

# MOSS NEWS

## September 2023

### A Message from Mrs. Szmed



Dear MOSS Families,

It was wonderful to see that the students were ready to embark on a new and exciting school year. It is with great pleasure that I officially welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. Additionally, I would like to welcome our new students, faculty, and staff to the MOSS family.

MOSS is celebrating its 60th Anniversary in education and I hope you have an opportunity to share in the planned celebration events.

Student success is attributed to the partnerships and the relationships we build within our community, and this is most important now more than ever. It truly does take a village and at MOSS we value teamwork and collaboration! Education is a joint venture, and we greatly appreciate the support you provide for your children at home and at school to help them meet their learning goals. Communication is key to the success of every relationship and at MOSS, we believe that constant communication is an important factor in building a strong partnership.

Our school has an excellent future, thank you for your commitment to Catholic education. Please be a positive Mother of Sorrows School supporter so we can educate many children for years to come.

Faithfully yours,

**Theresa A. Szmed**

Principal

### Important Dates:

#### September 26<sup>th</sup>:

FBLA  
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

#### September 27<sup>th</sup>:

No School

#### September 28<sup>th</sup>:

Picture Make Up Day

#### October 4<sup>th</sup>:

Save Day Deposit  
Gala Raffle Tickets Due

#### October 5<sup>th</sup>:

Denim & Diamonds Gala  
No School

#### October 6<sup>th</sup>:

No School

#### October 7<sup>th</sup>:

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary MASS  
4:30 pm (MOS)  
Open House

#### October 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>:

Book Fair

### Mother of Sorrows Catholic School Mission

Mother of Sorrows Catholic School is dedicated to educating students of all faiths in a Catholic, Christ-centered environment. Spiritual engagement and rigorous education experiences inspire each student to live by Christian values, achieve academic excellence, and become global leaders.

## Welcome to MOSS

### Mrs. Molly Monz



Mrs. Molly Monz is the new 1st grade teacher this year at Mother of Sorrows School. She lives in Greensburg with her husband, granddaughter and three fur babies. In addition, she has three grandchildren who live out of state. Her family keeps her entertained and very busy. She enjoys traveling with her family and making scrapbooks of her adventures. At home when she has some downtime she enjoys reading and spending time outside.

Mrs. Monz received her bachelor's degree from Seton Hill University and her master's degree from St. Vincent College. She has worked in the field of education for 30-plus years. In that time, she taught preschool, kindergarten and has worked in daycare administration. Most recently, she was the reading and math specialist at MOSS before accepting the new first grade position. Being able to help children realize their abilities and reach their potential is what she likes best about teaching. She loves seeing the world through children's eyes and helping them open their world to new vistas. When her students are having a bad day, she reminds them that tomorrow will be a fresh start to something fantastic.

## Teacher Spotlight

### Mrs. Polly Beer



Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Polly Beer wears many hats at MOSS: she runs our library, heads our diocesan reading competition team and partners with Mrs. Bayer to lead our Olweus program. Over the years, she has also inspired scores of students to love reading! She has been teaching at MOSS for fifteen years in both preschool and 5th grade.

She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Dayton and taught for two years in Florida before coming to Western Pennsylvania to raise her family. She and her husband Paul have three grown children and can often be seen walking their dog Squirt on the local trails.

In her spare time, she loves to (you guessed it) read! She has her library certification and is always eager to share her reading list with fellow teachers. Additionally, she likes to hike and travel to our national parks in the summer. One of her favorite parts of teaching is getting students excited to learn about U.S. history.

# Jump Rope Club Sign-Ups

## Mission:

- The MOSS Jump Rope Club promotes fun, heart healthy exercise. The main objective is no perfection or mastery of tricks, but rather weekly improvement on all levels. We do not take part in any competitions. Our “end goal” will be to put together a short demonstration of skills during Catholic Schools Week in January.

## Who can Join:

- MOSS students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>

## Who's in Charge:

- Mrs. Smart and Mrs. Osche

## When Will Jump Rope Club Meet:

- October 12<sup>th</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Thursdays after school until 4:30 pm
- There will be no practice on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

## What to Expect During Practices:

- Jumpers will work on basic skills in individual ropes, long ropes, and double-dutch ropes as well as group tricks.

