

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA REGIONAL SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your continued support of the mission of Our Lady Star of the Sea Regional School. A talented and dedicated faculty and staff, our pastor Father Jon Thomas with Fr. Pham and Fr. Fernando, and I look forward to working with you this year facilitating your child/children's growth. We believe that with faith, hope and love, the ordinary can become extraordinary.

A warm welcome to the newest students and families who have become part of our school community.

We also welcome Sister Kathy Nace, SSJ as our fulltime Director of Advancement. A Sister of Saint Joseph (Philadelphia) with more than 25 years of experience, Sr. Kathy is a true servant of Catholic Schools. She has taught, led and made significant contributions to development in Catholic elementary and high schools in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Most recently, she served as principal and president at St. Rose High School in Belmar, Diocese of Trenton. Sr. Kathy also holds two Education master's degrees – Educational Leadership (University of Dayton) and Mathematics (Rutgers University). As a high school president, she spent a lot of time cultivating relationships and creating marketing and communication tools to help advance the school. We are so lucky to have her spearhead our advancement efforts and help us spread the good news about our excellent academics and Christian faith values.

Opening of School:

- Grades K-8, Ed 1 and Ed 2 begin school Wednesday, September 5 at 8:10 a.m. All students report to the schoolyard. Dismissal is **1:00 pm on Wednesday only.**
- Thursday and Friday are regular dismissals at 2:45 p.m.
- Pre-K Orientation is on Thursday, September 6 at 9 a.m. Pre-K classes begin on Monday, September 10.
- Lunch will be available for purchase beginning Monday, September 10, so **please send a lunch to school with your child on the first three days of school.**

Uniform/Dress Code for grades K-8:

- Students are to wear uniforms beginning on the first day of school. Uniforms can be ordered online at www.flynnohara.com or by calling 800-441-4122.
- When you are shopping for school shoes it is important to remember that boots and shoes with high platforms or high heels are not considered sensible shoes for school and are not permitted. In addition, do not buy shoes that look like sneakers or sneakers that look like shoes. Oxfords or bucks are preferable.
- Gym uniforms must be worn by all students on their designated gym day and can be purchased through school. Gym shorts are \$18.00 and gym shirts are \$12.00.
- According to our dress code, as stated in the handbook, students are to have sensible hairstyles and no excessive jewelry.
- Please refer to the dress code requirements included in this letter and found in the Family Handbook, to be sent via e-mail.

- All students must be in the Flynn O'Hara uniform or the facsimile, meaning that if purchased elsewhere the item must be **the same style and color** as what Flynn O'Hara sells.

Arrival-8:00 am and Dismissal-2:45 pm:

- Students should not be dropped off at school earlier than 7:30 as there is no adult supervision. Students arriving between 7:30 and 8 a.m. enter via the cafeteria door and after 8:00 enter via the front door. Students must arrive by 8:00 for the start of classes at 8:10 a.m. Any student arriving after 8:00 **must be signed in at the school office by a parent/guardian.**
- Dismissal for all students is 2:45 p.m.
- When picking your child up, please observe the following:
 - Please do not park in the Ace True-Value parking lot.
 - Please be on time! Our faculty members have responsibilities after school. If you have not sent a note or notified the main office and your child is not picked up by 3 p.m., he/she will go to the afterschool program and you will be charged accordingly. Please see enclosed information and rates for the after school program.
 - It is extremely important that all drivers be CAUTIOUS and observe all regulations for the safety of the children.

School Supply Fee:

Teachers have ordered supplies such as pencils, crayons, folders, notebooks, etc. needed for their class. Cost for supplies this year for PreK to Grade 8 is \$25. Please place payments in an envelope marked with student's name and grade. If you are writing a check for multiple students please indicate ALL students' names and grades on the envelope. Envelopes can be given to the teachers the first week of school.

OF SPECIAL NOTE:

All students in grades 6-8 who plan to participate in intramurals or play on a sports teams are required to have an up to date physical (within the 6 months) and completed release forms. These will be provided during the first week of school.

WEDDING BY THE SEA

Please join in celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Wedding Of the Sea Mass 12 noon on Wednesday, August 15 in Boardwalk Hall. Students and families are invited and encouraged to attend. Following the Wedding by the Sea, join us at the Festival at St. Michael Church (1 p.m. to 6 p.m.).

Enclosed in this mailing:

- School Calendar (subject to change with notification and additional school activities are added to the monthly calendar)
- Emergency form for update
- Health History form
- Photo permission
- Information for the After School Care program
- Free and Reduced Lunch form
- Dress Code

ALL FORMS MUST BE BROUGHT OR SENT TO SCHOOL BY SEPTEMBER 5 for Grades K-8 and SEPTEMBER 10 for Pre K. No student may begin school without an Emergency or Health History form.

