



Newsletter

December 10th, 2025

A Message from Mrs. Thompson

Today is the deadline to complete the Cognia Parent and Community Survey. If you have not already, please take the time to complete the survey following the instructions included with today's newsletter. Your feedback is anonymous and provides valuable data.

Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, principal@olsss.org

Upcoming Events

December

- Dec 12th - OLSSS Christmas Program
- Dec. 13th - Solomons Christmas Walk 6-9pm
- Dec 19th - **11:30am** Dismissal & Christmas Tag Day
- Dec. 22nd-Jan. 4th - No School Christmas Break
- Jan. 5th - School Resumes

Seahawk Spotlight

Saint Nicholas made a visit to OLSS this week! He left Mrs. Thompson a note letting her know that our students are all so nice that he wanted to visit to celebrate his feast day!



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 19th- Please note a change to the 2025-2026 calendar for December 19th. 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 13th, please contact the school office at 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

1st- St. Mary's County Animal Adoption Center

2nd- Pediatric Ward at Calvert Memorial Hospital

3rd- Project Echo Homeless Shelter

4th- Birthright of Prince Frederick

5th- 8th - 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 19th.

Christmas Concert- December 12th 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.

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



Our Lady Star of the Sea School
PO Box 560, 90 Alexander Lane
Solomons, MD 20688
Phone: 410-326-3171 Fax: 410-326-9478
Website: www.olsss.org
Email: olssschool@comcast.net

Pastor: Rev. Robert Kilner
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 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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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.

Beginning October 1, families can apply for ADW Tuition Assistance through their FACT Family Portal or by visiting 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.

Contact Colleen Muldoon if you have any questions: muldoonc@olsss.org

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK

DECEMBER 15TH-19TH

Monday 12/15

Christmas Colors

Wear red and green

Tuesday 12/16

Winter Wonderland

Wear blue and white

Wednesday 12/17

Christmas Best

Wear Christmas dress cloths

Thursday 12/18

Christmas Pajamas

Wear your cozy Christmas pajamas.

Friday 12/19

Crazy Christmas Sweater

Wear you most fun Christmas sweater

Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for Tag Day regulations



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
AT THE
Solomons
CHRISTMAS WALK

DECEMBER 13TH, 2025, 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

Your family can be part of the Living Nativity!

We are looking for families with children in grades K-8 to sit in the manger on the front lawn of the Historic Chapel for a half hour during the Christmas walk.

Volunteers are needed for serving hot chocolate, helping with ornament making, and reading stories in the Providence Room.

**NATIVITY
SIGNUP**



**VOLUNTEER
SIGNUP**



QUESTIONS? CONTACT TORI AT TORIJJ518@GMAIL.COM



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**

Holidays

ON THE FARM



JOIN IN THE holiday joy and celebrations
WITH YOUR FAMILY AT ONE OF Calvert County's farms!

CARDINAL CREEK PLANT FARM

Wreaths, swags, greenery, wreath decorating classes and holiday markets

- 📍 5180 Sixes Rd. in Prince Frederick
- ☎ 443-486-4769 🌐 www.cardinalcreekplantfarm.com
- 🕒 Saturday, Nov. 29, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CHESAPEAKE'S BOUNTY

Pre-cut trees, wreaths, garlands and centerpieces

- 📍 6415 Saint Leonard Rd. in St. Leonard
- ☎ 410-586-3881 🌐 www.chesapeakebounty.com

DAHLIA & VINE FLOWER FARM

Handcrafted holiday wreaths and dried flower wreaths

- 📍 1560 Lottie Fowler Rd. in Prince Frederick
- ☎ 301-520-6169 🌐 www.dahliavineflowerfarm.com
- 🕒 Nov. 28 to Dec. 14, Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Holiday Open House: Nov. 29-30

HIDDEN LAKE CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

Cut-your-own Norway spruce and white pine trees, pre-cut tree varieties, wreaths, vertical swags and garlands

- 📍 3480 Crane Rd. in Port Republic
- ☎ 410-586-0111 🌐 www.hiddenlakechristmastreefarm.com
- 🕒 Nov. 28 until sold out, Friday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Meet Santa on Dec. 6 and Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

JAKE'S PRODUCE AND LINDA'S GREENHOUSES

Fraser fir and other pre-cut tree varieties, wreaths, garlands, centerpieces and poinsettias

- 📍 2925 Yoes Corner Lane in Port Republic
- ☎ 410-474-2205 🌐 www.jakesproducemd.com
- 🕒 Nov. 29, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Meet Santa on Dec. 6 and Dec. 13

MULBERRY LANE FARM MARKET

Handcrafted wreaths, greenery, garlands, festive bows, gift baskets and local products

- 📍 1605 Solomons Island Rd. in Huntingtown
- ☎ 410-610-6888 🌐 mulberrylanefarmmaryland.com
- 🕒 Thursday, noon to 5 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SCRIVENER'S CHOOSE AND CUT CHRISTMAS TREES

Cut-your-own Norway spruce and White spruce trees

- 📍 1134 M I Bowen Rd. in Prince Frederick
- 🌐 www.scrivenerschooseandcutchristmastree.com
- 🕒 Opens Nov. 29 until sold out, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TETTIMERS' PRODUCE STAND AT ROLLING ACRES FARM

Photos with Santa, pre-cut trees, hot cocoa and holiday crafts

- 📍 3305 St. Leonard Rd. in Port Republic
- ☎ 443-532-7891 🌐 www.myrollingacresfarm.com
- 🕒 Weekend spectacular: Nov. 28-30



For complete farm listings and dates, scan the QR code or visit www.CalvertAg.com/HolidaysOnTheFarm

CALVERT COUNTY, MD



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Our Lady Star of the Sea School



Established in 1933, Our Lady Star of the Sea School is a member of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington and is a fully accredited, private Catholic school for PK-8th grade. Located on the beautiful Chesapeake Bay in Solomons, our school instills a life-long love of learning in a safe, faith-filled environment.



OPEN HOUSES
 For Prospective New Families
 Friday, January 23, 9-11am
 Friday, January 30, 9-11am



- Daily Classes:**
- + Language Arts
 - + Math
 - + Religion
 - + Science
 - + Social Studies

- Weekly Classes:**
- + Foreign Language
 - + Computers/Media
 - + Art
 - + Music
 - + Physical Education
 - + Library



- + Average Teacher/Student Ratio is 1:15
- + Daily Prayer / Weekly Children's Mass
- + Rigorous Academics / STEM Activities
- + Before Care & After Care Programs
- + Tuition Assistance Available



90 Alexander Lane, Solomons, MD 20688
 Phone (410) 326-3171

INQUIRIES



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 or call the parish office at 410.326.3535