## What Supplies are Needed:

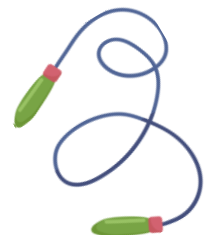
- Blue and gold beaded Jump Rope
- Who needs a rope? Anyone who did not participate in the summer camp.
- Club T-Shirt: Everyone needs a club t-shirt even if you participated in the past.
- Athletic Shoes: Shoes must be designed for athletics (no Keds, Converse, or fashion tennis shoes).
- Water Bottle

## What is the Cost to Join?

- Jump Rope = \$20 (all jumpers will need a blue and gold beaded jump rope)
- Club T-Shirt = \$20 (jumpers that participated in Jump Rope Camp do not need to purchase a new shirt)

## How do I Sign-Up for Jump Rope Club?

- Please sign-up using the link below no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Space is limited so please sign-up as soon as possible to ensure your spot.
- <https://forms.office.com/r/S2QjJT4YyL>



## Shrek, the Musical Jr.

Auditions for the musical begin this week with call-backs schedule for Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. We are very excited to have over 30 students auditioning! When including students who have already expressed interest in crew and costuming, our student interest is nearly at 50!

Shrek, The Musical Jr. is a production that is perfect for showcasing a young cast of performers. With over 20 speaking roles and an exciting lineup of ensemble and supporting role-featured musical numbers, many students will have the chance to step into multiple character roles. At our summer camp, I was thrilled to see so many kids stepping outside of their comfort zone and embracing a variety of parts as we explored different scenes from the show. I think what I am most excited for; however, is seeing so many NEW students express interest in the show. Stepping into last year's production of Frozen Jr. midyear, it was clear that our departing seasoned upper-class performers would leave some big shoes to fill. I am greatly encouraged by this year's new and young talent pool and cannot wait to get started.

The production overall is as witty as it is heartwarming, with tremendous comedic timing and a moving musical score. Audiences are in for a real treat.

### Save the Date for Shrek, The Musical Jr.

March 8, 2024

March 9, 2024

March 10, 2024





# Mathletes

The MATHLETES began their regular season of "loving math so much that they stay after school to do more!" Twenty-five students in grades 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> have joined the team and spent the first meeting getting to know each other, playing communication games, and walking away with their first Mathlete pin. Bring on the math!



# PowerSchool

## The PowerSchool Parent Portal is Accessible in 2 ways:

### Website URL:

- <https://powerschool.dioceseofgreensburg.org>
- Located on our school website

### Mobile APP:

- PowerSchool Mobile APP for iOS and Android Devices
- Using the APP requires the user to enter a district code, located on the Parent Portal Homepage, when a user is logged in via the website URL

## Important PowerSchool Information:

### Students:

- Each student has his or her own login for the portal.
- In order to generate the report for student logins, select the students in PowerSchool, and then choose "Print Report" from the "Functions" dropdown menu.
- Select the report titled "Parent Portal Student Access Letter" and then click "Submit".

### Parents without a Parent Portal Account:

- These individuals will need to create an account on the Parent Portal login screen.
- The following file, "Creating a Parent or Guardian Account for the PowerSchool Parent Portal", may be downloaded and provided to parents who need to create an account.
- These individuals will also need the Access ID and Access Password for their children in order to link the student records to their portal account.
- The Access ID and Access Password is generated by selecting the respective student(s) in PowerSchool, and printing the report titled "Parent Portal Parent/Guardian Access Letter".

