



Newsletter

November 19th, 2025

A Message from Mrs. Thompson

We are continuing to celebrate Kindness Week! I am so happy to see our students shining Christ's light by finding new and fun ways to be kind. I encourage all families to talk with their children about what they are learning about kindness as the week continues.

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better & happier"

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson, principal@olsss.org

Upcoming Events

November

- Nov. 17th-21st - Kindness Week
- Thurs. Nov. 20- Family Thanksgiving Feast
- Sat. Nov. 22nd - Christmas Bazaar 9:00am-2:00pm
- Mon. Nov. 24th - Picture Retake Day
- Tues. Nov. 25th - 12:30 Dismissal & Turkey Trot
- Nov. 26th-28th - No School, Thanksgiving Break

December

- Dec. 1st - PK-4th Santa Shop
- Dec. 2nd - 5th-8th Santa Shop
- Dec. 3rd - Santa Shop Final Day
- Dec 12th - OLSSS Christmas Program
- Dec 19th - 11:30am Dismissal & Christmas Tag Day

Seahawk Spotlight

Thank you to the Calvert County Sheriff's Office for visiting this week! Students were so excited to learn all about the work the Sheriff's office does.



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.

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

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

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 olssschool@comcast.net.

8th Grade Basket Raffle- 8th 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. Tickets will also be on sale during the Thanksgiving Feast Thursday.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Christmas Play- Please see the attached flyer for details on the OLSS Christmas Play. To sign your student up, visit the parish website here: [OLSS Christmas Play](#).

Advent Charities- Each class will be supporting a local charity this Advent season:

PreK- Sleep in Heavenly Peace

K- Project Echo Homeless Shelter

1st- St. Mary's County Animal Adoption Center

2nd- Pediatric Ward at Calvert Memorial Hospital

3rd- Project Echo Homeless Shelter

4th- Birthright of Prince Frederick

5th- 8th - SMILE

Homeroom teachers will be sending home information soon on how your child's class will support their Advent charity.

Christmas Concert- December 12th will be our school Christmas Concert. Students are required to attend. K-8th students will report to their classrooms at 5:30pm. PreK students will report to the Providence Room. At the end of the program, students will be signed out from their classrooms.

Turkey Trot Tuesday 11/25/25

Thank you for supporting our annual Turkey Trot! 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/olssschool>

Students should wear their PE uniforms to school and bring a water bottle on Turkey Trot day. The times listed below are the times students will begin their Turkey Trot on the boardwalk. There will be a check-in table on the boardwalk with wristbands for parents of children who have raised over \$50 who will be joining them in the Turkey Trot.



Boardwalk Time	Class Run/Walk
8:30-8:50	6th Grade
8:50-9:10	7th Grade
9:10-9:30	8th Grade
9:30-9:50	4th Grade
9:50-10:10	5th Grade
10:10-10:25	Pre-K
10:25-10:40	Kindergarten
10:40-10:55	1st Grade
10:55-11:10	2nd Grade
11:10-11:30	3rd Grade

December Calendars

DECEMBER 2025				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
DOMINO'S CHEESE OR PEPPERONI PIZZA 1	TACOS & SWEET CORN CAKE 2	 SALAD BAR 3	Chicken Nuggets French Fries Carrot Sticks Chocolate Chip Cookie 4	BAKED ZITI, GARLIC BREAD & CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE CUPS 5
DOMINO'S CHEESE OR SAUSAGE PIZZA 8	MINI CORN DOGS GRILLED CORN & DIRT CAKE CUPS 9	CHICKEN PARM WITH PASTA & ZUCCHINI SALAD 10	CHEESESTEAK SLIDERS, FRIES & ROASTED BROCCOLI 11	FISH STICKS, MAC N CHEESE, COLESLAW 12
DOMINO'S CHEESE OR BACON PIZZA 15	CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, GLAZED CARROTS & A BROWNIE 16	MEATLOAF, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS 17	BAGELS WITH SCRAMBLED EGGS, BACON & YOGURT PARFAIT 18	DAILY SANDWICHES ONLY EARLY DISMISSAL 19
NO SCHOOL 22	NO SCHOOL 23	NO SCHOOL 24	MERRY CHRISTMAS 25 	NO SCHOOL 26
NO SCHOOL 29	NO SCHOOL 30	NO SCHOOL 31		

DAILY MENU

Sandwiches Available Daily:

