



## May 1, 2024

Dear OLSS Families,

Throughout history, Catholics have honored the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May. May Crowning is celebrated to display her queenship as the mother of Jesus. **Our May Crowning ceremony will take place this Friday, May 3, after 9am Mass** in the Historic Church.

- ✿ Students are asked to bring in flowers (store-bought or wild) **tomorrow** to decorate the Mary statue.
- ✿ 2<sup>nd</sup> graders receiving their First Holy Communion may wear their First Communion dresses or suits to school and bring their school uniform to change into afterwards.
- ✿ 8<sup>th</sup> graders should wear dress/church-appropriate clothes, following dress code regulations in the Handbook.
- ✿ Parents are welcome to attend but cannot sit with the classes.



Grace and Peace,  
*Mrs. Jennifer Thompson*  
Principal

### NEWS & REMINDERS:

**EARTH DAY:** All students will plant flowers around the school grounds on **Tue, May 7** to celebrate Earth Day. **Students should wear their PE uniform and bring gardening gloves and small shovels (please label).** 8<sup>th</sup> graders will wear their class shirts. We recommend students apply sunscreen and insect repellent before school.

**ART:** We would like to thank Mrs. Hankins for teaching Art classes for the past four years. She will continue to work as a substitute teacher for us. Mrs. Oster will assist with completing Art projects for the year.

**BOOST:** The deadline to apply for the [MSDE BOOST Program](#) has been extended to May 10.

**STAFF APPRECIATION:** **May 10** is Staff Appreciation Day!. To celebrate our wonderful teachers and staff, we will be collecting \$10 gift cards to give out to the teachers. Please sign up [here](#). Gift cards can be sent into school; please label the envelope "Staff Appreciation".

**YEARBOOKS:** 2023-24 yearbooks can be ordered [here](#) using school's ID 7235380-2401. Yearbooks are \$36.75. To place a "Message from Home" in the yearbook, please use this [link](#). The cost is \$10.

**GALA VOLUNTEERS:** We need volunteers to help with setup and clean up for the Gala on May 3-4-5; sign up [here](#).

**RAFFLE:** We are hosting a raffle for a beautiful [quilt](#) made from students' artwork. Tickets are \$5/each or five for \$20 and may be purchased after Masses or through the online store [here](#).

**SPRING PROGRAM:** Our Spring Patriotic Program (concert) is **Tue, May 14 at 6:30pm. ALL STUDENTS ARE PARTICIPATING AND ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.** More info will be out shortly. HSA would like to have a brief meeting at 6:15pm to conclude the year's activities, talk about upcoming events, and preview next year's events.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE RAFFLE:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will have one final raffle for a basket of "Summer Fun" items. Tickets are 50 cents/each or \$1 for three.

**FUN RUN:** We will host a Fun Run fundraiser on **Friday, May 24**; more info will be out in the coming weeks. Please mark your calendars with these key dates: April 30 – [registration](#) opens, May 14 – Fun Run Kickoff.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

We are hosting a dance for middle school students from Catholic schools on **Fri, May 10, from 7-9:30pm.** Volunteers and donations of drinks, chips, cookies, and candy are needed. Please sign up [here](#).



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✿ **May 3:** Mass & May Crowning
- ✿ **May 4, 5-10pm:** Fr. Alexander Gala
- ✿ **May 10:** Staff Appreciation
- ✿ **May 10:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ✿ **May 10, 7-9:30pm:** Dance
- ✿ **May 14, 6:30pm:** Spring Program
- ✿ **May 17:** Field Day
- ✿ **May 21:** No School -Principals Meet
- ✿ **May 24:** Fun Run
- ✿ **May 24:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ✿ **May 27:** No School - Memorial Day
- ✿ **May 29:** 8th Grade Clap-Out
- ✿ **May 31:** PK Last Day / Graduation
- ✿ **May 31, 6:30pm:** 8th Gr. Graduation
- ☀ **Jun. 4:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ☀ **Jun. 5:** Last Day | 10:30am Dismissal