### Parents with an Existing Parent Portal Account:

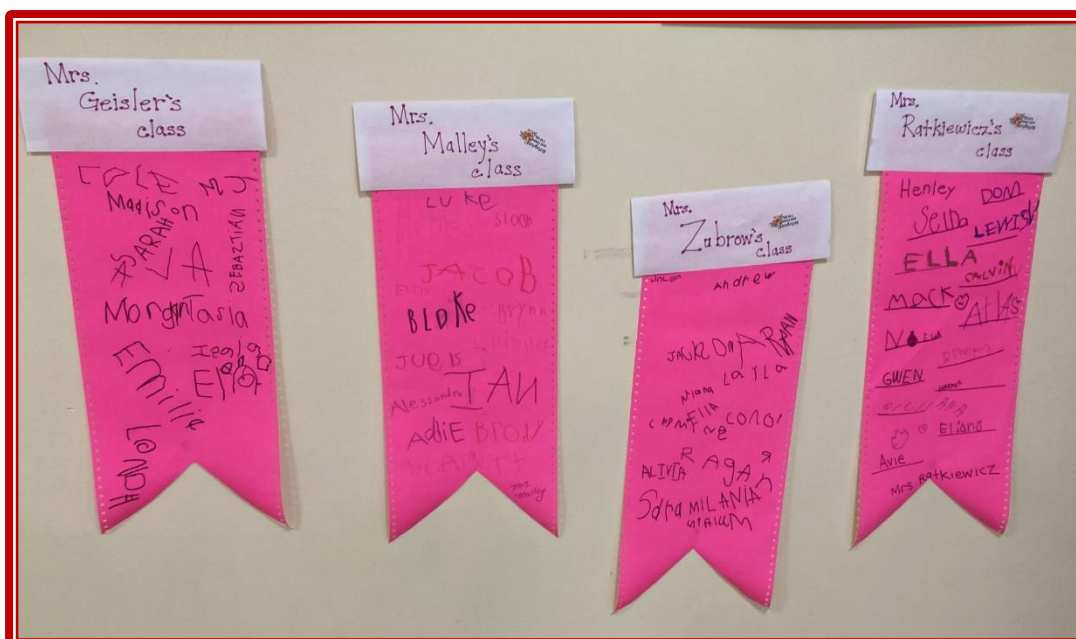
- These individuals already created an account for the Parent Portal.
- The login information remains unchanged.
- The students that were linked to their account previously will remain intact as well, as long as they are still active in PowerSchool.
- These individuals may have a new child attending our school. In this case, the "Parent Portal Parent/Guardian Access Letter" will need to be generated for the new student and then provided to the parent(s) in order to add the record to their account.
- The following file, "Adding a New Student Record to an Existing Parent Portal Account", may be downloaded and provided to parents for instruction on how to add a new student record to their account.

***Please note: If you forget your password, please do not call the school office. Please click on "Reset Password".***

# OLWEUS Kick-Off

The OLWEUS Bully Prevention Program kicked-off at MOSS on September 1<sup>st</sup>. This program is a proactive, research-based school-wide “systems-change” program that has been used successfully in schools all over the country and around the world with positive results. The program aims to change the whole school climate in order to make it a safer and more positive place to learn.

During the OLWEUS Kick-Off, bright “pink pledges to create a positive place” were signed by all students in grades kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. **Next time you visit the school, see if you can find them at MOSS!**





# What's New at MOSS?

We're using IXL to support our curriculum this year, and your child has access to this online program at home. With thousands of skills that match what we're learning, as well as insights into student progress, IXL is a great resource to help your child excel.

**Unlimited practice in 8,000+ skills**

**Progress-tracking reports**

**Personalized skill recommendations**

**Certificates and awards**

**IXL MOBILE APPS**  
Available for iPad and iPhone, Android Tablets, and Kindle Fire!

## SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

[School achievement summary >](#)

THIS YEAR, WE'VE ANSWERED **36,743** QUESTIONS!

Aim for 40,000 questions each month!  
SEPTEMBER

### SKILL PROGRESS SUMMARY

**816**  
SKILLS MASTERED

**936**  
SKILLS PROFICIENT

**1,542**  
SKILLS PRACTICED

### TIME SPENT





# What's New at MOSS?

## TOP WAYS TO USE IXL AT HOME

- 1 Explore personalized skill suggestions**  
Encourage your child to visit their Recommendations wall for helpful review or new challenges—it's full of skills picked just for them!
- 2 Stay in the loop**  
Sign in to your child's account and click on Analytics to see what they've been working on and take a peek at their progress.
- 3 Celebrate your child's accomplishments**  
Want to receive certificates whenever your child reaches a milestone? Sign in, click on their profile icon, and enter your e-mail address under "Profile & settings".



### SMARTSCORE CORNER

#### What is IXL's SmartScore?

The SmartScore is the best possible measure of how well your child understands a skill!  
It factors in question difficulty, answer accuracy, and consistency.

**You can adjust  
SmartScore goals  
as you go**

Aim for 80 or 90, which shows a strong understanding of a skill. For an extra challenge, try for mastery (a score of 100).

