



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August 8, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! We are busy preparing for the start of school and would like to introduce the dedicated educators who will be guiding your children this year; each brings a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and a commitment to nurturing both the minds, hearts, and souls of our students.

ADMINISTRATION & OFFICE STAFF:

- Pastor: Father Bob Kilner
- Priest: Father Thong Nguyen
- Principal: Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
- Vice Principal: Ms. Maggie Quade
- School Secretary: Mrs. Kerri Morgan
- FACTS & Billing Administrator: Mrs. Colleen Muldoon
- Admissions Director: Mrs. Amber Tamburri
- School Nurse: Mrs. Brandi Hutchins
- School Counselor: Mr. Nick Dickerson
- Lunch Coordinator: Ms. Stephanie Blancato

BEFORE & AFTER CARE:

- Aftercare Director: Mrs. Amy Quade
- Before Care/Aftercare: Mrs. Clarice Maldonado

TEACHERS & AIDES:

PRE-K:

Director/Teacher: Mrs. Stephanie Riley
Teacher: Mrs. Allison Pouncey

KINDERGARTEN:

Teacher: Mrs. Cheri Shaw
Aide: Mrs. Nicola Fockler

GRADE 1:

Teacher: Mrs. Patricia Mautino
Aide: Mrs. Dawn Skeith-Baughner

GRADE 2:

Teacher: Mrs. Carmen Norris
Aide: Ms. Cindy Gross

GRADE 3:

Teacher: Mrs. Adrienne Funchion

GRADE 4:

Teacher: Mrs. Kim Weber

GRADE 5:

Homeroom, Religion, Math, & Science: Mrs. Beth Oster
Literature & Social Studies: Mrs. Dawn Skeith-Baughner
ELA: Mrs. Sarah Sullivan

GRADE 6:

Homeroom, Religion, Literature, & Science: Mrs. Gina Dailey
Social Studies: Ms. Maggie Quade
ELA: Mrs. Sarah Sullivan

GRADE 7:

Homeroom, Religion, & ELA: Mrs. Sarah Sullivan
Literature: Mrs. Gina Dailey
Social Studies: Ms. Maggie Quade
Science: Mr. Keith Balderson

GRADE 8:

Homeroom & Social Studies: Ms. Maggie Quade
Science: Mr. Keith Balderson
Religion & ELA: Mrs. Sarah Sullivan
Literature: Mrs. Gina Dailey

GRADE 6-8 MATH:

Saxon Course 2: Ms. Maggie Quade
Saxon Course 3: Mrs. Beth Oster
Algebra: Mr. Keith Balderson
Geometry: Mrs. Jessica Klasko

RESOURCE TEACHERS & AIDES:

- Resource Teacher: Mrs. Cheryl Dwyer
- Aide/Resource: Mrs. Judy Angelheart
- CCPS Title One Services: Mrs. Kara Scarda

SPECIALS TEACHERS:

- Spanish: Mrs. Dawn Skeith-Baughner
- Physical Education: Mrs. Cindy Grater
- Computers: Mrs. Cindy Grater
- Library: Mrs. Jessica Klasko
- Art: Mrs. Beth Oster
- Music: Mrs. Alyssa Gross

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I encourage you to join us for our Back-to-School Night on Sep. 10, where you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, learn about classroom expectations, and hear more about the exciting year ahead.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children's education and faith formation. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
OLSS School Principal
principal@olsss.org

MEET OUR NEW STAFF:

KERRI MORGAN
School Secretary



Ms. Morgan has 20+ years of experience in business office administration with a certification as a Billing Specialist from the College of Southern Maryland. She has also done substitute teaching while her 3 daughters attended Catholic school and is now the proud grandparent of eight grandchildren, three of which are blessed to be a part of OLSS.

NICOLAS DICKERSON
School Counselor



Nicholas Dickerson graduated from Southern New Hampshire University with a BA in Psychology. He served in the Army National Guard for three years and worked as a registered behavior technician for special needs children for two years. Mr. Dickerson will be working at OLSS two days per week. More info on the counseling services we will be offering through him will be sent home shortly.

