

Dolphin Days

Our Lady Star of the Sea School
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Dear Parents:

'Tis the Season.....for Love at OLSS.

It has been a very busy Advent Season here at OLSS. As we prepare for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, His love is alive through the actions and generosity of all of you!

This season every student at OLSS “adopted” a senior for Christmas. We spread love to those who possibly will not celebrate the season with family.

All students wrote and mailed letters to Santa in which every letter generated \$2.00 for “Make-A-Wish”. We spread love to those children who are battling life-threatening illnesses.

All families donated toys in our annual “Toy Drive”. We spread love to those who are less fortunate than we are.

Our Pre-K, 3rd grade, and 8th grade students have prepared their annual Christmas shows, and we spread love to our families!

As we continue to light the candles on the advent wreath, we are grateful for the LOVE we share with all of you every day here at OLSS.

Congratulations to Ashley Tirado (Gr. 7) and Joseph Sorrentino (Gr. 6) who represented OLSS in the island wide Catholic School Spelling Bee. We are very proud of them!

Congratulations to Mrs. Larson, as she has become our 3rd teacher to become “Google Certified”!

On behalf of the entire OLSS faculty and Administrative staff, we would like to thank all of you for your continued support and extreme generosity. We wish all of you a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Mrs. Roland, Principal

Mrs. Gandelman, Asst. Principal

Dates to Remember

December 19

Dismissal 1pm

December 22

8th Grade Christmas show
1pm – 8th grade parents are invited to attend;
Christmas Break begins at dismissal

January 2 - School Resumes

January 5

First Friday Mass – Grade 3 will be hosting mass at 9 am. Families are welcome to attend.
12:05 pm Dismissal – Faculty Meeting

January 6

Grade 2 Reconciliation 12pm

January 8 - MAP Testing Gr.

6-8 this week
In House Registration PreK 3 & 4

January 9 - In House

Registration Gr K-8
Touring Tuesday (Open House 9-11am)

January 15 - Martin Luther

King Day – No School

January 16 - MAP Testing Gr.