Peanut Butter & Jelly
Cheese Ham***
Turkey***

Served with Chips & Fruit

***Ham and Turkey not available on Fridays

Our Lady Star of the Sea School DECEMBER 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 st Sunday of Advent 	1 SANTA SHOP PK-4 th Grades 	2 SANTA SHOP 5 th - 8 th Grades 	3 SANTA SHOP Final Day 	4	5 First Friday Mass: 9:00 am	6 <small>† Feast of St. Nicholas</small>
2 nd Sunday of Advent 	8 Mass: 9:00am <small>† Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation</small>	9	10	11	12 Christmas Program 6:00pm  <i>All students are required to attend</i> <small>† Our Lady of Guadalupe</small>	13 Solomons Christmas Walk 6-9pm <small>† Feast of St. Lucy</small>
3 rd Sunday of Advent 	15	16 Middle School Progressive Dinner	17 Mass: 9:00am	18	19 Christmas Tag Day 11:30am Dismissal	20
4 th Sunday of Advent 	22 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	23 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	24 NO SCHOOL Christmas Eve	25 NO SCHOOL Christmas Day  <small>† Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord</small>	26 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	27 <small>† Feast Day of St. John the Evangelist</small>
28 <small>† Feast of The Holy Family</small> <small>† Feast of the Holy Innocents</small>	29 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	30 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	31			



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11/19/25

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You are invited to participate in a survey required for the ADW Catholic school system-wide reaccreditation.

Purpose of the Survey: The purpose of this survey is to collect feedback on your perceptions about Catholic education at our school. The survey questions focus on aspects such as school community, mission, faith formation, academics, extracurricular activities, and school safety. This provides important data for the continuous quality improvement process at ADW schools.

Please note that your responses are anonymous and confidential. No personal identifiable information will be collected.

This survey is used by Catholic schools nationwide.

Survey Name	Administered to	Estimated Time	Length	Languages
Catholic Identity Program Effectiveness (Parent and Community)	All Parents/Guardians	Approx. 30 min.	48-50 Questions	English Spanish

Click link to complete COGNIA PARENT AND COMMUNITY SURVEY:

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#!/action/293169/p28700>

The survey can be completed from your computer or mobile device anytime on or before **Wednesday, December 10**. While participation is voluntary, your honest and thoughtful input is highly encouraged and deeply appreciated to best inform our reaccreditation process.

Should you have any questions regarding the survey, please feel free to contact me at principal@olsss.org or 410-326-3171.

Thank you for your commitment to our school community and for choosing Catholic education.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Thompson
Principal

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 olchessroom@olss.com

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



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY

DEC 24, 3:30PM

Calling all kids ages 5 and up!

Upcoming Rehearsal Dates:

December 7, 14, & 21st
after the 11am Mass

SIGN UP!



[HTTPS://OLSS.ORG/CHRISTMAS-PLAY](https://olss.org/christmas-play)

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

YARD SALE PREVIEW

\$5 Entry

FRIDAY NOV. 21, 2025 | 3 PM - 5 PM
90 ALEXANDER LANE SOLOMONS

please park across the street on the board
walk and follow signs for the Yard Sale
entrance.

SANTA SHOP SHOPPING LIST

Name: _____

Grade: _____



Gift Recipient's Name (eg Mom):

of
Gifts:

1)	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____
4)	_____	_____
5)	_____	_____
6)	_____	_____
7)	_____	_____
8)	_____	_____

SANTA SHOP

🎄 The Santa Shop is an opportunity for students to shop for Christmas gifts for their families (and pets) at school. They will shop with their class, with volunteers or buddies helping younger children.

🎄 Students will have Christmas cookies and hot chocolate after shopping.

🎄 Children will bring their wrapped & labeled gifts home.

Shopping days are:

🎄 **Mon, Dec. 1:** PK, K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th

🎄 **Tue, Dec. 2:** 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th

🎄 **Wed, Dec. 3:** Children who were absent and who would like to purchase additional gifts.

IMPORTANT INFO:

🎄 Students must bring their completed shopping list to school on **Monday, Dec. 1.**

🎄 All gifts are \$4 and must be paid for in advance through the [online school store](#) **only.** Students may purchase up to 8 gifts on their shopping day and may purchase additional gifts on Dec. 3 if they wish.

🎄 If payment has not been made by their shopping day, children may look around but cannot shop.

Notes: _____



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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.

Beginning October 1, families can apply for ADW Tuition Assistance through their FACT Family Portal or by visiting 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.

Contact Colleen Muldoon if you have any questions: muldoonc@olsss.org