**The SmartScore is  
not a percentage  
score**

Unlike percentage-based scoring, the SmartScore is truly smart. Even if a student gets a question wrong, it's always possible to reach a 100.

**Taking breaks is  
always okay**

If your child needs to pause their practice, they can always return to a skill later—all progress will be automatically saved!

# Volunteer Opportunities

We recognize that parental involvement is key to the success of our students. During the school year, we have so many volunteer opportunities! Please read through the list of openings below to see how you can make a difference at Mother of Sorrows School!

## Why get involved?

Here are some reasons why you should volunteer:

- Get to know teachers and staff
- Meet and interact with other MOSS families
- Participate in events that benefit the MOSS community
- And finally – IT'S SO MUCH FUN!

## How do I become a volunteer?

To become a volunteer, please follow the steps below:

- Read through the list of volunteer opportunities below.
- Pick the events you would like to sign up for. You can volunteer as much as you want.
- Keep an eye on the Newsflash for sign-up information.
- Please note, you must have all updated clearances, in the office, to volunteer.
- Finally, thank you for being part of our MOSS family!

## Volunteer Openings

### 1. Denim & Diamonds Gala

- Thursday, October, 2023

### 2. Scholastic Book Fair

- Monday, October 9, 2023
- Tuesday, October 10, 2023
- Wednesday, October 11, 2023
- Thursday, October 12, 2023
- Friday, October 13, 2023

### 3. Santa Shop

- Tuesday, November 28, 2023
- Wednesday, November 29, 2023
- Thursday, November 30, 2023
- Friday, December 1, 2023
- Saturday, December 2, 2023

### 4. Light Up Night

- Saturday, December 2, 2023

### 5. Donuts with Dads

- Thursday, February 8, 2024

### 6. Bunny Brunch

- Saturday, March 16, 2024

### 7. Designer Purse Bingo

- Sunday, April 28, 2024

### 8. MOSS Marathon

- Friday, May 3, 2024

### 9. Morning with Moms

- Thursday, April 25, 2024

### 10. Lunch Duty

- All year round
- Sign-up in the weekly Newsflash

## Notes from the Office

### Birthday Dress-Down Passes

Students in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade can celebrate their birthday by purchasing a Birthday Dress Down Pass for their homeroom. The Birthday Dress Down Pass is \$25.00. If you are interested in purchasing this pass, please email Jodi Beall at [jbeall@mosschool.org](mailto:jbeall@mosschool.org) at least one week before the requested date of the dress down. Please note, Birthday Dress Down Passes are not available on Mass days.

### Birthday Treats

All students are permitted to bring in a small birthday treat; however, the treat must be an item from the "Approved Treat List". Also, please contact your child's homeroom teacher before sending in a birthday treat! We appreciate your cooperation in following the rules and keeping our students with allergies safe!

### A La Carte During Lunch

There are a variety of A La Carte items available to students who finish their lunches. A La Carte items must be purchased with cash only. Students should not be purchasing items to give to their friends. Each student is limited to 2 A La Carte items per day.

### Before School Club

The Before School Club is in the school cafeteria. To access the cafeteria, once you enter the campus, continue up the hill and past the school. At the stop sign at the top of the hill, turn left and drive to the cul-de-sac and park. Walk down the driveway to the cafeteria door and ring the bell. The Before School Club opens at 7:15 am. All students must arrive by 8:00 am.

### After School Club

The After School Club is in the lobby (library) of the school. The After School Club is open until 5:30 pm. You can park in the circle in front of the school and proceed through the front entrance and ring the doorbell. On Food Bank days, usually the first Tuesday of each month, picking up a child from the After School Club is a little tricky. Please follow these directions on Food Bank days: Enter the Mother of Sorrows Campus through the Evergreen Drive alley and proceed behind the school to a parking space. Proceed down the cafeteria driveway, walk down the steps, go around the gym, past the FLC and to the school's main entrance. Please exit the campus through the Evergreen Drive alley.





## Scrip Program



**EARN \$500 OR MORE IN SCRIP TUITION CREDIT ANNUALLY, AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3**

### 1. Sign-Up for Your Family Account Today

- Sign up at [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com) or download the **Raise Right App** on your mobile device.

