



# Newsletter

December 3rd, 2025

## A Message from Mrs. Thompson

As we enter into the Advent season it is a time to prepare our hearts for Jesus. Each class is adopting a local charity to support during Advent. Additionally, we as a school will collectively be supporting our local food pantry. By doing this we are able to take the time to put Faith into action as we anticipate the birth of Christ.

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

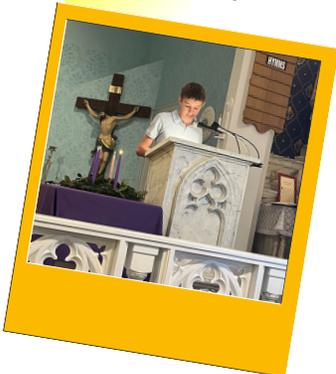
## Upcoming Events

### December

- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> - OLSSS Christmas Program
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> - Solomons Christmas Walk 6-9pm
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup> - **11:30am** Dismissal & Christmas Tag Day
- Dec. 22nd-Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> - No School Christmas Break

## Seahawk Spotlight

Each day at Morning Prayer we are adding another ornament onto our Jesse Tree! Thank you to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their Kindergarten buddies for helping lead us in this special Advent tradition.



# 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-** Help is needed for our Christmas Concert on Friday 12/12.  
1:00pm-2:30pm Break down Providence Rooms and set up chairs.  
7:00pm-8:00pm Break down chairs and set up lunch tables.  
Please sign up on [Track it Forward](#) to volunteer.

**Calendar Change for December 19<sup>th</sup>-** Please note a change to the 2025-2026 calendar for December 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be an **11:30am dismissal day with no Aftercare**. Lunch will still be served.

**Solomons Christmas Walk-** If your student is interested in participating in the parade during the Solomons Christmas Walk on December 13<sup>th</sup>, please contact the school office at [olssschool@comcast.net](mailto:olssschool@comcast.net).

**Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Christmas Play-** Please see the attached flyer for details on the OLSS Christmas Play. To sign your student up, visit the parish website here: [OLSS Christmas Play](#).

**Advent Charities-** Each class will be supporting a local charity this Advent season:

PreK- Sleep in Heavenly Peace

K- Project Echo Homeless Shelter

1<sup>st</sup>- St. Mary's County Animal Adoption Center

2<sup>nd</sup>- Pediatric Ward at Calvert Memorial Hospital

3<sup>rd</sup>- Project Echo Homeless Shelter

4<sup>th</sup>- Birthright of Prince Frederick

5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> - SMILE

As a whole school we will be supporting our local food banks. Please send in nonperishable food items to school. We will be collecting items until December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Concert-** December 12<sup>th</sup> will be our school Christmas Concert. Students are required to attend. K-8th students will report to their classrooms at 5:30pm. PreK students will report to the Providence Room. At the end of the program, students will be signed out from their classrooms.

**Support for Jamaica-** Thank you to everyone who participated in our tag day for Jamaica. We were able to send \$355.00 to assist Chetwood Primary and Mount Alvernia High School in the Diocese of Montego Bay with rebuilding and recovery efforts.

**Cognia Survey-** Please see the attached letter regarding the Cognia Parent and Community Survey.

# Santa Shop

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our amazing parent volunteers who helped with the Santa Shop this week! Parents donated homemade Christmas cookies, set up the Chesapeake Room, helped our little ones shop, and wrapped hundreds of gifts for our students to bring home for their families. We are grateful for your generosity and the joyful spirit you bring to our school community. Thank you for helping create such a special experience for our students!





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Principal: Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

11/19/25

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You are invited to participate in a survey required for the ADW Catholic school system-wide reaccreditation.

**Purpose of the Survey:** The purpose of this survey is to collect feedback on your perceptions about Catholic education at our school. The survey questions focus on aspects such as school community, mission, faith formation, academics, extracurricular activities, and school safety. This provides important data for the continuous quality improvement process at ADW schools.

Please note that your responses are anonymous and confidential. No personal identifiable information will be collected.

This survey is used by Catholic schools nationwide.

Survey Name	Administered to	Estimated Time	Length	Languages
Catholic Identity Program Effectiveness (Parent and Community)	All Parents/Guardians	Approx. 30 min.	48-50 Questions	English Spanish

**Click link to complete COGNIA PARENT AND COMMUNITY SURVEY:**

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#!/action/293169/p28700>

The survey can be completed from your computer or mobile device anytime on or before **Wednesday, December 10**. While participation is voluntary, your honest and thoughtful input is highly encouraged and deeply appreciated to best inform our reaccreditation process.

Should you have any questions regarding the survey, please feel free to contact me at [principal@olsss.org](mailto:principal@olsss.org) or 410-326-3171.

Thank you for your commitment to our school community and for choosing Catholic education.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Thompson

Principal



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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  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY**

**DEC 24, 3:30PM**

**Calling all kids ages 5 and up!**

**Upcoming Rehearsal Dates:**  
December 7, 14, & 21st  
after the 11am Mass

**SIGN UP!**



[HTTPS://OLSS.ORG/CHRISTMAS-PLAY](https://olss.org/christmas-play)

**Or Call the Parish Office  
410-326-3535**



**JOURNEY**  
*to Bethlehem*

**Camp Maria Retreat Center**

**DECEMBER 12, 13 2025  
5:30pm - 8:30pm**

This living nativity event is a new and exciting offering at Camp Maria Retreat Center. Enter into the story of Christ's birth as you are led on a journey through four scenes leading to the Nativity. The event includes live animals and choral music performed by St. Maries Musica and St. Mary's Ryken Knight-N-Gales.

Pre-Registration Required: \$10/person Free/5 years and Under

Visit [CAMP MARIA.ORG/LIVING-NATIVITY](https://CAMP MARIA.ORG/LIVING-NATIVITY)  
or use the QR CODE to register and purchase tickets.

Limited tickets are available, registration prior to the event date is required.



**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](https://olss.org/gala) or call the parish office at 410.326.3535*