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2009-2010 Annual Report



Our Lady of the Assumption  
Catholic School  
*established in 1951*

Dear Parents,

Offering a Catholic education centered on values, the faculty, parents, and staff at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School create an environment that promotes long-term healthy character and scholastic development for all enrolled children. Each child is unique and is a blessing to the school community. The faculty, students, and parents or Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School seek to create a nurturing environment grounded in the Catholic faith, which provides for the spiritual and academic needs of each child.



The faculty and staff of OLACS thank you for your time, talents, and treasures, which continue to provide the means to meet this mission. Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for all volunteers, alumni, Home and School members, Advisory Council members, parents, and grandparents, for your continued support of our mission. Your generosity is overwhelming. With God's grace, we will continue to meet and exceed all expectations for each child.

Yours in Christ,  
Anita Nagel



Dear OLACS Parents,

I trust all are settled in by now as we experience God's gift of cool weather, which makes us all alert or at least appreciate the warmth of most of the year.

Our faculty is secure and eager to begin. We are blessed to have such a great faculty with 94% returning – continuity is so important. We welcome new additions to the faculty and staff: Miss Julie DeFusco (Pre-K); Miss Anna Saccaggi (3rd); Mrs. Jean Dickerson (MAC); and Mrs. Aime Calderon (nurse). Miss Erin McBride, an OLACS alumnus, has joined the staff as the Middle School math teacher;

Once again, we have improved our facilities this summer — playground resurfacing; replacement of ceiling tiles in cafeteria; additional cubbies added to classrooms in the middle school; and fire-proof filing cabinets installed in the administrative offices. Also, a portion of the Annual Fund money was used to order online access to textbooks for students. We are grateful for the Annual Fund, Fun Run, and other fundraisers, and are looking forward to our Monte Carlo Night in conjunction with the parish.

We are a Catholic parochial school first and foremost. We have the Liturgy of the Eucharist (Mass) and/or para-liturgies for the younger children at least once a week. I believe this sets the tone and standard for our students, faculty, and staff of what it means to be a Catholic school. This spurs us on to be all that we can be, in academics and outreach. Our children are involved in the St. Vincent de Paul food drives, Adopt-a-Family at Christmas, and the Hearty Meals program to provide brown-bag lunches to a shelter, just to name a few.

I look forward to another successful year academically and spiritually in 2010-2011.

I thank you — the parents of our children – who are sacrificing your time, talent, and finances to support Christian/Catholic education. Without your support, Catholic education could not continue. May God reward your efforts, and may God continue to bless Our Lady of the Assumption community with love, commitment, and a generous heart!

Rest assured of my continued prayer for you and your families.

Yours in Mary our Mother,  
Reverend James D. Duffy, S.M.  
Pastor



*OLACS parents recorded over 5900 volunteer hours to the school during the 2009-2010 school year. Unrecorded hours? Untold!*



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## *Home & School Board:*

President – Barb Halaburt

President Elect – Bridget Fenn

Secretary – Ingrid Hillsman

Treasurer – Sandra Geeslin

VP Communications – Rachel Killian

VP Enrichment – Kathy Zamora

VP Community/Hospitality – Elana Wertz

VP Development/Fundraising – Brooke Kremer

VP Spiritual Life – Liz McArthur and  
Michelle Ingham

VP Volunteers – Mary Donahue



## *Advisory Council:*

Anita Nagel – Principal

Fr. James Duffy, S. M. – Pastor

Josh Coughlin – Chairman/Finance

Rob Aldrich – Facilities

Stephen Donahue – Advocacy

Brian Dorrien – Facilities

Katie Lloyd – Marketing/Development

Nick Meyer – Strategic Planning

Lori Quirk – Mission Effectiveness

Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory – ex-officio

Dr. Diane Starkovich,  
Superintendent of Schools – ex-officio



## *Annual Fund Chairs:*

Annual Fund Parent Chairs:

Becki & Craig Kitchin

Annual Fund Co-Grandparent Chairs:

Jim & Pari BeMiller

Catherine & John Halligan

(grandparents of Katie BeMiller)

Alumni Annual Fund Chairs:

David (1982) and Elizabeth Wathen

Our Lady of the Assumption  
Catholic School Congratulates  
Its Newest Alumni

Alexa Alvarez

Blayne Bentley

Rachel Berg

Ashley Brunner

Nailah Caldwell

Austin Causey

Christina Clodomir

Katrina Connolly

Carin Cushenberry

Amandha Darius

*When surveyed, parents consistently cite “Catholic Instruction and Influence” as the number one reason for choosing OLACS.*



*Lisa Cordell*

## Teacher of the Year

Lisa Cordell’s positive impact on the school community is visible through her countless hours of service. Whether in the capacity of teacher, mentor, technologist, Middle School coordinator, or instructor, one finds Lisa willing to work to accomplish any goal or task and to be supportive of others and their efforts. “No” or “can’t” are words rarely found in Lisa’s vocabulary, and the phrase “above and beyond” is descriptive of her passion to serve the well-being of the students and the faculty. The importance of Catholic education to Lisa is exemplified by her own attendance of Catholic schools, her children’s attendance at OLA Catholic School and her ten years of service devoted to this school community. The most accurate way to describe Lisa Cordell is to say that her love of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School community and her desire to serve others inspires all that she does.