### 2. Instantly Download E-Cards

- You can instantly download e-cards when you link a bank account.
- Reload physical gift cards purchased at [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com) or the **Raise Right App**.
- Ship physical gift cards anywhere (fees may apply).
- Giant Eagle now has E-CARDS on the **Raise Right App**. They work just like the physical gift cards and you can get them INSTANTLY on your phone (with a linked bank account).
- You can use them for groceries, gas, pharmacy, retailer gift cards and so much more.

### 3. Get Support from Family and Friends

- Have your family and friends create an account through [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com) or the **Raise Right App**.
- They MUST indicate the "Family name" when setting up their account.

### How to purchase MOSS in-stock physical gift cards

- Call or stop by the school office Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- Available gift cards: Walmart/ Sam's Club (\$25, \$100), Giant Eagle (\$25, \$50, \$100, \$200, \$500), Barnes & Noble (\$5, \$10), Bath & Body Works (\$10), Bob Evans (\$10), Dairy Queen (\$10), Eat' n Park (\$10, \$25), Kohl's (\$10), Marathon (\$25), Michaels (\$25), Rite Aid (\$25), Sheetz (\$25), Speedway (\$25), Walgreens (\$25), and Wendy's (\$10)

**Please note: MOSS Giant Eagle physical gift cards can be purchased at the Murrysville or Penn Twp. customer service desks (payable ONLY with Cash or Check to MOSS).**

## Spotlight on Sports

### HELP WANTED:

#### We Need MOS Coaches

MOS is in need of coaches for the Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball teams, particularly at the JJV (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades) level. Parents interested in coaching should contact the MOS Athletic Director at [jkoury@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:jkoury@dioceseofgreensburg.org) for more details.



### MOS Sports Season is Underway

With the start of the 2023-2024 school year, the MOS CYO Sports Program is well underway. Sign-ups have been completed for Cross-Country, Girls Basketball and Cheerleading with 97 girls and boys participating. The Cross-Country weekly Sunday Diocesan Meets started on September 10<sup>th</sup> and the Girls Basketball season started on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The MOS Cheerleaders will be cheering at both the girls and boys basketball games this year, with the cheer game schedule to be issued in the near future. The Cross-Country Championship at St. Vincent will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> and the Girls Basketball JV and Varsity Tournament at GCC will take place on November 18<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>.

### MOS Athletic Program

The MOS Athletic Program Philosophy is characterized by the Diocese of Greensburg's **PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY (PLACT)** Program that was developed by the University of Notre Dame to improve the culture of youth sports. The central theme of this program is the **GROW** Model, which focuses on coaches and players working together to set team, individual and sportsmanship **GOALS**, to establish good **RELATIONSHIPS** with teammates, opponents, coaches and officials to allow the student athletes to have **OWNERSHIP** for their sport with **WINNING** occurring as a result of these factors (**G+R+O+W**). Every MOS coach must attend a 4 hour **PLACT** coach clinic which covers these and many other related youth sports principles in great detail.

The MOS CYO Athletic Program competes with other CYO programs from across the diocese and participates in end-of-season championship tournaments. During the 2022-2023 school year, the Mother of Sorrows sports teams achieved many first and second place awards at the diocesan tournaments. More importantly, the student athletes had lots of fun throughout the year.

## Pizza Party Winner

Thank you to all the students and families that helped sponsor a raffle for the Denim & Diamonds Gala. We also would like to congratulate Mrs. Malley's kindergarten homeroom for earning the pizza party. They were the 1<sup>st</sup> class to turn in all of their donation money! Thank you again for helping us make this event a huge success.



## Box Tops

Did you know you can earn cash for our school simply by scanning your store receipt? To start earning money today, sign up on the app or at [BTFE.com](http://BTFE.com).



# EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU...

BUY IN STORE	BUY ONLINE
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 <p><b>EARN</b> Box Tops for your school</p>	<div style="background-color: #00a0e3; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">3</div> <p><b>FORWARD</b> your digital receipt</p>
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## Save the Date

Everyone is invited to join in the MOSS 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Alumni Mass and Open House Celebration on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Bishop Larry Kulick will be celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Alumni liturgy at 4:30 pm at Mother of Sorrows Church. The liturgy is followed by an Open House in the school until 7:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. We are asking all present MOSS students and their families to join us for this event. Students who wear their MOSS Dress Uniform to the liturgy will receive a dress-down coupon to be used later. I hope you can join us for this special celebration!



