

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER April 2, 2025

Dear OLSS Families,

Students in grades 3-8 participated in the American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Essay Contest, "What Does America the Beautiful Mean to You?" Congratulations to

essay winners: 4th Grade: Declan M., Reagan F.

6th Grade: Gabrielle C., Jace N., Tyler W.

7th Grade: Veronica C., Hank Russell

8th Grade: Charlie M.

Grace and Peace,
Mrs., Jennifer Thompson



NEWS & REMINDERS:

REPORT CARDS: 3rd Quarter Report are available in Plus Portals. Once you have logged in, go to E-Locker; report cards can be found under E-Portfolio. Please contact the school if you need assistance. Honor Roll certificates will be given to students after Mass on **Wed, Apr. 9**.

SPIRIT DAY: Thu, Apr. 3 is a Panda Express Spirit Day for pickup or delivery orders. Place your order at www.pandaexpress.com and apply Fundraiser Code 9002709 in the box during checkout, and 28% of your purchase will be donated to our school.

PENNY WARS: Penny Wars will be back next week April 7-11!

LAST SUPPER RE-ENACTMENT: Middle School will present a reenactment of the Last Supper on **Tue, Apr. 15** at **2pm**; parents are welcome to attend.

EGG HUNT: We are looking for donations of candy (not chocolate please, as it melts) and small items to put in Easter Eggs for our hunt **on Apr. 14.** Every \$30 spent equals one volunteer service hour. Please send donations in **by Apr. 11.**

TUITION ASSISTANCE FORMS: <u>Verification of Catholic Eligibility</u> and <u>OLSS Tuition Assistance Form</u> are due to the School Office by **May 5.** Verification of Catholic Eligibility forms must be signed by Father Bob prior to being submitted to the School Office.

BOOST: MSDE is now accepting applications for the BOOST Program for the 2025-26 school year. Please visit their <u>website</u> for more info and to apply. The deadline is May 9.

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS: We are looking for businesses to sponsor upcoming events; please see the <u>letter</u> for more info.

OLSS SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION Classes start September 2025

Registration for 2025-26 Sacramental Preparation at OLSS is now open, including:

- First Holy Communion
- Order of Christian Initiation (for children behind on sacraments)
- Confirmation

Eligibility: Families must be registered parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea. If the student belongs to another parish, pastor approval is required.

Duration: All Sacramental Preparation programs are a mandatory two-year process. This extended period allows children to deeply understand and internalize the teachings of the Catholic Church, ensuring they are fully prepared to receive their sacraments.

Requirements:

- Complete on-line registration
- Provide copy of Baptism certificate
- Obtain pastor approval if the family is registered at a different parish.
- Attend an orientation session to understand expectations and schedule
- Meet all preparation requirements in the outline provided at Parent Meetings

Fees:

A late fee of \$75 will be applied after July 31

UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL

- Apr. 3: Panda Express Spirit Day
- Apr. 12-13: Palm Sunday Basket Auctions
- Apr. 12-13: Palm Sunday Bake Sale
- Apr. 14: Summer Uniforms Begin
- 🐣 Apr. 14: Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 15: \$2 Tag Day Purple Up for Military Kids
- Apr. 15, 2pm: Last Supper Reenactment
- Apr. 16: 12:30pm Dismissal/No Aftercare
- Apr. 17-25: No School Easter Break
- Apr. 25: Seahawk Scramble Golf Tournament

MAY

- May 4: May Crowning, After 8am Mass
- May 9: 12:30pm Dismissal | Staff Appreciation
- May 9, 7-9pm: Middle School Social
- May 16: Field Day
- May 20: No School Principals Meeting
- May 21, 4-8pm: Chipotle Spirit Night
- May 23: Fun Run | 12:30pm Dismissal
- May 26: No School Memorial Day
- May 28: 8th Grade Last Day & Clap Out
- May 29: PK Last Day
- May 30: 8th Grade Graduation