



February 22, 2023

Dear OLSS Families,

We had a beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass this morning to begin our Lenten journey. The ancient practice of Ash Wednesday reminds us that we are mortal. It causes us to pause and look at our lives, remember what we are made of, and where we are going, and encourages us to fully immerse ourselves in the Lenten season. I pray this Lenten season will be a time of blessing for you and your families.

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal



KINDNESS WEEK:

Last week, we participated in the Great Kindness Challenge, a program dedicated to creating a culture of kindness and compassion. Students were encouraged to complete as many acts of kindness as possible. They also did fun activities including painting kindness rocks to distribute around the community, making cards for Asbury residents, and making friendship bracelets, bookmarks, and posters. Every day had a different Kindness Spirit Theme, and everyone enjoyed dressing up. Many thanks to our staff for all the work they put into organizing this event! Thank you to everyone who sent in donations of stuffed animals for children in hospitals and treats for residents of Asbury.



Monday's theme was "Dreaming of Kindness", and students wore pajamas.



Thursday's theme was "Never Too Old for Kindness", and students dressed up as old people



Friday's theme was "Peace, Love, & Kindness", and students wore their Kindness shirts and hippy accessories.

NEWS & REMINDERS:

MARCH LUNCH HELP: Please sign up [here](#) to help with March lunches.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Students will attend Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church every Friday at 2pm during Lent. If you need to pick up your child(ren) early on Fridays, please do so before 1:50pm when they leave their classrooms.

CASCARONES: Senora Dawn is looking for volunteers to make cascarones (confetti-filled eggs); please see the letter with today's news for details.

YOUTH EVENT: Students in 5th grade – college are invited to participate in the OLSS Youth Stations of the Cross in Silhouette performance. An information meeting will be held on Wed, March 1 at 4pm. Sign up [here](#) or email Youth Minister Joanne Pensensadler at youthministry@olss.org.

SPIRIT WEAR: HSA's [Online Spirit Store](#) is open for purchases through March 5.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Look to this section of the Newsletter for answers to questions posed by parents/guardians and other important info. Questions can be submitted to the School Office in writing (send in an envelope with your child) or emailed to olssschooll@comcast.net

Please note, I still have an open-door policy. I welcome any conversation, at any time, with any parent/guardian. Please feel free to email me at principal@olsss.org or phone (410) 326-3171.

1) *I applied for ADW Tuition Assistance for 2023-24, why haven't I heard yet if I received aid or not?* While the deadline for existing families was in December, the deadline for new families to apply for tuition assistance has just closed. Notifications should be coming soon.

2) *Are there resources available that I can access to assist my family in increasing prayer time and to provide non secular viewing options during Lent?* Yes!! One option is Formed. There are hundreds of family-friendly shows, movies, talks, and documentaries, available to you for FREE at Formed.org. Use OLSS access code ZZ6TFX. Another great App is Hallow. This App offers SO many things. During the season of Lent, we strive to imitate Jesus, who fasted in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights. The Hallow app is currently featuring a 40-day prayer challenge with Jonathan Roumie (imitating Jesus in The Chosen) and Jim Caviezel (imitating Jesus in The Passion of the Christ), Mark Wahlberg, Immaculee Ilibagiza and others for the reading of the classic "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas A Kempis. Download the app for quick and easy access to this and many other quick meditations and prayers. Lent is about preparing for a holy death. Consider the penance and spiritual practice you want to take on to grow closer to God. Let these resources be a help to you!

Many thanks to our Athletic Director, Gladys Nehf, for organizing last Friday's Pep Rally to celebrate our Seahawks basketball players!



OLSS JOB OPENINGS:

CAFETERIA MANAGER: We are searching for a Cafeteria Manager to start March 20. This position is responsible for planning, shopping, preparing, and serving school lunches four days/week.

RESOURCE TEACHER: We are searching for a full-time Resource Teacher to start in March. This position assists homeroom teachers with modified instruction and works with students to enrich instruction.

For more info on these positions or to apply, please email principal@olsss.org



We will host our annual Polar Plunge on **Saturday, March 4 from 10:30am-12pm** at the Drum Point Beach Club in Lusby.

Students and their family members are welcome to participate in this fun event! Each plunger is required to raise a minimum of \$30 to plunge. Registration and donation collection will be on the olss.myfunrun.com website.

The money raised will help offset the cost of field trips and support extracurricular activities.

Sign up to volunteer with this event [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- ✿ **Mar. 3, 9-11am:** Open House for New Families
- ✿ **Mar. 4:** Polar Plunge
- ✿ **Mar. 6:** Wear Kindness Shirt
- ✿ **Mar. 9:** In-House Field Trip for K-2nd
- ✿ **Mar. 10:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ✿ **Mar. 13:** St. No School – Collaboration Day
- ✿ **Mar. 15:** NJHS Induction Ceremony after Mass
- ✿ **Mar. 17, 9-11am:** Open House for New Families
- ✿ **Mar. 17:** St. Patrick's Day Tag Day
- ✿ **Mar. 21:** Rock Your Socks for Down Syndrome
- ✿ **Mar. 29:** End of 3rd Quarter

APRIL

- ✿ **Apr. 1-2:** Palm Sunday Basket Auctions
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- ✿ **Apr. 5:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ✿ **Apr. 6-14:** No School - Easter Break
- ✿ **Apr. 22:** Fr. Alexander Gala
- ✿ **Apr. 29:** Spring Bazaar