



May 3, 2023

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 5, after 9am Mass, both in the Historic Church.** Our May Queen is Graci King, Attendants are Elana Gioguardi and Melanie Moyer, and Junior Attendant is Mia Olekson.

- ✿ Students are asked to bring in flowers (store-bought or wild) **tomorrow** to decorate the Mary statue in the church.
- ✿ 2nd graders and other students receiving their First Holy Communion may wear their Sunday best or First Communion dresses or suits to school and bring their school uniform to change into afterwards.
- ✿ 8th graders should wear dress clothes to school for the Ceremony and portraits.
- ✿ 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 **tomorrow** to celebrate Earth Day. **Students should wear their PE uniform and bring gardening gloves and small shovels (please label).**

8th graders will wear their class shirts. We recommend students apply sunscreen and insect repellent before school.

TAG DAY NEXT WEEK: Next **Mon, May 8** is a pink, blue, and white clothing Tag Day for our NJHS Mother's Day drive to for [Solomons Mission Center](#). If your child participates in the Tag Day, they should bring in donations of personal care items such as soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, combs, etc.

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM: All students are participating in our Patriotic Program, "God Bless America", at **6:30pm on Thu, May 11**. Please see the [flyer](#) with more info. Please let your teacher know if there is a family emergency that will prevent your child from participating.

STAFF APPRECIATION: **Fri, May 12** is Staff Appreciation Day! Room parents will be sending info to parents about plans for this event.

FUN RUN & FIELD DAY: Our Fun Run and Field Day will be held on **Fri, May 19**. Students will be participating in activities outdoors throughout the day. More info will be out shortly. Parents may watch the Fun Run from designated areas of the parking lot.

YEARBOOKS: 2022-23 Yearbooks can be ordered through Lifetouch at <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/> using OLSS ID code 14651323. They are \$35 and will arrive at OLSS in mid-July. To place a "Message from Home" for your child in the yearbook, please use [this link](#). The cost is \$10 and the deadline for submission is **June 1**.

RYKEN CAMPS: Summer Knights Camps at St. Mary's Ryken offer children from K-12 a variety of indoor and outdoor camps Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm. Before care and after care are available. To learn more and register, visit www.smrhs.org/summerknights. Use code sksmad to save \$20.

HSA NEWS:

BAZAAR: Thank you to Jessica Klasko and our HSA for organizing the Spring Bazaar, which raised approximately \$4,000 for our school! Many thanks to Anne Cannedy for running the Yard Sale, Terri Innaick for organizing the Bake Sale, and to all the volunteers who helped out.

ROOM PARENT COORDINATOR: According to the HSA Bylaws, all officers of the HSA, except the faculty representative, shall be nominated by members present at a general meeting prior to the end of the academic year. Currently, there is one position open, the Room Parent Coordinator. Since there were only 8 parents in attendance at the HSA meeting on Mon night, we were not able to hold formal nominations. If you are interested in running for or nominating someone for this position, contact HSA at olsss.hsa@gmail.com by May 11.

FUNDRAISER VOTE: Please see the form with today's news to vote on your preference for a sales fundraiser for next year. Please return forms to the School Office.

BOX TOPS: OLSS earned \$323.60 in box tops this year and the biggest supporting class was 4th Grade.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The Principal has a question for you: *How can I entice you to attend a Home & School Association Meeting?*

We typically have a meeting in September (Back to School Night), in December (before the Christmas Concert), in February (unfortunately, I was sick at that time), and in May. I have tried to attach the meeting to an event, like the Concert or a guest speaker, but that has not been successful - except for the Back to School night. Please let me know what would pique your interest. I would love to hear your ideas because I so much want to recreate that "OLSS family" community. Please email me at principal@olsss.org. All ideas will be considered!!

- VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES -

MAY LUNCH HELP: Sign up [here](#).

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: 2pm on Fri, May 5. Volunteers are needed to donate supplies and to help serve. For more info, please email olssvolunteerhours@gmail.com.

DANCE: Friday, May 5, 7-10pm. Volunteers needed to chaperone and donate drinks and snacks; sign up [here](#).

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL RELAY RACES: Help with the races on Sat, May 13 at St. Mary's Ryken; sign up [here](#).

Let's
GLOW
OUR LADY STAR OF
THE SEA SCHOOL
BLACK LIGHT
MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE
for Catholic school students
FRIDAY, MAY 5, 7-10pm

OLSS School,
90 Alexander Ln.
Solomons, MD
20688
olsss.org

- * Admission \$5 at the door
- * Signed permission form required
- * Cell phones will be held in office
- * Wear neon or white to GLOW!

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

MAY

- ☀ **May 4:** Earth Day Planting
- ☀ **May 5, 9am:** Mass & May Crowning Ceremony
- ☀ **May 5, 7-10pm:** [Middle School Dance](#)
- ☀ **May 8:** Tag Day (pink, blue, white)
- ☀ **May 9:** PK / K Field Trip
- ☀ **May 11:** 1st / 2nd Field Trip
- ☀ **May 11, 6:30pm:** [Patriotic Program](#)
- ☀ **May 12:** Staff Appreciation / 12:30pm Dismissal
- ☀ **May 16:** 3rd/4th/5th Field Trip to Annapolis
- ☀ **May 19:** Fun Run & Field Day
- ☀ **May 23:** No School – ADW Principals Meeting
- ☀ **May 26:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ☀ **May 29:** No School - Memorial Day
- ☀ **May 31:** 8th Grade Clap-Out

JUNE

- 🌿 **Jun. 2:** Last Day of School for Pre-K
- 🌿 **Jun. 2, 6:30pm:** 8th Grade Graduation
- 🌿 **Jun. 5:** Wear Kindness Shirt
- 🌿 **Jun. 6:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- 🌿 **Jun. 7:** 9am Mass | 10:30am Dismissal | Last Day

*Our Lady Star of the Sea School
presents:*

GOD BLESS AMERICA: A PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 6:30PM

- * All OLSS students are participating in this event
- * Students should wear red, white, and blue dress clothes
- * Students should arrive at Parish Church between 6:00-6:15pm

Students may bring in photos/mementos of loved ones who have served or are serving in the military to use in the procession or display. Please label all items and take them home after the program.