



# Newsletter

October 22th, 2025

## A Message from Mrs. Thompson

This year, All Saints Day falls on a Saturday. We will celebrate as a school on Wednesday 10/29 with a special Mass and presentations from our students. Students may wear a costume (over their uniform) of their favorite saint to school. We will then have our Parade of Saints starting from the school building and ending at the Parish Church prior to Mass. Students will need to change back into their uniforms after Mass. This is a great opportunity for our future saints to learn about and share what they know about our friends in Heaven!

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

## Upcoming Events

### October

- Thurs. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> - End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- Fri. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> - No School (Collaboration Day) and Trunk or Treat 5:00pm-7:00pm
- Wed. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> - Students may wear Saint costumes (over their uniform) to school and change after Mass
- Fri. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> - Free Halloween Tag Day

### November

- Sat. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - All Saints Day
- Thurs. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-7:00pm
- Mon. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - K-4<sup>th</sup> grade Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00am-3:00pm (No School for Students)
- Tues. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day, No School

## Seahawk Spotlight

There were many great events with our Solomons community this week. Middle school student leaders helped run a water station at the CalvertHealth Breast Cancer 5K Run/Walk. We also had a visit from the Solomons Volunteer Rescue Squad & Fire Department.



# 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-** Volunteers are needed for daily lunch help. Please sign up on [Track it Forward](#) to volunteer. The hours for lunch volunteering are  
Monday 11:00am-12:30pm  
Tuesday-Friday 10:45am-1:15pm  
12:30 Dismissal Days 10:30-12:30.

**Family Thanksgiving Feast November 20<sup>th</sup>-** The [FORM](#) and [PAYMENT](#) for the Family Thanksgiving Feast are due November 13<sup>th</sup>. Each family is allowed to bring 2 guests. Families with last names A-H will be seated from 11:15am-12:00pm. Families with last names I-Z will be seated from 12:30-1:15. **No orders will be accepted after November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**School Photo Retake Day-** Picture retake day has been reschedule for Monday November 24<sup>th</sup>. Legacy Studios has assured us that you will receive your photos in time to decide if a retake is needed.

**Uniform Update-** An addition to the Parent/Student handbook is underway. Students may now wear a navy, black, or brown belt with uniform pants.

# Parent/Teacher Conferences

## 5th-8th Grade Conferences

Thursday November 6th

4:00pm-7:00pm

Conferences are being held in the Providence room from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

When you arrive please pick up your child's report card from their home room teacher.

All teachers in 5th-8th grade will be available for conferences.

You may meet with any/all teachers in any order.

Teachers will be limited to no more than 15 minutes for each conference.

## Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Conferences

Monday November 10th

8:00am-3:00pm

Conferences will be held in your student's classroom

Please use the [CONFERENCE SIGN UP FORM](#) to have your conference scheduled

Dear Parents,

In recent months, I've heard from teachers and students themselves about a quiet but growing epidemic among our young people: they are not sleeping well. Many of our children and teens are walking through their days like Zombies, living a half life of exhaustion — because the endless scroll of screens has overtaken their nights. During the school day, our students live in a rare refuge — a place free from social media, a place where they can focus, laugh, and interact face to face. But when they return home, the temptation waiting for them is powerful and nearly unavoidable: just one more message, one more video, one more game. What begins as a few minutes before bed often stretches into hours. For many children, the blue glow of the screen replaces the quiet rest their minds and hearts so deeply need.

Sleep is not a luxury; it is a God-given necessity. It restores the body, calms the mind, and opens the heart to grace. When our children are deprived of rest, they struggle not only academically but also emotionally and spiritually. They become anxious, irritable, and disconnected — symptoms that often mask the deeper fatigue of a soul that never gets to be still.

As parents, you have a role in helping your children find balance in this digital world. I encourage you to create firm, loving boundaries around technology at night: phones out of bedrooms, screens off an hour before bed, a family prayer or quiet reading to close the day. These small acts of discipline will not only protect their health but also teach them something far greater — how to be free.

Folks, we can't afford to assume that our children are the rare exception, not glued to screens for hours on end, depriving them of nights of sleep and days of really living.

Our Lord Himself took time apart from the crowds to rest and pray. He invites us to do the same. May we help our children discover the peace that comes not from the constant hum of notifications, but from the gentle silence where God speaks.

Let us pray for our families — that our homes become places of rest, prayer, and renewal.

With every blessing,

Father Bob Kilner

Pastor, Our Lady Star of the Sea

ANNUAL OLSS YARD SALE  
DONATIONS NEEDED!

Do you have gently used items you'd like to donate?  
We're now collecting for this year's Annual OLSS Yard Sale -  
held during the Christmas Bazaar!



**Donations Accepted  
Starting Now!**



**Drop off location:**  
Shed #2



**Beginning November 14**

We'll begin accepting donations in  
the Chesapeake Room during set  
times - Specific drop-off times  
coming soon!



**What to donate:**

Household items, holiday décor, toys, books, kitchenware,  
tools, small furniture, and clothing  
*(Please no broken items or large TVs)*



Your donations directly  
support Our Lady Star of the  
Sea School and its wonderful  
programs.

Thank you for helping make  
this event a success!



Questions? Please email: [olssbazaarvendors@gmail.com](mailto:olssbazaarvendors@gmail.com)

**KofC Spaghetti Dinner**

**November 8th, 5pm**  
**PROVIDENCE ROOM**

Join us for a delicious Spaghetti  
Dinner prepared by the Knights of  
Columbus Council 9258!

Meals by Donation.

Proceeds benefit the PreK fund.







**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@olss.org](mailto:muldoonc@olss.org)



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

## Family Thanksgiving Feast



Thursday, November 20, 2025

- Turkey
- Stuffing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Mac & Cheese
- Sweet Potatoes
- Cranberry Sauce
- Gravy
- Rolls
- Dessert

Each family is allowed 2 guests.

### Seating Times

- 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM: Families with last names A–H
- 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM: Families with last names I–Z



Forms and payment due by **Thursday, November 13, 2025**

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## Reservation Form

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:  Cash  Check  Online School Store

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\*No orders accepted after **November 13, 2025\***