



# Newsletter

January 14th, 2026

## A Message from Ms. Quade

Mrs. Thompson is still out due to illness. Please continue to keep her in prayer!  
We are looking forward to hosting a spaghetti dinner on Thursday. Take the night off and let us cook dinner for you. We hope to see you there!

Thank you,  
Ms. Maggie Quade, [grade8@olsss.org](mailto:grade8@olsss.org)

## Upcoming Events

### December

- Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> - Spaghetti Dinner 5-7pm and end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> - 12:30 Dismissal
- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> - No School MLK Day
- Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> - Open House 9-11am
- Jan 25<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> - Catholic Schools Week
- Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> - Open House 9-11am

## Seahawk Spotlight

Our PreK and 7<sup>th</sup> grade buddies had fun this week building STEM igloos together!



# 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-** We are in need of volunteers for the Fr. Alexander Gala. Volunteers DO NOT need to have completed VIRTUS requirements. Help is needed on February 14<sup>th</sup> with set up from 9:00am-1:00pm and clean up from 10:30pm-11:30pm. Volunteers are needed for lunch help as well as making Cascarones (confetti eggs). Please sign up on [Track it Forward](#) to volunteer.

**Spaghetti Dinner-** Thursday Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm is our Spaghetti Dinner! Cost is by donation. Any students who attend will earn a free tag day on Friday Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>! We hope to see you there!

**Fr. Alexander Gala-** Please see the attached flyer for details on this year's Fr. Alexander Gala. There will also be special guests Sr. Grace and Sr. Paula in attendance!

**Teachers Lounge-** To donate snacks to the teacher's lounge please follow this link to the SignUp Genius: [Teacher Lounge Donations](#)

**Vacation Bible School-** VBS will take place July 6<sup>th</sup>-July 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Oster at [grade5@olsss.org](mailto:grade5@olsss.org)

**ADW Tuition Assistance-** Applications for ADW Tuition Assistance are due February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached flyer for details

**2026-2027 Enrollment-** On Monday January 19<sup>th</sup> Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year opens for returning students.

**Catholic Schools Week-** Please join us for Mass Sunday Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am to celebrate the start of Catholic Schools Week! Students should wear their school uniform to Mass.

**FREE Chick-fil-A Lunch-** On January 27<sup>th</sup> students will be getting a free Chick-fil-A lunch as part of our Catholic School's Week celebration. If your child will NOT want the lunch this day, please email their teacher to let them know.

# Welcome Ms. Lyon!

We are excited to welcome Ms. Rebecca Lyon to OLSS! She joins us with a Masters in School Counseling from the University of Maryland. She has spent many years working as a mental health professional in southern Maryland. Ms. Lyon will be on campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays working with students in the classroom in coordination with the classroom teachers. She can be contacted at [schoolcounselor@olsss.org](mailto:schoolcounselor@olsss.org). Welcome Ms. Lyon!





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A Faith-Based Education  
that Lasts a Lifetime



# **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)



# SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Enjoy a  
night in  
Italy  
with your  
School  
Family

**OLSS Teachers and Staff  
Invite you to Dinner!**

# Thursday,

## JANUARY 15, 2026

### 5:00 – 7:00pm

Spaghetti with or without meatballs, salad,  
bread, & drinks

**Cost is by donation**

Our Lady Star of the Sea School  
90 Alexander Lane, Solomons, MD 20688

*OLSS  
students who  
attend will  
have a tag  
day on Fri Jan  
16th!*



**Our Lady Star of the Sea School**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**  
**JANUARY 25 – 30, 2026**



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

<b>SUNDAY JAN. 25</b>	<b>MONDAY JAN. 26</b>	<b>TUESDAY JAN. 27</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY JAN. 28</b>	<b>THURSDAY JAN. 29</b>	<b>FRIDAY JAN. 31</b>
<i>Celebrating Our Parish</i>	<i>Celebrating Our Community</i>	<i>Celebrating Our Students</i>	<i>Celebrating Our Nation</i>	<i>Celebrating Vocations</i>	<i>Celebrating Faculty, Staff, &amp; Volunteers</i>
Opening School Mass 11am Student Council	7-8am: Pastries for Parents  Prayer Cards for Belize  Thank you cards for First Responders	Talent Show  Free Chick-fil-A Lunch	School Mass; God Bless America Theme  Spelling Bees	8th Grade Teachers for the Day	Teacher Competition  Contest Winners Announced

**WHAT TO WEAR & BRING:**

<b>School Uniform to Mass</b>	<b>Crazy Hat Day</b>	<b>Free Tag Day Mismatched Clothes</b>	<b>School Uniform with Crazy Socks</b>	<b>Dress as the profession you would like to be \$2 or Donations for Sisters of Devine Providence</b>	<b>Tag Day: Sports Jerseys or sports team shirt with jeans, pants, or sweatpants  Bring a non-perishable food item for SMILE Food Pantry</b>
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**ONGOING EVENTS DURING THE WEEK:**

- Souper Bowl: Bring canned items for SMILE Food Pantry
- Guessing Game
- Scavenger Hunt
- All About OLSS Quiz
- Buddy Activities



# Join us for a Pathfinders Pizza Party!!!

Discover Your Path. Fuel Your Faith.  
Join In Brotherhood!

**ALL BOYS GRADES 2 – 12**

A night of pizza, games, and fellowship awaits!