The school office is open Monday through Thursday 8:30-1:00. We may be here later, so please call to see if someone is available 609-345-0648.

Please take time to visit our website: www.olssac.org or on Facebook at Our Lady Star of the Sea School ACNJ.

Thank you for choosing Our Lady Star of the Sea School and entrusting the education of your child/children to us. I look forward to a wonderful year. Enjoy the remaining days of summer, and may God continue to shower His blessings on you and our school community.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Tarrant
Principal

DRESS CODE/UNIFORM

Neatness and cleanliness in personal attire are part of a child's education and the responsibility of the parents. When a child looks and feels good about himself/herself, he/she acts and works accordingly.

The following constitute a distraction and are not permitted:

- Nail polish or makeup
- Non-religious necklaces, bracelets or rings
- Scarves or head coverings. Hair accessories are limited to barrettes, pony tail elastics and headbands. No hair extensions, feathers, scarves, or thread wrappings are permitted
- Tattoos must be covered.

Additionally:

- Girls may wear a single, non-hoop, non-dangling, post earring in each earlobe. No part of the earring should extend below the earlobe. Boys may not wear earrings.
- Boys' hair must be neat with length not past the eyebrows or touching the collar with no mohawks or buzz lines.
- Girls' hair must be neat and out of the face.
- Belts must be worn with pants or shorts by both boys and girls.
- All shirts without the banded bottom must be tucked in.
- Only the neckline of a plain white undershirt may be visible under the uniform shirt.

Regulation uniforms are required dress every day, unless otherwise announced.

Boys/Girls Summer Uniform (first day of school through October 31 and from May 1 through the last day of school):

- Regulation navy or khaki shorts to the knee (Girls-navy or khaki shorts, capris, skorts, or skirts to the knee)
- **Shorts may not have cargo pockets.**
- White uniform golf shirt
- Navy blue or white socks
- Dress shoes
- Belt

Winter Uniforms (October 31 through April 30):

Boys:

- Navy blue dress trousers (no jeans)
- White or Light Blue oxford dress shirt
- Navy tie and belt
- Navy blue sweater (vest, cardigan, or pullover) must be worn (no hoods, pockets, zippers).
- No sweatshirts (aside from gym day) or turtlenecks are permitted
- Navy blue socks
- Sensible dress shoes (no boots or sneakers)

- No excessive jewelry and no earrings. Chains and crosses must be worn under shirts.

Girls:

- Uniform jumper, skort, or skirt to the knee
- White uniform blouse or white golf shirt
- Navy blue dress trousers (these are the same as the boys style - no jeans, slim cut pants, or jeggings)
- Navy blue sweater (vest, cardigan, or pullover) must be worn (no hoods, pockets, zippers)
- No sweatshirts (aside from gym day) or turtlenecks are permitted
- Navy blue socks or tights
- Sensible dress shoes (no boots, sneakers, clogs, or open toe)
- No make-up, nail polish, excessive jewelry. One pair of earrings (up to quarter size - no hoops or dangling styles), one bracelet, finger ring, watch. Chains or crosses must be worn under shirts.

Gym Uniform:

- Grades K-8 wear uniform gym suits (purchased at Our Lady Star of the Sea School or Flynn and O'Hara Uniform Company) and sneakers to school on gym day.
- OLSS T-shirt
- Navy OLSS shorts no trim or markings other than "OLSS"
- In addition: October 31 through April 30:
 - Navy Sweatshirt with no trim or brand logos
 - Navy Sweatpant with no trim or brand logos

Please Note:

All students must wear either the sweater or vest from October 31st through April 28th with the regular uniform. Neither is required with the warm weather uniform.

All jumpers, golf shirts, sweaters, vests, gym uniforms can be plain or only bear the OLSS logo (no brand logos).

Sweatshirts, even OLSS, are not a part of the regular uniform and may not be worn during the school day, other than during recess. OLSS School uniform sweatshirts are only worn on a student's gym day.

Gym uniforms may not have any other logo than OLSS, no stripes or markings of any kind and should be purchased from Flynn O'Hara or the school office (t-shirt and shorts)

Boots may be worn to school in inclement weather, but students must bring shoes to wear in class.

Pre-K Uniform:

Summer (the first day of school through October 31 and from May 1 through the last day of school)

Gym t shirt or shorts or regulation uniform navy or khaki shorts to the knee with a white golf shirt.

Sneakers only

Winter (October 31 through April 30)

Solid navy blue sweat suit with a white golf shirt or OLSS t-shirt

Navy uniform pants with a white golf shirt and uniform sweater may also be worn

Sneakers only