Please arrive promptly.
- There is no cost, and each family will receive a free 8.5"x11" photo and a Parish Directory.
- If you wish to order additional prints, you may pay for them on the day of your sitting.
- Please visit the Parish website at www.olss.org to book your portrait sitting online.

CONGRATULATIONS:

OLSS 3rd graders Jordan Ayme won 1st place, and Alexander Chigounis 2nd place, in the Southern Maryland Realtors' Association Contest for their essays, "What My Home Means to Me." The contest received essays from students all over Calvert County.

Congratulations Jordan & Alex!



April is Autism Awareness month. On Monday, OLSS mom Daniela Rallis read a book about autism to our PK–5th grades, & gave them puzzle piece necklaces. A big thank you to Mrs. Rallis for presenting the story to our students, and spreading awareness to our school!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL:

- **Apr. 28:** Earth Day Planting
- **Apr. 29:** Fr. Alexander Gala

MAY:

- **May 1, 8:15:** Mass & May Crowning
- **May 1, 2:15pm:** Ice Cream Social
- **May 3:** Advanced Band Travel Concert
- **May 10:** Volunteer Appreciation
- **May 12, 9am:** Seahawk Scramble Golf Tournament
- **May 12, 7-10pm:** Middle School Dance
- **May 18, 6:30pm:** All School Program
- **May 19:** Field Day / 1pm Dismissal
- **May 22, 5-7pm:** Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A
- **May 23:** No School - ADW Principals Meeting
- **May 26:** 12:30pm Dismissal / Staff Appreciation
- **May 29:** No School – Memorial Day

FROG IT CHALLENGE:

Jesus sent his disciples to spread God's word throughout the world. What do you think Jesus would like us to do? Discuss with your family.



God Bless,

Mary Bartsch

Mrs. Mary Bartsch, Principal