



Nov. 20, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our staff and students greatly enjoyed celebrating Kindness Week last week and putting our faith into action. A huge thank you to Brandi Hutchins and our teachers for organizing fun activities and spirit days. We would also like to thank our school families for their generous donations for Solomons Mission Center to help those in need in our area.



Grace and Peace,  
*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*  
Principal



## NEWS & REMINDERS



**TAG DAY:** Student Council has organized a Tag Day for **Mon, Nov. 25** for [Debbie's Dream Foundation](#) for stomach cancer research. Students who participate should wear periwinkle and bring a \$2 donation.

**VOLUNTEERING:** We greatly appreciate our school volunteers. To help events run smoothly, please keep in mind the following:

- Please do not sign up to volunteer for an event unless you are certain that you will be able to make it.
- If you have signed up to volunteer but are unable to come, please contact the school office as soon as possible so that we can try to find a replacement.
- Please do not arrive at school before the scheduled start time of the volunteer event.

**FOOD DRIVE:** Student Council's [Thanksgiving Food Drive](#) for SMILE is collecting donations through **Nov. 22**.

**YARD SALE:** We would appreciate donations of gently used items for the Bazaar Yard Sale this week. Please see the [flyer](#) for more details and drop off info.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Please visit our Christmas Bazaar this **Sat, Nov. 23 from 9am-2pm**. There will be vendors, concessions, food, and photos with Santa!

**TURKEY TROT:** Our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot is on **Nov. 26!** Students will walk and jog along the Solomons Boardwalk to raise money for our school. Please register your student(s) [here](#).

**THANKSGIVING BREAK:** **Tue, Nov. 26** is a 12:30pm dismissal, and there is no school **Nov. 27-29**.

**ADW TUITION ASSISTANCE:** The application window for ADW Tuition Assistance for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. **You must apply for ADW assistance first to be considered for OLSS tuition assistance.** The deadline for applications is Feb. 21, 2025. Please click [here](#) for more info and to apply.

**SANTA SHOP:** The Santa Shop is **Dec. 2-4** for students to shop for Christmas gifts. Shopping lists should be brought to school on Dec. 2, and payment for gifts must be made **IN ADVANCE** through the [online store](#).

**ADVENT CHARITIES:** Advent begins on Dec. 1. Each class will sponsor an advent charity; more info will be sent home next week.

**BASKETBALL:** The Seahawks Basketball Program is selling chocolates and Advent fundraising items; please see the flyers with today's news.

**BOOKS:** Ignatius Press has many beautiful Catholic Advent books for children on their [Book Fair store](#).

**CHRISTMAS DELIGHT:** HSA is hosting the Christmas Delight event on **Sat, Dec. 7** from **5-8pm** that will feature the Chili Cook-Off, live music, wine and beer tasting, food concessions, a bake sale, and activities for children. Volunteer opportunities for this event will be posted to Track It Forward this week.

**CHEFS NEEDED:** We need chefs to make their specialty chilis to share at the Christmas Delight Chili Cook-Off on **Fri, Dec. 7**. Please visit the [Chili Cook-Off page](#) for more info and to register.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** Our Christmas Program is **Fri, Dec. 13 at 6:30pm** in the Providence Room. All students are required to attend.

**SOLOMONS CHRISTMAS WALK:** Students in grades 4-8 are invited to sing in the Historic Church at the Solomons Christmas Walk on **Sat, Dec. 14**. All students are invited to participate in the Parade at 6pm.

**CHRISTMAS BREAK:** **Fri, Dec. 20** is a 12:30pm dismissal and there is no school from **Dec. 23-Jan. 3** for Christmas Break.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** OLSS Parish is having a Children's Christmas Pageant at 3:30pm on Christmas Eve for children 5+. Please see [here](#) for info.

2024 Annual OLSS

# Turkey Trot

Tuesday, November 26th

This year the kids will be taking pledges to support Field Trips at OLSS! Keep a lookout for the registration email so your children can start collecting pledges!

After the trot each class will be enjoying hot cocoa & cookies!



Let's help our little turkeys trot to support their school!

Register at

[https://myfunrun.com/olsss24\\_25](https://myfunrun.com/olsss24_25)

Need Volunteer Hours??

If you want to help out with this years Turkey Trot, please check out the sign ups on the Track It App!

We are excited for our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Turkey Trot Fundraiser next **Tuesday, Nov. 26!**. Each student must be [registered](#) by their parent/guardian in order to collect donations.