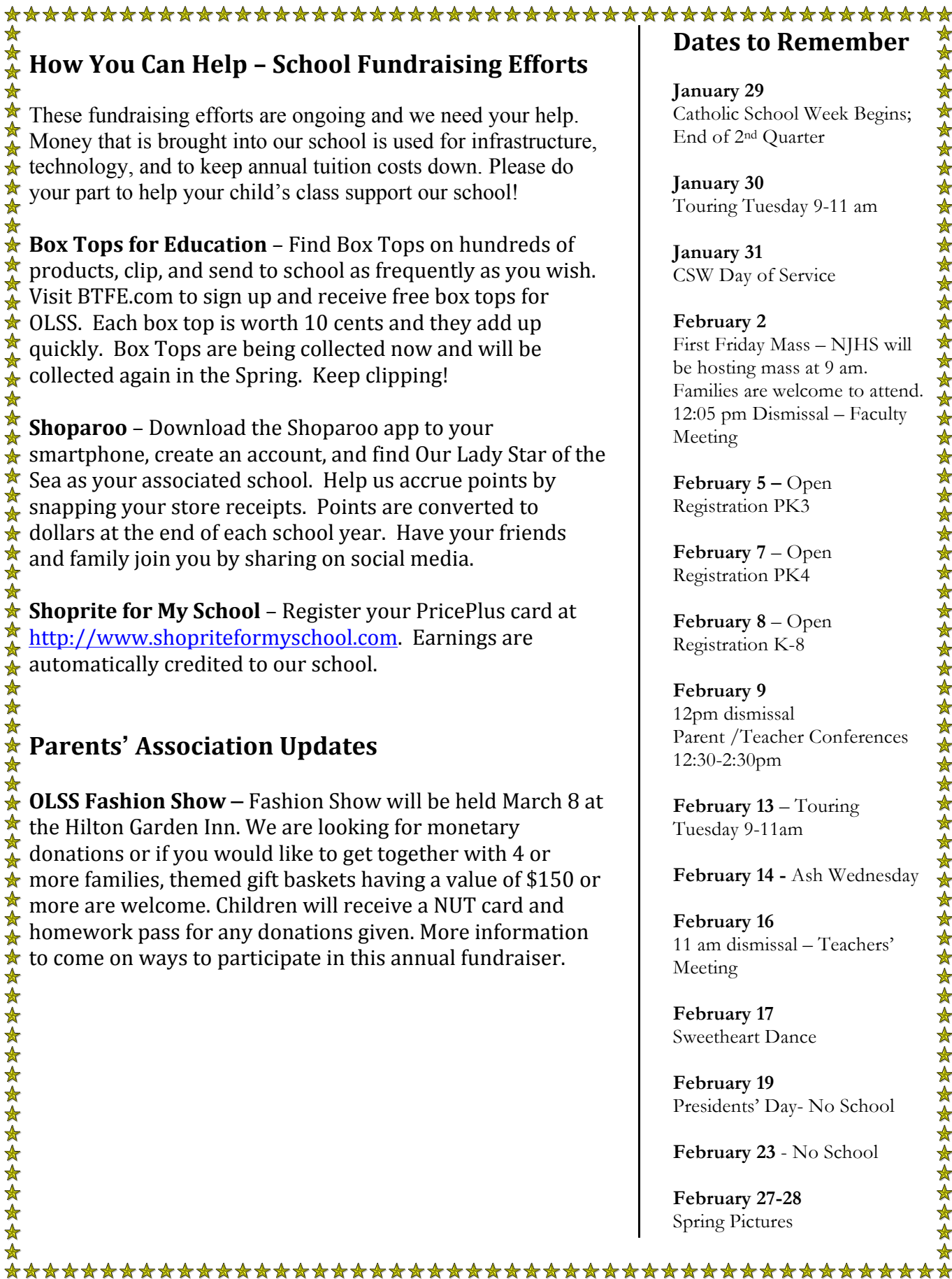
3-5 this week

January 22

MAP Testing Gr. K-2

Jan 17-23 - Midterms

January 25 – Adult Bingo



How You Can Help – School Fundraising Efforts

These fundraising efforts are ongoing and we need your help. Money that is brought into our school is used for infrastructure, technology, and to keep annual tuition costs down. Please do your part to help your child’s class support our school!

Box Tops for Education – Find Box Tops on hundreds of products, clip, and send to school as frequently as you wish. Visit BTFE.com to sign up and receive free box tops for OLSS. Each box top is worth 10 cents and they add up quickly. Box Tops are being collected now and will be collected again in the Spring. Keep clipping!

Shoparoo – Download the Shoparoo app to your smartphone, create an account, and find Our Lady Star of the Sea as your associated school. Help us accrue points by snapping your store receipts. Points are converted to dollars at the end of each school year. Have your friends and family join you by sharing on social media.

Shoprite for My School – Register your PricePlus card at <http://www.shopriteformyschool.com>. Earnings are automatically credited to our school.

Parents’ Association Updates

OLSS Fashion Show – Fashion Show will be held March 8 at the Hilton Garden Inn. We are looking for monetary donations or if you would like to get together with 4 or more families, themed gift baskets having a value of \$150 or more are welcome. Children will receive a NUT card and homework pass for any donations given. More information to come on ways to participate in this annual fundraiser.

Dates to Remember

January 29
Catholic School Week Begins;
End of 2nd Quarter

January 30
Touring Tuesday 9-11 am

January 31
CSW Day of Service

February 2
First Friday Mass – NJHS will be hosting mass at 9 am. Families are welcome to attend. 12:05 pm Dismissal – Faculty Meeting

February 5 – Open Registration PK3

February 7 – Open Registration PK4

February 8 – Open Registration K-8

February 9
12pm dismissal
Parent /Teacher Conferences 12:30-2:30pm

February 13 – Touring Tuesday 9-11am

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

February 16
11 am dismissal – Teachers’ Meeting

February 17
Sweetheart Dance

February 19
Presidents’ Day- No School

February 23 - No School

February 27-28
Spring Pictures



★ Students Helping Others

- Our students raised over \$1200 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in partnership with Macy's by writing letters to Santa. Grades PreK-4 wrote letters to Santa asking for what they want for Christmas. Grades 5-8 wrote letters asking for something that money cannot buy. Letters were delivered to Macy's and \$2 for each letter mailed was sent on behalf of our school.
- Each student participated in "Adopt-a-Senior" by purchasing a small gift for seniors residing in local nursing homes. This effort was completed in partnership with the SI Board of Realtors and the Staten Island Giving Circle. Here's what one of the facilities had to say: *"Act is a place where seniors come to have a good time and make friends. When children come together to do something beautiful and generous like adopting a grandparent, the true spirit of Christmas shines. The ACT family sends our love to your family and we THANK YOU for your thoughtfulness and friendship. Merry Christmas to all and never forget the power of loving and sharing. We are so thankful for all the amazing gifts under our tree!"* – Ann Selfridge, ACT Care
- Each grade raised money through a dress down day to dedicate a Christmas tree outside the Church for their grade. Trees were lit in a beautiful ceremony on December 2 after the 5:30 pm Mass.
- Our Annual Toy Drive took place on December 6 where our children donated new toys to benefit Amazing Grace Ministries.

★ School News

★ Congratulations to the students who received the *Value of the Month Award* for October and November. The value for October was COURAGE, and we recognized the following students for living their faith and sharing it with those around them:

★ **Ashton DeLaCruz, Scarlett Stadler, Christian Misseri, Chace Curro, Massimo Scotto, John Paturzo, Vincent Winter, Olivia Patton, Haley Hubner, Dash Battista, Annalisa Theurer, Keira Miley, Adriana Giannini, Philip DeNivo, Thomas Lorenzo, Gabriella DiSalvo and Matthew Romano!**

★ November's Value of the Month was FRIENDSHIP. We recognized the following students for living their faith and sharing it with those around them:

★ **Joseph DiSalvo, Anthony Taravella, Salvatore Sciandra, Sofia Wilson, Joseph Sorrentino, Sienna Arnsten, Michael Naccara, Brayden DeVito, Luigi Fanelli, Daniela Duque, Luca Mineo, Valentina Bianchi, Madelyn Graziano, Gia Gugliucci, Rodolfo Seddio, Angelina Iorio, Emily Charlemagne and Philip Robbins!**

★ Stay tuned for the recipients of December's *Value of the Month Awards*. December's Value of the Month is COMPASSION.

★ Reminders

- Join our Parents Facebook Page - OLSS Parents' Association for latest news and updates on an ongoing basis.
- Find our newsletter online at the OLSS website under EVENTS & NEWS.