



March 8, 2023



Dear OLSS Families,

Thank you to our HSA, and everyone who participated and contributed to the Polar Plunge on Saturday! Our fundraising goal of \$6,000 was met and everyone had a great time at Drum Point Beach Club.



Brave staff members Senora Dawn, Mrs. Pouncey, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. Grater, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Weber, and Fr. Bob took the plunge!

Grace and Peace, Mrs. Jennifer Thompson

NEWS & REMINDERS:

MON/FRI: This Fri, Mar. 10 is a 12:30pm dismissal and there is no school on Mon, Mar. 13 for Collaboration Day.

SPIRIT WEAR: HSA's Online Spirit Store is open for purchases through Sunday, March 12.

NJHS: We will have our NJHS Induction Ceremony after 9am Mass on Wed, Mar. 15.

TAG DAY: Fri, Mar. 17 is a \$1 St. Patrick's Day Tag Day, following Tag Day Dress Code regulations found on page 18 in the Parent/Student Handbook.

ROCK YOUR SOCKS: On Tue, Mar. 21 we will celebrate Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Day by having students wear bright, fun socks.

PALM SUNDAY FUNDRAISERS: We will host a Bake Sale and Basket Auction on Palm Sunday weekend, April 1-2. Bidding for baskets will be available online and in person.

RYKEN MUSICAL: St. Mary's Ryken High School's Spring Musical James and the Giant Peach will be held Mar. 30-Apr. 2. Tickets are available and early reservations are encouraged; please visit https://smrhs.booktix.com/

NO SCHOOL APRIL 21: School will be closed on Fri, April 21 due to Tiki Bar opening traffic in Solomons.

GALA: OLSS Parish is hosting the 9th Annual Father Alexander Gala at St. John Vianney on Sat, Apr. 22. This event is a fundraiser for our school. Tickets can be purchased here.

SPRING BAZAAR: Our Spring Bazaar is Sat, Apr. 29, 9am-2pm with crafters, vendors, concessions, yard sale, raffles, auctions, bake sale, and more! We will need many volunteers to help with this event; more info will be out in coming weeks.

PENNY WARS LENTEN FUNDRAISER

This week and the week of March 27-31, we are hosting Penny Wars. The goal is to collect as many PENNIES as possible in your jar, and put as many non-penny coins in everyone else's jars. Each class has its own labeled jar. Money is worth points based on monetary value:

- Pennies = 1 point • \$1 bill = 100 points
• Nickels = 5 points • \$5 bill = 500 points
• Dimes = 10 points • \$10 bill = 1,000 points
• Quarters = 25 points • \$20 bill = 2,000 points

Pennies give your team positive points, and all other coins/bills take away from the total. Therefore, you want to put pennies in your class's jar and put other coins/bills in the other class's jars. The goal is for your class to have the most positive points at the end of the week. Proceeds will be donated to earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria, and to the Nazareth Retirement Home for the Sisters of Divine Providence.

Please send in spare change with your child this week, especially pennies, so that everyone can play this fun game!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Please submit questions by email or hard copy to the school office.

Question: When can I apply for BOOST Program Scholarships for 2023-24?

The BOOST (Broadening Options & Opportunities for Students Today) Scholarship Program awards scholarships for low-income K-12th grade students to attend nonpublic schools. The Program has not opened its application portal yet, but it should be happening soon. Please check their website at https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx for more info and the link to apply for 2023-2024.

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

**MARCH LUNCH HELP:** Please sign up [here](#) to help with March lunches.

**CASCARONES:** Senora Dawn is looking for volunteers to make cascarones; please see [here](#) for more info.

**PALM SUNDAY FUNDRAISERS:** We are hosting a Basket Auction and Bake Sale on Palm Sunday weekend, Apr. 1-2 and are asking for donations of themed baskets and bake sale item, as indicated below:



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

### PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE DONATIONS NEEDED

Please consider donating home-baked treats to our Palm Sunday Bake Sale on April 1-2.

**SUGGESTIONS:**

- \* Easter Cakes
- \* Easter Cupcakes
- \* Easter Cookies by the dozen
- \* Breads
- \* Homemade jams

1 cake = 1 volunteer hour  
1 batch of cupcakes (2-3 dozen) = 1 volunteer hour  
1 batch of cookies (3-5 dozen) = 1 volunteer hour

Please ensure donations are homemade, wrapped or boxed neatly, clearly labeled, and brought to school on Friday, March 31 or to the Parish Church on Saturday, April 1.



Our Lady Star of the Sea School  
**PALM SUNDAY  
BASKET AUCTION FUNDRAISER**  
April 1-2, 2023

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A BASKET FOR  
THIS FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SCHOOL!**

Donations are credited toward Volunteer Service Hours;  
every \$30 spent = One Volunteer Hour.

We would also appreciate Amazon gift cards to purchase items  
for baskets - please send in **by March 17**.

There are many creative ideas for baskets! Suggestions:

- Cooking
- Gardening
- Coffee
- Sports
- Easter
- Wine
- Father's Day
- Mother's Day
- Bath
- Beach



Please send baskets into school **by March 24** with a tag listing  
the contents.

Please email HSA with any questions at  
[olss.hsa@gmail.com](mailto:olss.hsa@gmail.com)

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

# Father Alexander GALA

Memories & Melodies

SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND  
5:00 PM

St. John Vianney

FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
105 VIANNEY LANE  
PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678  
DRESS CODE: COCKTAIL EVENING ATTIRE

\$100 PER TICKET

All proceeds will benefit the Our Lady Star of the  
Sea School.

Ticket price includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner buffet, beer  
& wine, and musical entertainment from The Fabulous  
Hubcaps!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

- ✿ **Mar. 9:** In-House Field Trip for K-2<sup>nd</sup>
- ✿ **Mar. 10:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ✿ **Mar. 13:** St. No School – Collaboration Day
- ✿ **Mar. 15:** NJHS Induction Ceremony after Mass
- ✿ **Mar. 17, 9-11am:** Open House for New Families
- ✿ **Mar. 17:** St. Patrick's Day Tag Day
- ✿ **Mar. 21:** Rock Your Socks for Down Syndrome
- ✿ **Mar. 29:** End of 3rd Quarter

### APRIL

- ✿ **Apr. 1-2:** Palm Sunday Basket Auctions
- ✿ **Apr. 1-2:** Palm Sunday Bake Sale
- ✿ **Apr. 5:** 12:30pm Dismissal
- ✿ **Apr. 6-14:** No School - Easter Break
- ✿ **Apr. 21:** No School
- ✿ **Apr. 22:** Fr. Alexander Gala
- ✿ **Apr. 29:** Spring Bazaar