



# Newsletter

January 28th, 2026

## A Message from Mrs. Thompson

I hope everyone is staying warm! We are looking forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week next week to make up for the days we could not be in school due to the snow. Please keep an eye out for communication from your child's teacher about the work they should be completing while at home.

Grace and Peace,  
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, [principal@olsss.org](mailto:principal@olsss.org)

## Upcoming Events

### January

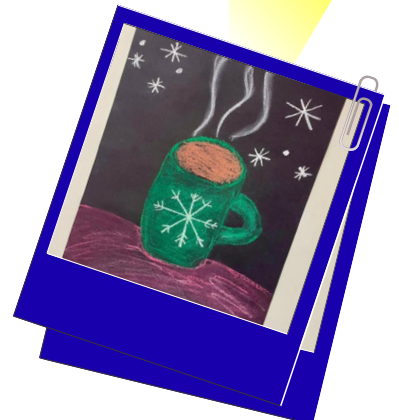
- Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> - Open House 9-11am

### February

- Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> - Polar Plunge
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> - 12:30 Dismissal & Free Valentines Tag Day
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - No School
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday

## Seahawk Spotlight

Students have been making beautiful winter art with Mrs. Oster!



# News & Reminders

**Lunch-** Orders for lunch must be placed and prepaid through the FACTS parent portal. Orders are available the week prior. To order click on "STUDENT," then "LUNCH." In the top left corner, next to your student's name, you will see "+CREATE WEB ORDER."

**Volunteers Needed-** We are in need of volunteers for the Fr. Alexander Gala. Volunteers DO NOT need to have completed VIRTUS requirements. Help is needed on February 14<sup>th</sup> with set up from 9:00am-1:00pm and clean up from 10:30pm-11:30pm. Volunteers are needed for lunch help as well as making Cascarones (confetti eggs). Volunteers are also needed for our annual Polar Plunge! Please sign up on Track it Forward to volunteer for any of these events.

**Vacation Bible School-** VBS will take place July 6<sup>th</sup>-July 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Oster at [grade5@olsss.org](mailto:grade5@olsss.org)

**ADW Tuition Assistance-** Applications for ADW Tuition Assistance are due February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached flyer for details.

**2026-2027 Enrollment-** Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year has opened for returning students. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Muldoon at [muldoonc@olsss.org](mailto:muldoonc@olsss.org).

**FREE Chick-fil-A Lunch-** On **FEB. 5<sup>th</sup>** students will be getting a free Chick-fil-A lunch as part of our Catholic School's Week celebration. If your child will NOT want the lunch this day, please email their teacher to let them know.

**Catholic Schools Week-** We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week next week, 2/1-2/6.

**HSA Community Meeting-** We invite you to join us for our upcoming HSA Community Meeting, which will be held on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 6:30 PM. This is a great opportunity to stay informed, ask questions, and connect with other families in our school.



## OLSSS ANNUAL POLAR PLUNGE

The Polar Plunge is **Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>**! To register or donate to a participant please visit: <https://myfunrun.com/olssschoo>



# Catholic Schools Week 2/1-2/6

## Sunday 2/1/26- Celebrating Our Parish

- Opening Mass 11am
- What to Wear: School Uniform to Mass

## Monday 2/2/26- Celebrating Our Community

- Making Prayer Cards for Belize
- Making Thank you cards for First Responders
- What to Wear: Crazy Hat Day (School Uniform with a crazy hat)

## Tuesday 2/3/26- Celebrating Our Students

- Talent Show
- What to Wear: Free Tag Day- Mismatched Clothes

## Wednesday 2/4/26- Celebrating Our Nation

- Spelling Bees
- What to Wear: Sports Jerseys or sports team shirt with jeans, pants, or sweatpants. Bring a non-perishable food item for SMILE Food Pantry

## Thursday 2/5/26- Celebrating Vocations

- 8th Grade Teachers for the Day
- Free Chick-fil-A Lunch (notify your student's teacher if they will NOT be getting lunch)
- What to Wear: Dress as the profession you would like to be and bring \$2 or a donation for the Sisters of Devine Providence

## Friday 2/6/26- Celebrating Faculty, Staff & Volunteers

- 7-8am Pastries for Parents
- Teacher Competition
- Contest Winners Announced
- What to Wear: School Uniform with Crazy Socks

## Ongoing Events During the Week:

- Souper Bowl: Bring canned items for SMILE Food Pantry
- Guessing Game
- Scavenger Hunt
- All About OLSS Quiz
- Buddy Activities



**Catholic Schools**  
A Faith-Based Education  
that Lasts a Lifetime



# **2026-2027 ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM NOW OPEN**

## **Apply Now**

The tuition assistance awarding timeline for the 2026-2027 school year ended on February 27, 2026. Families **MUST** apply for ADW assistance prior to requesting OLSS Tuition Assistance.

