



# Newsletter

November 5th, 2025

## A Message from Mrs. Thompson

For the month of November we are praying the Prayer of St. Gertrude at Morning Prayer. Each time the prayer is devoutly prayed, 1,000 souls are released from Purgatory. I encourage families to continue praying together and join us in this November devotion.

*Eternal Father, I offer thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus in union with all the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my own family. Amen*

Grace and Peace,  
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, [principal@olsss.org](mailto:principal@olsss.org)

## Upcoming Events

### November

- Thurs. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00pm-7:00pm
- Sat. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner 5:00pm
- Sun. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - MOD Pizza Spirit Day
- Mon. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - K-4<sup>th</sup> grade Parent/ Teacher Conferences 8:00am-3:00pm (No School for Students)
- Tues. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day, No School
- Thurs. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - Yellow/Green/Black Tag Day \$2 or donation
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> - Kindness Week
- Thurs. Nov. 20 - Family Thanksgiving Feast
- Sat. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Bazaar 9:00am-2:00pm
- Mon. Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - Picture Retake Day
- Tues. Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - 12:30 Dismissal & Turkey Trot
- Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> - No School, Thanksgiving Break

## Seahawk Spotlight

First Grade held an election on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Students got to vote for their next class incentive. Pipe Cleaner Play Time was the winning candidate!



# 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-**

**Annual Christmas Bazaar:** There are many ways to help before, during, and after the event:

Before: set up, decorating, and sorting donations

During: greeting guests, raffle table, bake sale, concessions, and yard sale

After: breakdown, clean-up, and packing

Please sign up on [Track it Forward](#) to volunteer.

**Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner:** The dinner will be on November 8<sup>th</sup>. To sign up please follow the link here: [KoC Spaghetti Dinner](#)

**Turkey Trot:** Sign up for volunteering at our Turkey Trot will open in Track it Forward soon.

**Family Thanksgiving Feast November 20<sup>th</sup>-** The [FORM](#) and [PAYMENT](#) for the Family Thanksgiving Feast are due November 13<sup>th</sup>. Each family is allowed to bring 2 guests. Families with last names A-H will be seated from 11:15am-12:00pm. Families with last names I-Z will be seated from 12:30-1:15. **No orders will be accepted after November 13th.**

**MOD Pizza Spirit Day-** Raise Some Dough for OLSS! Get ready to eat for a cause. Join us at MOD Pizza in California, MD on Sunday November 9, and help support OLSS. Whether you dine in, take out, or order online using the code MODGIVES25, 25% of your bill will be donated to our school! It is the perfect excuse for pizza night.

**Get Ready for the 2025 Turkey Trot!**- We're excited to announce a new twist for our annual OLSS Turkey Trot. This year families can walk together with their students on the day of the Turkey Trot if each family raises a minimum of \$50 in pledges. Here is how it works; students collect pledges from friends and family. If your family raises \$50 or more, a parent or guardian can register to walk side-by-side with your child during the event. It's a great way for families to join the fun, support our school, and get moving together! Everyone's contribution helps us reach our \$10,000 goal to support student activities like field trips and our basketball program. More details and registration are available at the fundraising portal: <https://myfunrun.com/olssschoo>

**Basketball News-** The OLSS basketball team will be hosting a Bake Sale after all Masses on Saturday, November 8 and Sunday, November 9.

We're asking for your help by donating homemade baked goods – cookies, cupcakes, brownies, breads, or any of your favorite treats!

Volunteer Hours: All donated baked goods can count toward your volunteer hours.

Drop-Off Information:

Friday, November 7: Drop off donations at the school during morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up.

Or bring your baked goods with you to Mass on the weekend of the sale.

If you have any questions, please contact Gladys Nehf at [4nehf@comcast.net](mailto:4nehf@comcast.net)

Thank you for supporting our student-athletes and helping make this fundraiser a success!

**Calendar Change for December 19<sup>th</sup>-** Please note a change to the 2025-2026 calendar for December 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be an **11:30am dismissal day with no Aftercare.** Lunch will still be served.

## News & Reminders Continued

**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 olssschoole@comcast.net.

**Calling All Artists!**- We are hosting a Yearbook Cover Art Contest. Entries are due to Mrs. Oster by November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please see the attached flyer for details.

