



# Our Lady Star of the Sea School

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

**Newsletter: December 14, 2016**



Dear Parents & Guardians,

During the four weeks of Advent, we commemorate the coming of Jesus to Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago. In a spirit of anticipation we prepare once again to celebrate the coming of our Savior and Lord.

I would like to wish all of our parents, students, and friends a happy and holy Christmas and holiday season. May God truly bless you and your family with love, grace and mercy. We look forward to what 2017 will bring Our Lady Star of the Sea School!

## CONGRATS:



Congratulations to the Klasko family, who welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Spencer, into their family last Friday! He joins big brother Pacey and big sister Violet.

## THANKS:

Thank you to our HSA for another fun Family Movie Night last Friday! Our school families had a great time watching "Polar Express" together.



## FAREWELL:

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to the Paramanis family, who are moving back to Australia at the end of December. Isla has been at OLSS for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and her parents have been very involved with the school. We wish them all the best for their move back home. They will be greatly missed!



## NEWS & REMINDERS:

**Christmas Concert:** Our Christmas Concert is **Thu, Dec. 15 at 6:30pm**. Dress Code info for each class is posted online. **Please have your children report to their classrooms by 6:15pm tomorrow night to prepare for the concert, which will start at 6:30pm.** It is going to be a very fun night!

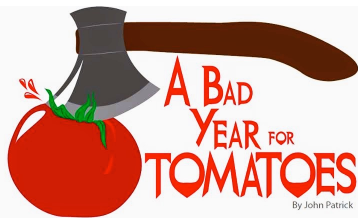
### SCHEDULE & INFO FOR FRI, DEC. 16:

- ★ It is a Christmas-themed clothing, or red/green clothing Tag Day. Please send \$1 in with your child if they would like to participate.
- ★ Middle School is having their brunch together; please send your dish in with any necessary serving utensils and heating instructions, and labeled with your name.
- ★ The schedule for the day is:
  - 9:00-11:00: Middle School Christmas Brunch | PK - 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas parties
  - 11:00-12:00: Christmas gathering & caroling
  - Lunch will not be served
  - **12:30: Dismissal (No Aftercare | No PM bus) – Please pick up your children promptly**

### Coming up in January:

- School resumes after Christmas break on **Tue, Jan. 3.**
- The school calendar and lunch menu for January will be sent out via School Messenger before school resumes.
- We will be holding an Info Day for our Pre-K/4K program for the 2017-18 school year on **Wed, Jan 25, from 8-10am.**
- National Catholic Schools Week is **Jan. 29 - Feb. 4.** We are planning many fun events for the week!

## OLSS ALUMNI PLAYERS PRESENTS



### Performance Dates:

**FRI, JAN. 27**

**FRI, FEB. 3**

**SAT, JAN. 28**

**SAT, FEB. 4**

**Tickets: \$40**

**includes dinner, drinks, & performance**

**Call (410) 231-0168 for reservations**



The next Seahawks games are **Sun, Dec. 18** at Ryken, vs. St. Mary's Bryantown School:

1:30 JVG  
2:30 VG

3:45 VB  
5:00 JVB

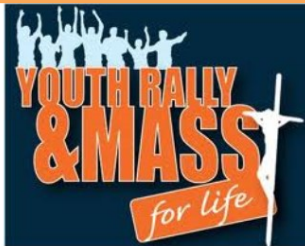
### OLSS CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Sat, Dec. 24:

- 5:00pm: Children's Mass
- 7:00pm: Choir Mass
- 11:45pm: Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: Sun, Dec. 25:

10:00am: Mass



### YOUTH RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE!

OLSS Middle School students will be attending 24th Annual Youth Rally and Mass for life sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington D.C. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend and should RSVP through the Youth Group website. Tickets are limited and given on a first reserved and paid basis.

**When:** Friday, January 27, 2017

**Time:** Bus leaves OLSS at 4:50 a.m. - SHARP!  
Prince Fredrick pick up at 5:15 a.m.

**Return:** 3:00 p.m. (with a stop for lunch on the way back)

**Cost:** \$25

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### FROG Full Rely on God

#### FROG IT CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK:

This week's Challenge is to think about the three Wise Men who brought gifts to Baby Jesus. What three gifts would you like to give Baby Jesus? Talk about it with your family.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### DECEMBER

- Dec. 15, 6:30pm: Christmas Concert
- Dec. 16: Christmas Parties, MS Brunch
- Dec. 16: 12:30pm dismissal
- Dec. 19-Jan. 2: Christmas Break

God Bless,

*Mary Bartsch*  
OLSS Principal



### JANUARY

- Jan. 3: Classes Resume
- Jan. 13: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Jan. 16: No School - MLK Jr. Day
- Jan. 18: End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- Jan. 25, 8-10am: 4K Info Day
- Jan. 27: Youth Rally/Mass for Life
- Jan. 27 & 28: Alumni Players Dinner Theatre
- Jan. 29 – Feb. 4: Catholic Schools Week