**WHEN:** Friday, January 30 6 pm – 7:45 pm

**WHERE:** Providence Room

**WHAT:** Includes pizza, games, a vocation talk, Q&A,  
a goodie bag – bring friends!

**WHY:** God calls each of us to a unique mission —  
and discovering that path starts with community,  
conversation, and courage. This night is all about  
brotherhood, faith, and fun.

**COST:** Free



RSVP Here



What Path Are You Taking  
To Get to Heaven?



RSVP Text: 443-975-0741

RSVP Date: Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

Sponsored By: OLSS VIP Ministry

# OPEN HOUSE | MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT

**WEDNESDAY**  
**JANUARY 21, 2026**  
**6PM**

**FRIDAY**  
**JANUARY 30, 2026**  
**6PM**



**RSVP**



## High School with a Higher Purpose



28299 Old Village Rd,  
Mechanicsville, MD



**CHESTERTON ACADEMY**  
**OF ST. MARY'S**

# OLSS GOT TALENT

**Do You Have a Hidden Talent?**

JANUARY 27TH



TIME TBD

**Lyrics, outfits, and talent show act MUST be approved by Mrs. Gross**

CALLING ALL TALENTED STUDENTS!

DO YOU HAVE A HIDDEN TALENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE?

## HOW TO JOIN THE FESTIVITIES:

- TALENT MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE
- LYRICS, OUTFITS AND ACT MUST BE PREAPPROVED

AUDITION DATES:  
JAN 5-16TH  
IN MUSIC CLASS

## TALENT IDEAS:

LIP SYNC

RECITE A POEM

SING

DANCE

MONOLOGUE/SKIT

GYMNASTIC ROUTINE

MAGIC SHOW

IMPERSONATION

COMEDY ACT

MARTIAL ARTS DEMO

PLAY INSTRUMENT

PUPPET SHOW

MIME

STEM DEMO

CUP STACK

SHARK TANK PITCH

SHARE YOUR CULTURE

HULA HOOP

FASHION SHOW

SOLVE A RUBIKS CUBE

SHOW AND TELL?

**OLSS TALENT SHOW**  
**Tuesday, January 27**  
**Registration Deadline: Monday, January 19th**

It's time for our awesome OLSS students to share their talents in our annual Talent Show! Students in all grades are welcome to perform solo or group acts on stage. Parents and students should note the following requirements and guidelines:

1) The Talent Show is open to students in all grades. Students from different grades can perform an act together if they wish. To allow adequate time for all performers, a student may participate in one solo or group act in addition to any large group or class acts that may be organized at school. If your child is participating with other performers, all group members must return a permission form. Auditions will be held during Music classes from Jan. 5-16.

2) All acts must be in keeping with our Catholic school setting, appropriate for all ages, and safe for performers and audience members. Please guide your child to make appropriate choices, especially in music and costume selections. Students may assume a song is fine if it doesn't include "bad" words, not realizing that the theme is not appropriate for children. Students are **REQUIRED** to bring in a copy of the lyrics to any song they wish to perform (singing or dancing) for approval before they can perform it in rehearsal. Students do not need to dress in costume unless they wish. All outfits must be in keeping with our non-uniform dress code.

3) Students should rehearse at home. Limited rehearsals will also be held during school time. Students will also be asked to keep any items needed for their acts (except costumes) at school.

4) Students will be reminded that kindness, inclusiveness, encouragement, and support for all performers are expected to make our Variety Show fun and exciting for everybody.

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**TALENT SHOW REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Must be turned in by Jan. 19**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Additional students in the act: (a separate form is required for each student):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Act description (skit, dance, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

If singing, dancing, or playing an instrument, song title (please attach a copy of the lyrics):

\_\_\_\_\_

My child \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to participate in the OLSS Talent Show on January 27. I have read and agree to the attached requirements and guidelines.

Parent name (*printed*) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email \_\_\_\_\_



# Our Lady Star of the Sea School



Established in 1933, Our Lady Star of the Sea School is a member of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington and is a fully accredited, private Catholic school for PK-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Located on the beautiful Chesapeake Bay in Solomons, our school instills a life-long love of learning in a safe, faith-filled environment.



**OPEN HOUSES**  
 For Prospective New Families  
 Friday, January 23, 9-11am  
 Friday, January 30, 9-11am



- Daily Classes:**
- + Language Arts
  - + Math
  - + Religion
  - + Science
  - + Social Studies

- Weekly Classes:**
- + Foreign Language
  - + Computers/Media
  - + Art
  - + Music
  - + Physical Education
  - + Library



- + Average Teacher/Student Ratio is 1:15
- + Daily Prayer / Weekly Children's Mass
- + Rigorous Academics / STEM Activities
- + Before Care & After Care Programs
- + Tuition Assistance Available



90 Alexander Lane, Solomons, MD 20688  
 Phone (410) 326-3171

**INQUIRIES**



**OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA**  
**– 2026 FATHER ALEXANDER GALA –**  
**HOLLYWOOD FIREHOUSE**  
**BANQUET HALL**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
**6:00 PM - 10:30 PM**

*An Evening in Paris*

**TICKET PRICING**

**EARLY BIRD (DEC 1-31, 2025)**  
**\$100 PER TICKET**  
**\$700 PER TABLE**

**REGULAR (JAN 1-FEB 1, 2026)**  
**\$110 PER TICKET**  
**\$770 PER TABLE**

  
 2026 Gala Honoree  
 Deacon Andy Geisz



*Wine Pull and Valentine's Day Celebration available at additional costs*  
*Proceeds to benefit the construction of the Pre-K Building*  
 For more information visit: [olss.org/gala](http://olss.org/gala) or call the parish office at 410.326.3535