



January 15, 2025

Dear OLSS Families,

We will be using a new school management system, FACTS, for the 2025-26 school year, and will be starting to use this system when re-enrollment for current students for the next school year opens on **Monday, Jan. 20**. Yesterday, we sent an email to all families with information on the FACTS Family Portal and how to access it. Please get started by setting up your FACTS account by following the instructions using the district code OLSS-MD. **An account is required in order to complete re-enrollment for next year.** Please set up your account by **Friday, Jan. 17** so that you will be able to re-enroll your children for the next school year.

Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

NEWS & REMINDERS:

PRAYERS: Please keep our 8th grade teacher, Mr. Balderson, and his family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of his mother, who passed away yesterday.

BAND THURSDAY: Band will meet this **Thu, Jan. 16**. Please make sure your child brings their instrument.

JAN. 17 & 20: **Fri, Jan. 17** is a 12:30pm dismissal, and there is no school on **Mon, Jan. 20** for MLK Day.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: Please join us for a Spaghetti Dinner hosted by OLSS staff on **Thu, Jan. 16 from 5-7pm!** Cost is by donation and all proceeds benefit the remodeling of our PK building.

TEACHERS LOUNGE: Please sign up to donate items for the Teacher's Lounge for January [here](#). Every \$30 spent on donations equals one volunteer service hours. Thank you for your support!

FUNDRAISER: Please see the attached flyer for the upcoming Claire's Gourmet/Joe Corbi's specialty food items fundraiser! A table with info will be set up at the Spaghetti Dinner tomorrow night. We will have a kickoff on Jan. 24 when sales start. The fundraiser will end on Feb. 14 and orders will be delivered the week of March 10 or 17.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: As we near the halfway point of the school year, this is a reminder that each family must meet a volunteer service payment of 40 volunteer service hours (20 hours for part-time PK) per school year. The volunteer service payment is a financial obligation and offsets your total tuition due. Families that have not completed this by the last month of school will be billed for their unfulfilled hours at \$30/hour. Please make sure you submit all of your hours through the [Track It Forward](#) site for approval.

REPORT CARDS: The 2nd Quarter ends on Jan. 15. 2nd Quarter report cards will be available for viewing in the Parent Portal the following week (date to be announced).

SIBLINGS: If you would like to enroll a new sibling for the 2025-26 school year, please email admissions@olsss.org to reserve a space, and submit an admissions application when the portal opens Feb. 3.

OPEN HOUSES: We will be hosting Open Houses for prospective new families on **Jan. 24** and **Jan. 31, 9-11am**. Please share with friends or family interested in our school.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week, a celebration of Catholic education in the United States, from **Jan. 26-31**. More info on special events will be sent out next week. It is asked that all parents and students attend the opening of Catholic Schools Week mass on **Sun, Jan. 26 at 11am**.

PASTRIES FOR PARENTS: Please join us on **Mon, Jan. 27 from 7-8am** for Pastries for Parents in the Providence Room to kick off Catholic Schools Week! Coffee, juice, donuts, and pastries will be provided.

TALENT SHOW: Our annual Talent Show will be held on **Jan. 28** as part of Catholic Schools Week celebrations. **All students wishing to participate must turn in the [permission form](#) by Jan. 20.** Please contact our Music Teacher, Mrs. Alyssa Gross, with any questions at music@olsss.org. Parents are invited to attend the Talent Show; times will be posted closer to the date.

ADW TUITION ASSISTANCE: ADW Tuition Assistance for the 2025-2026 school year is accepting applications through **Feb. 21**. **You must apply for ADW assistance first to be considered for OLSS tuition assistance.**

GALA: The Fr. Alexander Gala is **Sat, Feb. 22** at the Hollywood Firehouse. Tickets are \$75/person and proceeds will benefit the remodeling of our PK building. For more info, please visit the Gala website at <https://olss.org/gala>

CONGRATULATIONS TO OLSS CONTEST WINNERS!

The Knight of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest encourages children to create posters that emphasize the religious significance of the holiday and the importance of keeping Christ at the center of Christmas celebrations.



Awards:
Levi F.
Nate B.
Mia O.
Jeffery R.
& Jaden F.

The Young Writers Competition is a contest designed to encourage creativity and literacy among young people.



Awards: Stella B., Vincent B., Gabrielle C., Elizabeth D., Jaden F., Jameson H., Louella H., & Lilly S.

Our Lady Star of the Sea School
90 Alexander Lane, Solomons, MD 20688

SPAGHETTI DINNER



THURSDAY, JAN. 16

5-7pm

Price:
By Donation

INCLUDES SPAGHETTI &
MEATBALLS, SALAD,
DESSERT, & DRINKS

Hosted by
OLSS
Teachers &
Staff

Proceeds benefit Our Lady Star of
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PASTRIES

WITH

parents

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00-8:00am in the Providence Room

Coffee, Juice, & Pastries Provided



UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY

- 🎁 Jan. 15: End of 2nd Quarter
- 🎁 Jan. 16: Spaghetti Dinner
- 🎁 Jan. 17: 12:30pm Dismissal
- 🎁 Jan. 19: No School - MLK Jr. Day
- 🎁 Jan. 20: Re-Registration for 2025-26 Opens
- 🎁 Jan. 24, 9-11am: Open House
- 🎁 Jan. 26-31: Catholic Schools Week
- 🎁 Jan. 27, 7-8am: Pastries for Parents
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FEBRUARY

- ❤️ Feb. 14: St. Valentine Tag Day
- ❤️ Feb. 14: 12:30pm Dismissal
- ❤️ Feb. 17: No School - Presidents Day
- ❤️ Feb. 21: Deadline for [ADW Tuition Assistance](#)
- ❤️ Feb. 22: Polar Plunge
- ❤️ Feb. 22: Father Alexander Gala
- ❤️ Feb. 28: 12:30pm Dismissal