**Students should wear their PE uniform to school and bring refillable water bottles.**

They will walk/jog along the Boardwalk with their classes at the following times. An officer from Calvert County Sheriff's Office will be on site to monitor this event. Parents may come to support but must stay in designated areas.

- 8:30- 8:45am: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 8:45- 9:00am: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 9:00- 9:15am: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 9:15- 9:30am: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 9:30- 9:45am: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 9:45-10:00am: PK
- 10:00-10:15am: Kindergarten
- 10:15-10:30am: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- 10:30-10:45am: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- 10:45-11:00am: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

## Rebuild Our Preschool: An Invitation to Support the Future of our Parish

Please view Fr. Bob's video [here](#).



Dear OLSS Community,

As we gather each week to celebrate our faith and share in the joy of our parish community, we are reminded that our church is not just a building but a home – a place where we come together to grow spiritually, support one another, and nurture the next generation of believers.

I come to you with the special request for your support. Our parish preschool, which is been a cornerstone of early childhood education and faith formation, is in urgent need of rebuilding. For many years, it has provided a safe, nurturing, and faith-filled environment for our youngest members, laying the foundation for their spiritual and academic growth. However, the wear and tear on the building over time has left it in a state that no longer fully serves the needs of our children.

The good news is that we have a vision for a new and improved preschool - one that will not only provide a more secure and welcoming space for our children but also help us expand our mission to reach even more families in our parish community. But we cannot do this without your help. In the spirit of stewardship and generosity, your support will not only help us create a safe, modern facility, but will also ensure that the teachings of Christ and the values of our Catholic faith continue to shape the hearts and minds of the youngest members of our parish family. By investing in this project, you're helping to build a brighter future for our children, for our parish, and for our community.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our parish school and for considering this opportunity to make a lasting impact. Let us join together in this effort, trusting in God's providence and the generosity of His people.

Grace and Peace,  
*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*

Please click [here](#) to donate through iGiveCatholic



I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.  
- John 12:46

### ADVENT CHARITIES

OLSS classes will be sponsoring the following charities this Advent season:

- 🌿 PK: Sleep In Heavenly Peace
- 🌿 Kindergarten: Project Echo
- 🌿 1<sup>st</sup>: St. Mary's County Animal Adoption Resources Center
- 🌿 2<sup>nd</sup>: MedStar Pediatrics
- 🌿 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: Birthright
- 🌿 5<sup>th</sup>: Project Echo
- 🌿 6-8: SMILE gifts for children

Teachers will send home info on donation requests and deadlines.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

# CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

**9AM - 2PM**

**CRAFTERS - VENDORS -  
YARD SALE - BAKE SALE  
PHOTOS WITH SANTA -  
CONCESSIONS - RAFFLES  
& MORE**

**& MORE**

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For info on vendor opportunities, please email  
olssbazaarvendors@gmail.com



**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR  
BAKE SALE  
DONATIONS NEEDED**

**SUGGESTIONS:**

- \*Cookies
- \*Cakes
- \*Cupcakes
- \*Breads
- \*Brownies
- \*Fudge
- \*Candies

**EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS!**  
1 cake = 1 hour  
1 batch cupcakes = 1 hour  
1 batch cookies (2-4 dozen) = 1 hour

Please ensure donations are homemade, wrapped or boxed neatly, clearly labeled, & brought to school on Friday, Nov. 22.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 23, 9am-2pm: Christmas Bazaar
- Nov. 25: \$2 Tag Day for Debbie's Dream
- Nov. 26: Turkey Trot
- Nov. 26: 12:30 Dismissal / No Aftercare
- Nov. 27-29: No School – Thanksgiving Break

### DECEMBER

- Dec. 2-3-4: Santa Shop
- Dec. 7: Christmas Delight / Chili Cook-Off
- Dec. 13, 6:30pm: Christmas Program
- Dec. 14: Solomons Christmas Walk
- Dec. 17: Middle School Progressive Dinner
- Dec. 20: 12:30pm Dismissal / No Aftercare
- Dec. 20-Jan. 3: No School - Christmas Break

### JANUARY

- Jan. 1-3: No School – Christmas Break
- Jan. 6: School Resumes

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

# Christmas

**DELIGHT**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 7  
5-7 PM**

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL  
90 ALEXANDER LN, SOLOMONS

LIVE MUSIC  
CHILI COOK-OFF  
BEER & WINE TASTING  
KIDS' ACTIVITIES  
SPECIAL GUESTS: SANTA &  
MRS. CLAUS