



Newsletter

March 4th, 2026

A Message from Mrs. Thompson

During Lent we are growing in our prayer life by praying the Stations of the Cross as a school community each Friday. I encourage you to focus on this pillar of Lent by asking your child to share with you the prayers they are learning in school, and pray them together as a family. Doing this helps us deepen our relationship with God as we continue on our Lenten journeys.

Grace and Peace,
Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, principaleolsss.org

Upcoming Events

March

- March 5th – Altar Server Training 3:15pm–4:30pm
- March 9th – No School (Collaboration Day)
- March 14th – Polar Plunge at Vera’s Beach Club
- March 20th – 12:30 Dismissal

Seahawk Spotlight

Thank you to our middle school for leading us in Stations of the Cross each Friday!



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- Volunteers are needed for lunch help as well as making Cascarones (confetti eggs). Please sign up on [Track it Forward](#) to volunteer.

2026-2027 Enrollment- Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year has opened for new and returning students. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Muldoon at muldoonc@olsss.org.

Basketball Uniforms & Hoodies- Please return basketball uniforms to Mrs. Grater by March 6th. Now that the Basketball season has ended, basketball hoodies are no longer part of the school uniform and may not be worn in the classroom.

Candy Donation Needed- We are in need of donations of small candy to fill our eggs for our school Egg Hunt! Please send donations in with your student by March 25th.

Middle School Volleyball Team- OLSS Co-Ed Middle School Volleyball practice starts tonight. You should have received an email with all the practice dates and locations from Mrs. Nehf. If you have NOT please reach out to her at 4nehf@comcast.net.

Altar Server Training- All altar servers will have training on March 5th in the Parish Church from 3:15pm-4:30pm.

OLSS Cook Books Available- There are still some OLSS cookbooks available for \$15. Orders can be placed [online here](#) or by visiting the Parish Office during business hours (10am-3pm, closed 12:30-1pm)

BOOST Scholarship- Parent applications for the Maryland BOOST Scholarship will open March 9th and will close May 8th. Parents can apply here when the window opens: <https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>



OLSSS ANNUAL POLAR PLUNGE

The Polar Plunge is **Saturday March 14th!** To register or donate to a participant please visit: <https://myfunrun.com/olssschoo>



❄️ OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL ❄️

2026 POLAR PLUNGE

Returns to Vera's Beach Club!

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

1:15 - 3:00 PM



PLUNGE SCHEDULE

Check-In (Plungers & Spectators): **1:15 - 1:45 PM**

🕒 Polar Plunge: **2:00 PM**

❄️ LOCATION ❄️

- Vera's Beach Club
- 1200 White Sands Drive
Lusby, MD 20657

❄️ WHY PLUNGE? ❄️

Join our OLSS community for a **fun, freezing time**, all while supporting our school!

Cheer on brave plungers, snap photos, and help make a splash for a great cause!

REGISTER OR DONATE: myfunrun.com/olssschool





Palm Sunday **BASKET AUCTION**

**Help Fill Our Palm Sunday Basket
Auction.**

Donate a basket or gift card.

Check out last year's auction for ideas:
<https://www.32auctions.com/olssbaskets2025>

B A S K E T S D U E 1 3 M A R C H
D R O P O F F A T S C H O O L

Please do not wrap baskets, but feel free to supply the wrapping
supplies!

Every \$30 spent = 1 Volunteer Service Hour

Contact HSA with any questions: olsss.hsa@gmail.com

Opting In to the New Federal Education Scholarship Tax Credit

Congress recently passed the first federal education tax credit, which will provide millions in educational resources for students across the U.S.

HOW IT WORKS

Individual taxpayers can receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on their federal tax return for donations (up to \$1,700 per year) made to K-12 scholarship organizations. Scholarship-granting organizations must use the authorized donations to provide scholarships for tuition, tutoring, special needs, supplies/technology and other education expenses for both public and private school students.

The Governor of each state, or designee provided by law, must opt in to this federal opportunity. States must opt in for the first year by Jan. 1, 2027, and each January thereafter.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Governors are currently weighing whether to opt their state in to this educational opportunity. If a state does not elect to opt in, scholarship-granting organizations in the state may not grant scholarships to kids under this law. However, individual taxpayers can give incentivized donations to SGOs in states where governors have opted in.

The Treasury Department must form regulations for this federal educational opportunity. In states where governors have already indicated that they will opt in, scholarship organizations are preparing to utilize this opportunity. Similarly, parents are gearing up in expectation of the new options their children will have.

WHY OUR GOVERNOR SHOULD OPT IN

- **Zero cost to Maryland:** “Opting in” to the federal tax credit will not cost our state anything. States are not required to fund or administer anything. States’ only obligation is to decide to opt in and submit the SGO list by Jan. 1 annually.
- **Keeps dollars in state:** Failure to opt in will cause local dollars to leave our state through donations to made by individual taxpayers to scholarship granting organizations in other states. This will cause our state’s kids to lose out on these dollars for their education. Keep these dollars here for our kids!
- **Benefits all children:** This will help both public and private school students. Local nonprofit scholarship-granting organizations and public school foundations will benefit from the opt-in.
- **Keeps families in Maryland:** If our state does not opt in, parents may elect to leave for another state where scholarships provided by this opportunity are plentiful. Remember, there is no federal cap on the amount of money scholarship organizations can raise, so this will be a meaningful gain for opt-in states.

OUR ASK

We ask our governor to make an affirmative promise to opt into this educational opportunity. Our local parents, schools and scholarship organizations want to be ready to utilize this groundbreaking plan for the benefit of our kids!



K OF C SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a \$5,000 scholarship (\$1,250 per year for four years), for this year's high school seniors.

To be eligible to apply for the scholarship, the senior's parent(s) or guardian(s) must be registered parishioners of OLSS or the father/guardian must be a member of OLSS Knights of Columbus.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING TERRY SINGER AT
TERRYSINGER@COMCAST.NET

All completed application packages MUST be mailed to the council and postmarked no later than April 15, 2026.



OLSS Knights of Columbus Lent 2026 FISH FRY FRIDAYS

***Drive-through Fish Dinners for carry-out or eat-in* in the Providence Room
5-7pm on all dates:***

February 27th, March 13th, March 27



**Dinner includes:
Fried Fish, Green Beans, Mac
and Cheese and a roll.**

Adult Meal: \$15

Child Meal: \$10

Place Advance Orders by email to: KOC9258event@gmail.com

Proceeds will assist us with our charitable giving.

Thanks for your continued support!

Marian Pilgrimage

in the Footsteps of St. Josemaría Escrivá

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June 9-20, 2026

Father Robert Kilner

Pastor

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church
Archdiocese of Washington D.C.

Fátima

Lisbon

Paris

Lourdes

Avila

INFORMATION MEETING

FEBRUARY 26, 2026 - 7:30 PM

Providence Room

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

50 Alexander Lane, Solomons MD 20688

Please R.S.V.P.: JMJtours.com/OLSS

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