



# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August 20, 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school! It is a blessing to have your families join us as we embark on another journey of learning, faith, and community. Our school is more than just a place of education; it is a nurturing environment where your children will grow not only in knowledge but also in faith. We look forward to partnering with our school families in this mission. Together, we will create a year filled with growth, joy, and spiritual enrichment.

Grace and Peace,

*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*

principal@olsss.org

## NEWS & REMINDERS:

**REQUIRED FORMS:** Please complete and return the Emergency Contacts & Medical Info, Handbook Acknowledgement, and ADW Family Survey as soon as possible.

**RITA'S SPIRIT DAY:** HSA is hosting a Spirit Day at Rita's in Solomons this **Fri, Aug. 22** from **2:30-4:30pm**. Mention OLSS when ordering and Rita's will donate a portion of the proceeds to our school.

**BASKETBALL REGISTRATION:** All students in grades 5-8 (in good academic standing) are welcome to join the OLSS Basketball teams. Please submit the registration form (included with today's news) and payment by Sep. 24. Please contact our Athletic Director, Mrs. Gladys Nehf, with any questions at [4nehf@comcast.net](mailto:4nehf@comcast.net)

**MORNING DROP-OFF:** Students may be dropped off in the morning car line between 7:30-7:55am. Children may not be dropped off or get out of cars before 7:30am. All students are expected to be in their homeroom **by 7:55am**. Students arriving after 7:55am must be walked to school doors by a parent/guardian.

**LUNCH INFO:** Lunch orders must be prepaid through the FACTS parent portal. Click on "STUDENT," then "LUNCH." In the top left, next to your student's name, you will see "+CREATE WEB ORDER." Web orders will be available up to one week prior to the week. Students who forget their lunch will be offered an "everyday" lunch and parents will then be billed through FACTS under "Incidental Billing."

**YEARBOOKS:** If you paid for your 2024-25 school yearbook but have not picked it up, we will send it home with your child. Extra yearbooks are available for \$35 payable by cash, check, through the [online school store](#).

**VOLUNTEERING:** Volunteer opportunities are posted in [Track It Forward](#). Please do not sign up to volunteer for in-school events unless you have completed the Virtus Program, and your fingerprints results have been posted to your Virtus account. If you sign up to volunteer and cannot make it, please call the School Office so that a replacement can be found.

**SCHOOL PORTRAITS:** Legacy Studios portrait day is **Mon, Sep. 8**. Students may wear dress clothes to school that day. To order portrait packages, please visit <https://www.schoolphotos.shop/>

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** will be held on **Wed, Sep. 10**, starting at 6:30pm and is for parents/guardians only. After introducing our teachers, Home & School Association President will share info on the HSA and volunteering. Parents will then visit their children's classrooms for 15-minute sessions.

**CRAB FEST:** Please see the [flyer](#) with today's news for more info on the OLSS Crab Fest at Vera's on **Sat, Sep. 20!**

**OLSS POLOS & HOODIES:** Please see the flyers with today's news to purchase [OLSS polo shirts](#) and [OLSS Hoodies](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### AUGUST

- Aug. 25: No School - ADW Event
- Aug. 29: 12:30pm Dismissal

### SEPTEMBER

- Sep. 1: No School – Labor Day
- Sep. 8: [Legacy Student Portraits](#)
- Sep. 10, 6:30pm: Back to School Night
- Sep. 20, 2-5pm: [Crab Fest at Vera's](#)
- Sep. 26: 12:30pm Dismissal – Fair Day

### OCTOBER

- Oct. 10: Grandparents Day
- Oct. 10: 12:30pm Dismissal
- Oct. 13: No School - Columbus Day
- Oct. 21: Legacy Studio Portrait Retakes
- Oct. 23 : End of 1st Quarter
- Oct. 24: No School - Collaboration Day
- Oct. 24, 5-7pm: [Trunk or Treat](#)