**Tag Day November 13<sup>th</sup>**- We will have a tag day Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup>. Students should bring \$2 or a donation and wear yellow, green, and/or black to participate. The funds collected will go towards rebuilding the school communities in the Archdiocese of Montego Bay.

**8th Grade Basket Raffle-** 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be selling raffle tickets for their Fall Basket. The money collected helps support their graduation fund. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Students can purchase tickets before school and at lunch.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

### 5th-8th Grade Conferences

Thursday November 6th

4:00pm-7:00pm

Conferences are being held in the Providence room from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

When you arrive please pick up your child's report card from their home room teacher.

All teachers in 5th-8th grade will be available for conferences.

You may meet with any/all teachers in any order.

Teachers will be limited to no more than **10 minutes** for each conference.

### Kindergarten-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Conferences

Monday November 10th

8:00am-3:00pm

Conferences will be held in your student's classroom

Please use the CONFERENCE SIGN UP FORM to have your conference scheduled



# ANNUAL OLSS YARD SALE DONATIONS NEEDED!

Do you have gently used items you'd like to donate?  
We're now collecting for this year's Annual OLSS Yard Sale - held during the Christmas Bazaar!



-  **Donations Accepted Starting Now!**
-  **Drop off location:**  
Shed #2
-  **Beginning November 14**  
We'll begin accepting donations in the Chesapeake Room during set times - Specific drop-off times coming soon!
-  **What to donate:**  
Household items, holiday décor, toys, books, kitchenware, tools, small furniture, and clothing  
*(Please no broken items or large TVs)*

Your donations directly support Our Lady Star of the Sea School and its wonderful programs.

Thank you for helping make this event a success!



Questions? Please email: [olssbazaarendors@gmail.com](mailto:olssbazaarendors@gmail.com)

# KofC Spaghetti Dinner

## November 8th, 5pm PROVIDENCE ROOM

Join us for a delicious Spaghetti Dinner prepared by the Knights of Columbus Council 9258!  
Meals by Donation.  
Proceeds benefit the PreK fund.



# CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Help us showcase student creativity by encouraging submissions for our Yearbook Art Contest! Selected artwork will be featured in this year's book for the whole school to see!

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:**  
November 21, 2025  
**TURN COVER ART INTO:**  
Mrs. Oster

## WE WANT YOUR ART IN THE YEARBOOK!

- THEME IDEAS**  
SCHOOL SPIRIT  
THIS YEAR'S THEME  
FRIENDSHIP, KINDNESS, OR COMMUNITY  
A FAVORITE MOMENT OR MEMORY
- WHO CAN ENTER?**  
ANY STUDENT WHO LOVES TO DRAW, PAINT, DOODLE, OR DESIGN! ALL STYLES WELCOME.
- SUBMISSION TIPS**  
ORIGINAL (NO TRACING OR COPIED IMAGES)  
SCHOOL-APPROPRIATE  
8.5" X 11" SHEET (PORTRAIT ORIENTATION)  
NO BORDERS ON ARTWORK  
KEEP ELEMENTS & TEXT 1/4" FROM EDGE



Legacy Yearbooks

## Tag Day Thursday November 13th



To participate:  
Bring in \$2 or a donation  
Wear yellow, green, and/or black.  
If it is a PE day for you, make sure to wear proper PE shoes.

Funds collected go towards rebuilding the school communities of Chetwood Primary and Mount Alvernia High School in the Diocese of Montego Bay



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

## Family Thanksgiving Feast



Thursday, November 20, 2025

- Turkey
- Stuffing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Mac & Cheese
- Sweet Potatoes
- Cranberry Sauce
- Gravy
- Rolls
- Dessert

Each family is allowed 2 guests.

### Seating Times

- 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM: Families with last names A–H
- 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM: Families with last names I–Z



Forms and payment due by **Thursday, November 13, 2025**

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## Reservation Form

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:  Cash  Check  Online School Store

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\*No orders accepted after **November 13, 2025\***



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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.

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Beginning October 1, families can apply for ADW Tuition Assistance through their FACT Family Portal or by visiting [factsmgt.com](https://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.

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Contact Colleen Muldoon if you have any questions: [muldoonc@olsss.org](mailto:muldoonc@olsss.org)