

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER March 26, 2025

Dear OLSS Families,

As we journey through the heart of Lent, we pause to reflect on the blessings of this sacred season. Lent is a time of renewal, prayer, and sacrifice; a time to draw closer to God and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. We encourage you to continue fostering a spirit of faith at home. Let us remain steadfast in faith, hopeful in spirit, and united in Christ's love as we move closer to the celebration of His Resurrection.

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

NEWS & REMINDERS:

NEW STAFF: Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Adrienne Funchion to our school! She will be a substitute teacher for 3rd grade for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Funchion holds a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Maryland, College Park. She has six years of teaching experience in 2nd and 3rd grades with Prince George's and Calvert County Public Schools. Mrs. Funchion is a parishioner of St. John Vianney who has volunteered with their Religious Education program for over 14 years.

COUNSELOR: We have hired a School Counselor who will be available for our students two days/week for the 2025-26 school year. More info on this service will be shared as we prepare for the next school year.

REPORT CARDS: Report cards will be available in Plus Portals on Wed, Apr. 2.

ENROLLMENT: Please notify the School Office ASAP if your child will not be returning for the 2025-26 school year. This information is critical to determine our book order and our budget for next year.

SPIRIT DAY: Thu, Apr. 3 is a Panda Express Spirit Day for pickup or delivery orders only. Place your order online at www.pandaexpress.com and apply code 9002709 in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout, and 28% of your purchase will be donated to our school.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FORMS: <u>Verification of Catholic Eligibility</u> and <u>OLSS Tuition Assistance Form</u> are due to the School Office by **May 5**. Verification of Catholic Eligibility forms must be signed by Father Bob prior to being submitted to the School Office.

MARCH TAG DAYS: Donations from the Mardi Gras Tag Day supported the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and donations from the St. Patrick's Tag Day went to Solomons Mission Center.

LAST SUPPER RE-ENACTMENT: Middle School will present a reenactment of the Last Supper on **Tue, Apr. 15** at 2pm; parents are welcome to attend.

EGG HUNT: We are looking for donations of candy and small items to put in Easter Eggs for our hunt **on Apr. 14**. Every \$30 spent equals one volunteer service hour. Please send donations in **by Apr. 11**.

EASTER BREAK: Wed, Apr. 16 is a 12:30pm dismissal, and there is no school Apr. 17-25 for Easter Break.

BOOST: MSDE is now accepting applications for the BOOST Program for the 2025-26 school year. Please visit their website for more info and to apply. The deadline is May 9.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL

- Apr. 3: Panda Express Spirit Day
- Apr. 12-13: Palm Sunday Basket Auctions
- 🐣 Apr. 12-13: Palm Sunday Bake Sale
- Apr. 14: Summer Uniforms Begin
- 🐣 Apr. 14: Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 15: \$2 Tag Day Purple Up for Military Kids
- Apr. 15, 2pm: Last Supper Reenactment
- Apr. 16: 12:30pm Dismissal/No Aftercare
- Apr. 17-25: No School Easter Break
- Apr. 25: <u>Seahawk Scramble Golf Tournament</u>

MAY

- May 9: 12:30pm Dismissal | Staff Appreciation
- May 9, 7-9pm: Middle School Social
- May 16: Field Day
- May 20: No School Principals Meeting
- May 21, 4-8pm: Chipotle Spirit Night
- May 23: Fun Run | 12:30pm Dismissal
- May 26: No School Memorial Day
- May 28: 8th Grade Last Day & Clap Out
- May 29: PK Last Day
- May 30: 8th Grade Graduation