



# Our Lady Star of the Sea School

*An Island of Learning... A Sea of Faith*

**Newsletter: March 29, 2017**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Last Friday, we celebrated Maryland Day, a commemoration of the first Mass in Maryland held by Father Andrew White for the arriving settlers on March 25, 1634. We started the day with a special Liturgy in celebration of Father Andrew White.



As part of their Bay Studies Program, students toured the Lore Oyster House, and learned about the Chesapeake oyster industry in Solomons. Also, Jill Buck of Patuxent Seafood Company in Broomes Island gave a presentation about oyster aquaculture. Our students learned a lot about oyster farming, and also got to see local species of oysters, toadfish, and goby up close!



Many thanks to the Bucks, to the Calvert Marine Museum, and especially to our Bay Studies Program Director, Mrs. Corey Plakos, for an amazing day of learning!



## NEWS :

**PE Shorts:** Effective Apr. 1, students may wear their PE shorts on their PE day only, (Thursday & Fridays).

**Stations Performance:** The OLSS Youth Group will perform the Stations of the Cross silhouettes in the Historic Church on **Apr. 7 at 7pm.**

**Spirit Night:** We will have a Spirit Night at Roy Rogers on **Mon, Apr. 10, 5-8pm.**

**The Last Supper:** On **Apr. 11 at 8:45am**, our middle schools grades will perform "The Last Supper" reenactment. Family members are welcome.

**Vacation Bible School:** OLSS's VBS for children ages 3-12 is **Jun. 26-30.** Visit the OLSS Youth Group's website for more info: [www.olssyouthgroup.com](http://www.olssyouthgroup.com)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulation to 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Aibhilin Fockler, who received the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest's Nicholas Maximum Special Award for Penmanship!



## REMINDERS :

**Friday:** This **Fri, Mar. 31** is a 12:30pm dismissal. There is no Aftercare and no afternoon bus.

**Report Cards:** 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards will be sent home in yellow folders next Wed, Apr. 5.

**Stations:** Students will attend Stations of the Cross on Fridays from 8-8:30am during Lent.

**Service Project:** There is a bin in the school lobby for donations to CareNet for a student's service project. Please send in donations by **Apr. 7.**

**St. Jude's Math-a-thon:** The deadline to turn in donations is **Mon, Apr. 10.**

## FROG IT CHALLENGE:



In the 6th Station of the Cross, we learn Veronica wipes the face of our Lord. Discuss how brave and thoughtful Veronica was, and would you do the right thing too? Let us pray for strength to stand up and help others in a time of need.

## SEAHAWKS BASKETBALL AWARDS CEREMONY RECAP- March 25, 2017



- Coaches presented individual awards to their athletes.
- Service appreciation awards were presented to Coach Frank Dziekiewicz for his 9 years of coaching at OLSS, and to Pete & Wanda Worch for their 10 years of service to the SYBL & OLSS.
- The SYBL named Peyton Dziekiewicz the league MVP (highest athletic honor) and Aubrey (Proctor) Zerega the Dylan Brown Award (highest sportsmanship award).



The OLSS Gladys Nehf Spirit Award was presented to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Varsity Boys: John Gott, Peyton Dziekiewicz, Adryan Herron, Nicholas Worch, Anthony Pensenstadler, and Riordan Muldoon.



*Peyton Dziekiewicz receives his award*



*Nick & Wanda Worch*

*The season ended with a wonderful afternoon with lots of food, laughs, reflections on the past season, as well as looking ahead to next season, and saying good bye to our senior basketball players. God bless our Seahawks!*

### **UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

*Please go to the "Volunteer Opportunities" page of the school website to sign up.*

#### **April 8-9: Palm Sunday Basket Auction & Bake Sale**

We are in need of donations of themed baskets & baked goods for this event. Please see the flyer on the school website from the Mar. 1 news for more info.

#### **April 10, 5-8pm: Roy Rogers Spirit Night**

Greeters needed; Virtus training not required.

#### **April 29: Fr. Alexander Gala**

Volunteers needed for set-up before the Gala; help at the Gala, and help clean up afterwards.

#### **May 1, 2pm: May Crowning Ice Cream Social**

Volunteers needed to help serve and clean up.

#### **May 12, 7-10pm: Middle School Dance**

Many volunteers needed for the Admissions table, chaperoning, serving drinks, and help to clean up afterwards. We are also in need of donations of snack-size chips, cookies, and bottles of soda.

#### **May 19, 8am-1pm: Field Day**

Many volunteers are needed to help set up, assist with activities, serve lunch, and clean up.

### **ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Hot Lunch Program:** Help prepare, serve, and clean up. Dates are flexible.

**Parish Grounds Committee:** Grounds maintenance work includes weeding, deadheading, edging beds, mulching, watering, and fall cleanup. Dates are flexible.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **MARCH:**

- **Mar. 31:** 12:30pm dismissal / No Aftercare

#### **APRIL:**

- **Apr. 7, 7pm:** Youth Group Stations of the Cross
- **Apr. 8-9:** Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Basket Auction
- **Apr. 10, 5-8pm:** Roy Rogers Spirit Night
- **Apr. 12:** 12:30pm Dismissal - Start of Easter Break
- **Apr. 13-21:** Easter Break
- **Apr. 28:** Earth Day Planting
- **Apr. 29:** Fr. Alexander Gala

#### **MAY:**

- **May 1:** May Crowning / 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