## Spotlight on Specials



Computer classes have started off with a lot of fun lessons and activities with Mrs. DeGroot! Students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> are learning how to send a formal email to their teachers. Students in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are reviewing the parts of the computer and how they work. 1<sup>st</sup> grade is completing new challenges in Makerspace and Kindergarten is working hard on learning all about the computer keyboard.

## Important Safety Reminders

### Morning Car Rider Drop-Off Reminders

Here are a few friendly reminders to keep our students safe during their arrival and dismissal from school each day. Morning Car Rider Drop-off occurs in the circle out front of the school. The first car in line in the morning should pull all the way to the angel statue outside of the church. No student should be on the front patio or in front of the entrance doors before 8:10 am. At 8:10 am, adult supervisors will exit the building and students can begin arriving on the patio to enter the school. If you park in Lot A or B, please wait until 8:09 am before leaving your car to walk up to the entrance.

**All students should exit the car on the sidewalk side of the vehicle.** Once on the sidewalk, students should not, for any reason, step back off of the sidewalk. Students should not be riding on the driver/front seat passenger's laps when proceeding to the drop-off point.

Car doors should not be open while the car is proceeding to the drop-off point. Transitional Preschool and Kindergarten students should be dropped off close to adult supervision and not at the top of the hill near the outdoor classroom.

**If you need to get out of your vehicle to assist your child, please park in Lot A or B and walk your child to the door.**

### Afternoon Car Rider Pick-Up Reminders

Afternoon Car Rider Pick-Up takes place in Parking Lot A and Parking Lot B, the lots below the church. Parking Lot A (the first lot on your left as you enter from Old William Penn Highway) is for families with multiple children attending MOSS. Parking Lot B (the second lot on your left as you enter from Old William Pen Highway) is for families with one child attending MOSS. Please pull into the parking lot and park in a space. You must exit your vehicle and pick up your child at the bottom of the stairs located in the parking lot. No child will be permitted to walk to the car without an adult.

**Please exit slowly and move your children away from cars leaving the parking lot.**



## Help Wanted

We are thrilled to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mother of Sorrows School with the Denim & Diamonds Gala on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. We are in great need of volunteers to help sell raffle tickets and small games of chance. In order to make sure everyone has a great time; we have set up volunteer time slots in 30-minute increments. You do not have to volunteer the whole night. You can help out as little or as much as you would like to. The link to sign up was sent via email from the school and can be found in the MPTSA Newsflash. Thank you in advance for your support!



## Upcoming MPTSA Events

### Spirit Wear Fundraiser

Are you ready to show your school spirit? If so, then order your MOSS spirit wear today! You can choose from a variety of toddler, youth, and adult sized clothing including shirts, shorts, pants, sweatshirts and more! There also is a variety of accessories including tumblers, decals and hats! MOSS spirit wear is great for dress down days, sporting events and showing your school spirit within the community. The store will remain open until October 1<sup>st</sup> so scan the QR code in the MPTSA Newsflash to order your gear today!

### Pittsburgh Pirate Game

Family and friends are welcome to join Mother of Sorrows School for an afternoon at PNC Park. The game will take place on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:05 pm. There is a section reserved for our group and tickets can be purchased using the QR code in the MPTSA Newsflash or at <https://fevogm.com/event/Mothersorrows> by September 29<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the ticket is \$30 plus fees and includes a \$10 Loaded Value to use for concessions or apparel in the park. As a bonus, \$10 from each ticket purchased will be donated back to the MPTSA. We hope you can join this nice afternoon full of fellowship and fun.