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Beginning October 1, families can apply for ADW Tuition Assistance through their FACT Family Portal or by visiting [factsmgt.com](https://factsmgt.com).

- **\*\*IRS Integration:\*\*** FACT is implementing IRS Integration to enhance your experience.
- **\*\*Faster Award Notifications:\*\*** Expect a quicker turnaround for award notifications.

**\*\*Upcoming Meeting:\*\*** Additional information will be provided during the Home and School Meeting on October 6.

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Contact Colleen Muldoon if you have any questions: [muldoonc@olsss.org](mailto:muldoonc@olsss.org)

❄️ OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL ❄️

# 2026 POLAR PLUNGE

Returns to Vera's Beach Club!

Saturday, February 7, 2026

11:15 AM – 1:00 PM



## PLUNGE SCHEDULE

Check-In (Plungers & Spectators): 11:15 – 11:45 AM | Clubhouse

🕒 Polar Plunge: 12:00 PM

## \* LOCATION \*

- Vera's Beach Club
- 1200 White Sands Drive  
Lusby, MD 20657

## \* WHY PLUNGE? \*

Join our OLSS community for a **fun, freezing, and** all while supporting our school!

**Cheer** on brave plungers, **snap photos**, and help make a splash for a great cause!



**REGISTER OR DONATE:** [myfunrun.com/ofssschool](https://myfunrun.com/ofssschool)

# Join us for a Pathfinders Pizza Party!!!

Discover Your Path. Fuel Your Faith.  
Join In Brotherhood!

**ALL BOYS GRADES 2 – 12**

A night of pizza, games, and fellowship awaits!



**WHEN:** Friday, January 30 6 pm – 7:45 pm

**WHERE:** Providence Room

**WHAT:** Includes pizza, games, a vocation talk, Q&A,  
a goodie bag – bring friends!

**WHY:** God calls each of us to a unique mission —  
and discovering that path starts with community,  
conversation, and courage. This night is all about  
brotherhood, faith, and fun.

**COST:** Free



RSVP Here



What Path Are You Taking  
To Get to Heaven?



RSVP Text: 443-975-0741

RSVP Date: Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

Sponsored By: OLSS VIP Ministry

# OPEN HOUSE | MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT

**WEDNESDAY**  
**JANUARY 21, 2026**  
**6PM**

**FRIDAY**  
**JANUARY 30, 2026**  
**6PM**



**RSVP**



## High School with a Higher Purpose



28299 Old Village Rd,  
Mechanicsville, MD



**CHESTERTON ACADEMY**  
**OF ST. MARY'S**



# Our Lady Star of the Sea School



Established in 1933, Our Lady Star of the Sea School is a member of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington and is a fully accredited, private Catholic school for PK-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Located on the beautiful Chesapeake Bay in Solomons, our school instills a life-long love of learning in a safe, faith-filled environment.



**OPEN HOUSES**  
 For Prospective New Families  
 Friday, January 23, 9-11am  
 Friday, January 30, 9-11am



- Daily Classes:**
- + Language Arts
  - + Math
  - + Religion
  - + Science
  - + Social Studies

- Weekly Classes:**
- + Foreign Language
  - + Computers/Media
  - + Art
  - + Music
  - + Physical Education
  - + Library



- + Average Teacher/Student Ratio is 1:15
- + Daily Prayer / Weekly Children's Mass
- + Rigorous Academics / STEM Activities
- + Before Care & After Care Programs
- + Tuition Assistance Available



90 Alexander Lane, Solomons, MD 20688  
Phone (410) 326-3171

**INQUIRIES**



## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – 2026 FATHER ALEXANDER GALA –

**HOLLYWOOD FIREHOUSE  
BANQUET HALL**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14  
6:00 PM - 10:30 PM**

*An Evening in Paris*



### TICKET PRICING

**EARLY BIRD (DEC 1-31, 2025)  
\$100 PER TICKET  
\$700 PER TABLE**

**REGULAR (JAN 1-FEB 1, 2026)  
\$110 PER TICKET  
\$770 PER TABLE**



*2026 Gala Honoree  
Deacon Andy Geisz*



*Wine Pull and Valentine's Day Celebration available at additional costs  
Proceeds to benefit the construction of the Pre-K Building  
For more information visit: [olss.org/gala](http://olss.org/gala) or call the parish office at 410.326.3535*