



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 26, 2025

Dear OLSS Families,

Next Wednesday, March 5 is Ash Wednesday and the first day of Lent, a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, preparing for Easter Sunday. Lent ends with Holy Thursday, leading into the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). Ash Wednesday is a solemn day of reflection on mortality and the need for reconciliation with God. During Mass, we receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads, symbolizing repentance and mortality. Lent is also a time of increased prayer, acts of charity, and self-denial, all aimed at growing closer to God and preparing for Easter, when we commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

NEWS & REMINDERS:

TAG DAY: Our St. Valentine's Tag Day raised over \$200 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, selected by our Student Council.

FRIDAY: **This Friday, Feb. 28 is a 12:30pm dismissal.**

BASKETBALL PROGRAM FUNDRAISER: This weekend will be the final sale of chocolate bars after Masses.

MAR. 3: There is no school on Mon, Mar. 3 for ADW Collaboration Day.

MAR. 4: Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras. Students may wear green, purple, or yellow/gold clothing for a \$2 Tag Day donation. We will have a Mardi Gras parade (weather permitting) before afternoon dismissal; parents may watch from the parking lot.

MAR. 5: Next Wed, Mar. 5 is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. We will be attending Mass in the Parish Church at 9am and students will receive ashes. There will also be Masses at 12pm and 7pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Students will be attending Stations of the Cross in the Historic Church on Fridays at 2pm during Lent. If you need to pick your child(ren) up early on these days, please do so before 2pm so the services are not interrupted.

LENT EVENTS: OLSS Parish's [schedule of events](#) for Lent and Holy Week are included with today's news.

MAR. 10: There is no school on Mon, Mar. 10 for an ADW Teachers Retreat.

MAR. 17: Mon, Mar. 17 will be a \$2 St. Patrick's Day Tag Day; students may wear green and St. Patrick's Day-themed clothing following Tag Day regulations.

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The [Seahawk Scramble Golf Tournament](#) will be held on **Fri, Apr. 25**; please see the flyer with today's news for more info. If you would like to join the planning team for this event, please email our HSA at olsss.hsa@gmail.com



POLAR PLUNGE 🧊
A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported and participated in the Polar Plunge! Over \$5,300 was raised to help renovate our PK building. Thank you to Katie Kortokrax, Lindsey Frisco, and Crystal Bowen for running the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY

♥ **Feb. 28:** 12:30pm Dismissal

MARCH

- 🍀 **Mar. 3:** No School - ADW Collaboration Day
- 🍀 **Mar. 4:** \$2 Mardi Gras Tag Day
- 🍀 **Mar. 5:** Ash Wednesday | Lent Begins
- 🍀 **Mar. 10:** No School - ADW Teachers Retreat
- 🍀 **Mar. 17:** \$2 St. Patrick's Day Tag Day
- 🍀 **Mar. 21:** End of 3rd Quarter

APRIL

- 🍷 **Apr. 12-13:** Palm Sunday Basket Auctions
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- 🍷 **Apr. 16:** 12:30pm Dismissal/No Aftercare
- 🍷 **Apr. 17-25:** No School – Easter Break
- 🍷 **Apr. 25:** Seahawk Scramble Golf Tournament