### Trick or Treat Night

Please join us for a night of family fun on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. During this fun-filled night, we will have trick or treating around the school and there will be a door decorating contest for each homeroom. Please consider sending in a bag of nut free candy (from the school approved list). Teachers and/or members of the MPTSA will also be asking for some parent volunteers to help in decorating the homeroom doors (they may request materials or crafts that can be used to help with the decorating process). If you are interested in volunteering or helping the homerooms with his event, please email [MPTSAfamilyevents@gmail.com](mailto:MPTSAfamilyevents@gmail.com)



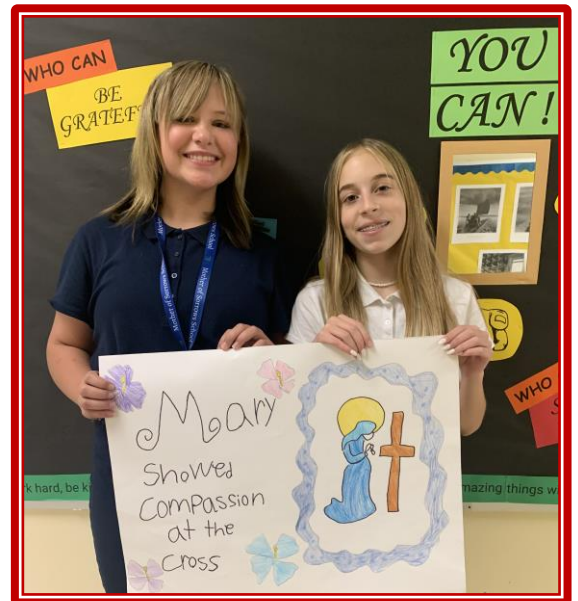
## Around the Halls of MOSS



In August, teachers from Mother of Sorrows School gathered together for a special blessing. May God continue to bless them throughout the year as they serve as beacons of knowledge, faith, and light to their students by their example and dedication.



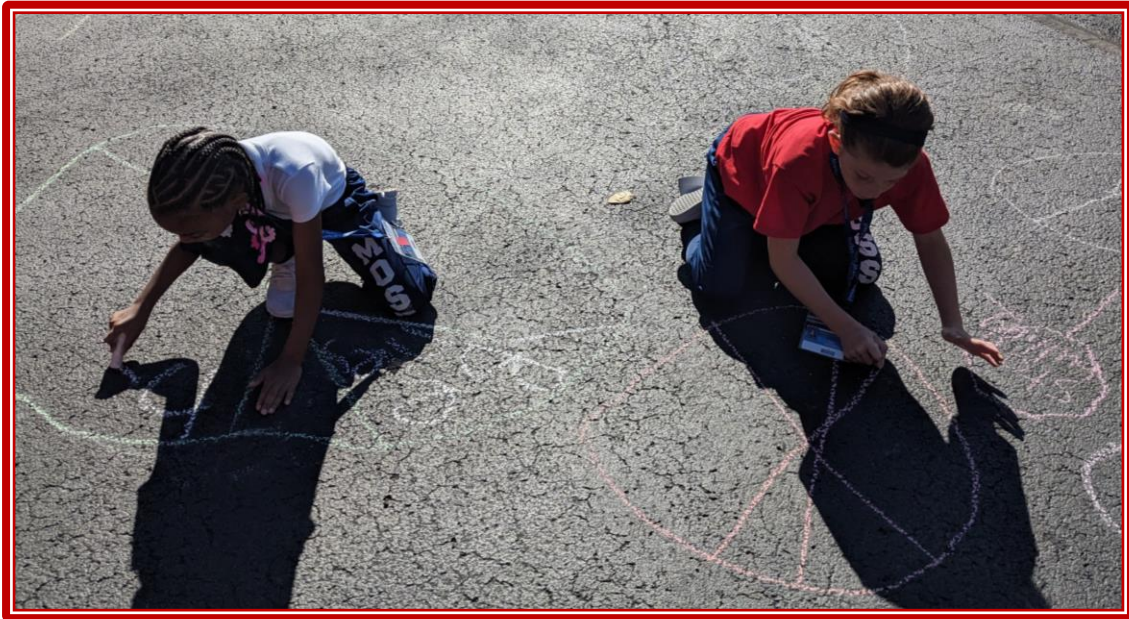
7<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in a "getting to know you" activity with their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade prayer partners!



8<sup>th</sup> grade students created posters that encourage compassion in honor of the feast day of our Patroness Mary, of Our Lady of Sorrows.



## Around the Halls of MOSS



3<sup>rd</sup> grade students writing positive messages about kindness during the OLWEUS kick-off!



The future is now! 8<sup>th</sup> graders on their (last) first day of school at MOSS!



## Back to School Prayer

WELCOME



SCHOOL

### A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.