



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith

Newsletter: April 12, 2017



Dear Parents & Guardians,

"Accept the risen Jesus into your life. Even if you have been far away, take a small step towards him: he awaits you with open arms." – Pope Francis

We wish of all our school families a Happy Easter and a wonderful Easter Break!

THE LAST SUPPER REENACTMENT



Yesterday, our middle school students performed a reenactment of The Last Supper for the school. Thank you to Debbie Smedley for organizing this beautiful performance!

NEWS:

Earth Day: Students will plant flowers around the ground to celebrate Earth Day on **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
- Parents should apply sunscreen & insect repellent on their child that morning

May Crowning: We will honor Mary with Mass and May Crowning on **Mon, May 1**, at **8:15am** in the Historic Church. Our May Queen is Erin Weakley, and Attendants are Julia Kleponis & Robyn Strauss.

- Students are asked to bring in store-bought or wild flowers to decorate the church
- 8th graders should wear dress clothes for portraits
- Students receiving their First Holy Communion this spring may wear their dress clothes
- The Ice Cream Social is at 2:15pm
- Family members are welcome to attend the service and the Ice Cream Social

Volunteer Appreciation: We will celebrate our school volunteers on **Wed, May 10**, starting with a special Mass at 8:15am, followed by brunch.

Field Day: We need many volunteers for Field Day on **May 19!** Please see the link with today's news.

FROG IT CHALLENGE:

We celebrate the Risen Lord in the Eucharist. What does Easter mean to your family?



CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to our Lego Robotics Team, the Robohawks, who competed in the CSM Lego Middle School Championship last weekend and finished 9th out of 20 teams. They also won the Teamwork Award!



Also, congratulations to one of their coaches, Jimmy Moore, who won CSM's Lego Volunteer of the Year Award for his countless hours spent coaching our robotics teams, & volunteering at CSM's robotics events. Thank you, Jimmy!



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny left Easter Eggs all over the school grounds this morning!



FATHER ALEXANDER GALA – “AN EVENING IN ROME”

The Father Alexander Gala is **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

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all who donated baskets & baked goods for the Palm Sunday events, which raised over \$4,900 for our school! Special thanks to organizers Patti DiBonaventuro, Cindy Rauner, & Katie Wingentner. The Best Decorated Bake Sale Item Awards went to Daniella Rallis (1st) and Alesha Kelly (2nd).

Thank you to Joanne Pensenstadler for working with students and Youth Group for their beautiful Stations of the Cross silhouettes production last Friday night.

Thanks to all who came out to Roy Rogers Spirit Night on Monday to support our school!

REMINDERS:

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

Autism Awareness: On **Apr. 24**, a parent will read to PK-5th grades, and the students will receive puzzle pieces, the symbol or Autism Awareness.

St. Jude’s Math-a-Thon: The final date to turn in donations for the Math-a-thon will be **Mon, April 24**.

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

A Note from Señora Dawn

I want to send a big thank you to all the families and staff who cleaned out & donated egg shells for cascarones. We will crack open the cascarones when we return from Easter Break. This activity is a Mexican tradition that involves people cracking the eggs on the head of a friend or family member. By doing this we wish the person good luck.

On April 24 & 26 we are pairing up the classes for this activity. Middle School students will join their buddies. 2nd & 3rd graders will go together. 4th & 5th graders will pair up as well.

Students can choose to have the eggs cracked on their heads or on their backs. If you decide that you don’t want your child to participate in this activity, please let me or the School Office know at Spanish@olsss.org or olssschool@comcast.net.

I look forward to seeing everyone when we return from Easter break. Have a happy Easter. ¡Feliz Pascua!

–Sra. Dawn



UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL:

- **Apr. 13-21:** Easter Break
- **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 19:** Field Day / 1pm Dismissal
- **May 23:** No School - ADW Principals Meeting
- **May 26:** 12:30pm Dismissal / Staff Appreciation
- **May 29:** No School – Memorial Day

God Bless,

Mary Bartsch

Mrs. Mary Bartsch, Principal