STEPHANIE BLANCATO
Lunch Coordinator



Stephanie Blancato learned to cook with her large Sicilian family from childhood. She has training in pastry arts and was the owner of a cupcake business. She has a national certification and state license as a pharmacy technician, and graduated from broadcasting school. Stephanie is committed to making lunches both nutritious and enjoyable for our students, and we are excited to have her at OLSS!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SAT, AUG. 10	8:30-11:30am: SPRUCE UP DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">This is an opportunity to earn volunteer service hours by helping clean our school. Please come and go any time between 8:30-11:30am. Virtus Program completion is not required.Family members over 18 years of age are eligible to earn volunteer hours. Children under 18 are not.We will provide cleaning supplies, but feel free to bring your own.
THU, AUG. 14	5:30pm: NEW PARENTS MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none">This event is for new parents to learn more about school policies and procedures to help prepare for the upcoming school year. Please do not bring children to this meeting.Virtus electronic fingerprinting will be available from 5-6:30pm this evening.
TUE, AUG. 19	9:00-11:30am - OPEN DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students and parents may visit classrooms, meet teachers, and drop off supplies.Please limit classroom visits to 15 minutes 1st DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PK ONLY <ul style="list-style-type: none">PK students should arrive at their building between 7:30-7:55am.Dismissal for half-day students is at 11:15am and full day students at 11:30am.
WED, AUG. 20	1st DAY OF SCHOOL FOR K – 8th GRADES <ul style="list-style-type: none">Please join us for donuts in the Providence Room from 7:30-7:55am to kick off our new school year! Children will report to their classrooms at 8:00am, so please arrive early.Park in spots away from the car line or outside the parking lot if you come into school.Students should bring a refillable water bottle and a healthy snack for morning snack break. Snacks will be available for purchase with a pre-purchased snack card, or for 50 cents/each.Students can bring or buy lunch; please see the August lunch menu.Dismissal will be at 12:15pm for full-day PK and 12:30pm for K – 8th grades.Students entering grades 1-8 should bring their completed summer work packs.Students entering grades 4-8 should bring their completed reading assignments.Before Care is available for students enrolled in the program from 6:45-7:30am.After Care is available for students enrolled in the program.

NEWS & REMINDERS:

IMPORTANT SCHOOL LUNCH INFO: Please note the updated lunch costs for the upcoming school year:

- PK & Kindergarten School Cooked Meals \$4, 1st - 8th Grade \$5
- Everyday lunch options \$4 or \$5
- Prices for restaurant-ordered menu items will vary and will be noted in FACTS at the time of ordering

All lunch orders will now be placed and prepaid for through the FACTS parent portal. To place an order, log into FACTS, click on "STUDENT," then "LUNCH." In the top left, next to your student's name, you will see "+CREATE WEB ORDER." Web orders will be available up to one week prior to the week of eating. For example, the web order will be open now until midnight on August 17 for the school week of August 18-22.

We understand that circumstances may arise where a student forgets their lunch. In such situations, students will be offered an "everyday" lunch option (Peanut Butter and Jelly, Cheese, Turkey, or Ham Sandwich). Parents will then be billed through FACTS under "Incidental Billing."

Families with lunch ticket credit for 2024-2025 school year will be reimbursed through their Paypal account.

P.E. UNIFORMS: PE uniform orders placed through the online school store can be picked up from the School Office before the first day of school. Please call the school to make sure the office is open before coming in.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS: We have some new school uniform items for sale; \$15 jumpers, \$15 pants, \$10 shorts, \$5 shirts. We also have the used uniform exchange that parents are welcome to look through; please call the School Office to make an appointment. We appreciate donations of gently used uniforms for the uniform exchange, which may be dropped off at school or sent in with your child.

MORNING DROP-OFF: Students may be dropped off in the morning car line between 7:30-7:55am. **Children may not be dropped off or get out of cars before 7:30am.** All students are expected to be in their homeroom **by 7:55am.** Students arriving after 7:55am must be walked to school doors by a parent/guardian.

BEFORE CARE: We will be offering Before Care from 6:30am-7:30am starting on **Wed, Aug. 20.** Parents must submit the [required forms](#) prior to participation. Please contact the School Office with any questions.

AFTERCARE: If you are enrolling your child(ren) in Aftercare, all [required forms](#) must be completed before children may attend. Please email our Aftercare Director with any questions at olssaftercare@comcast.net

MEDICATIONS: If your child needs to take over-the-counter or prescription medication during school hours (including cough drops and lip balm, as per MSDE regulations), medications and [required authorization forms](#) must be brought by a parent/guardian to be checked in with our School Nurse, Mrs. Brandi Hutchins. Please email her with any questions at schoolnurse@olsss.org.

YEARBOOKS: If you paid for your 2024-25 school yearbook but have not picked it up, we will send it home with your child. Extra yearbooks are available for purchase for \$35 payable by cash, check, through the [online school store](#).

VOLUNTEERING: All volunteer opportunities will be posted in [Track It Forward](#). Please do not sign up to volunteer for in-school events unless you have completed the Virtus Child Protection Program, and your fingerprints/background check results posted to your Virtus account. If you sign up to volunteer and cannot make it, please call the School Office so that a replacement can be found.

AUG/SEP DATES:

- Aug. 9, 8:30-11:30am: [Spruce Up Day](#)
- Aug. 14, 5:30pm: New Parents Meeting
- Aug. 19: First Day of School for Pre-K Only | 11:30am Dismissal
- Aug. 19, 9:00-11:30am: Open Day for K-8th Families
- Aug. 20: First Day of School for K-8th Grades | 12:30pm Dismissal
- Aug. 25: No School - ADW Event
- Aug. 29: 12:30pm Dismissal for Labor Day Weekend
- Sep. 1: No School – Labor Day
- Sep. 8: Legacy Student Portraits
- Sep. 10, 6:30pm: Back to School Night
- Sep. 26: 12:30pm Dismissal – Fair Day