*“Quality of Academics” is the number two reason.*  
(Parent survey 2008, 2009, 2010.)



## 2009-2010 Graduates

- Michael Deets
- Ted Dickerson
- Browning Dunn
- Andrew Gallagher
- Emma Geheren
- Lauren Griffith
- Arsema Habte
- Anna Halaburt
- Katelyn Hambrick
- Hannah Hazy

- Maggie Hess
- Will Johnson
- Emily Jovert
- Emma Kieffer
- Stephen Koenig
- Isabel Mann
- Grace May
- Annie Moeller
- Meghan Mulkeen
- Della Pennachi

- Marcus Prince
- Sophia Schwarze
- Chloe Smith
- Amber Thomas
- Carson Travers
- Alexandre Warners
- Jeanne Whitley
- Michael Wieland

# Fundraising and Development




## THREE YEAR HISTORY OF FUNDRAISING:

Participation	2008	2009	2010
Advisory Council	100%	100%	100%
Faculty & Staff	100%	100%	100%
Home & School Board	100%	100%	100%
Parents	87%	81%	95%
Total Monies Raised	\$493,660	\$341,660	\$455,614

## 2009-2010 Development

Annual Fund (paid gifts)	\$238,144
Gifts in Kind	9,576
Grants	14,140
Home & School	60,597
Home & School Gala	128,274
Middle School Retreat Fundraising	4,883



  
**Our Lady of the Assumption  
Catholic School**



## Service Projects

All students participate in service opportunities throughout the school each year. Spiritual Angels, a group within the Spiritual Life Committee of the parent-based Home & School Association, oversees many mission projects including:

- Two food drives each year to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society;
- Hearty Meals, to provide bagged lunches monthly to a local homeless shelter;
- Adopt-a-Family provides welcome baskets of needed household supplies to refugees arriving in America
- An annual school supply collection for students in the Archdiocese of Atlanta who are in need of educational supplies.
- Penny drives to benefit Sam's House, a home for abandoned and orphaned children in Nepal

## Accreditations and Affiliations

### SAIS/SACS

(Southern Association of Independent Schools/  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools)

NCEA (National Catholic Education Association)

GISA (Georgia Independent Schools Association)

### AAAIS

(Atlanta Area Association of Independent Schools)

NMSA (National Middle School Association)

### NAESP

(National Association of Elementary School Principals)

### NASSP

(National Association of Secondary School Principals)

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School is truly blessed by the support of its families. With the success of the Annual Fund and the Gala, OLACS was able to resurface the playground, provide over \$40,000 of technology upgrades, and add online books to the curriculum. Continually improving the quality of our students' education is a priority at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School, and we are proud to have made strides in that area this year.

As expressed in previous reports, long-range financial stability is an important goal for Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School. Giving through the Annual Fund and proceeds from the Gala continue to enhance education and maintain the viability of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School.

The cost to educate each child at OLACS during the 2009-2010 school year was \$7,818 compared to tuition of \$6,943. The \$875 difference is made up through the Annual Fund and other fundraising. OLACS wishes to thank everyone whose financial support made a successful school year possible.

## OLA Catholic School Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010

### Current Reserve Funds are as follows

Operating Reserves	831,189
Capital Replacement Fund	409,542
Annual Fund Reserves	168,031
Teacher Endowment Fund	106,366
Scholarship Endowment Funds	235,031
Goizueta Scholarship Fund	102,958
Pierce Reading Program Fund	40,804

### Revenue

Tuition	3,267,922
Enrollment Fees	63,240
Archdiocesan Tuition Grant	46,000
Annual Fund Donations	238,144
Home & School Income	188,865
Interest Income	57,711
Other Income	34,638
Total Revenue	3,896,520

### Expenses

Instructional/ Administrative Salaries & Benefits	2,744,042
Facilities Salaries & Benefits	114,646
Tuition Assistance	120,162
Instructional Materials	293,176
Administrative	83,364
Property & Liability Insurance	18,936
Facilities	122,395
Utilities	68,161
Home and School	54,673
Capital Improvements	93,773
Total Expenses	3,713,328

Actual Cost to Educate	7,818
Tuition Rate	6,943

<b>Tuition Gap per Student</b>	<b>\$875</b>
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