



**Home & School Association**  
*Serving our school through community, faith & stewardship.*

Dear OLACS Families:

Thanks to all who attended the Home and School meeting. It was very informative and community building. We had two speakers who gave us a lot of information on listening skills and internet safety.

We are all very excited about the upcoming FUN RUN. This is our second "run" at handling this event in house. We have a wonderful group putting this event together. Make sure you are signed up and ready to run, run, run!!!

Do not miss the article in this newsletter on the PTO system. PTO can be a great tool to keep your fingers on the pulse of all the happenings at OLACS. No one can remember everything. I know I cannot. Let PTO help you!

There are lots of events and activities on the horizon. Please keep in touch and stay involved.

Do not hesitate to reach out to me or any board member with any questions or concerns.

Warmest Regards,  
Bridget Fenn  
Home and School President

*From Volunteer and Administrative Services:*

*Please remember to log into PTO Manager and record your volunteer hours. It benefits OLACS and provides a record of the many hours parents work to help our school.*

*Please remember to log onto the school website and check out the current lost and found list. Lori Howard works hard to catalog and return as many items as possible. Now that cool mornings have arrived, the lost and found list is growing. Take a look and see if you find your favorite lost article of clothing!*



*OLACS Spiritual Life*

"Faith that Works" James 2: 14-26

We would like to welcome all OLACS students and families to participate in Spiritual Life events. We all benefit from even the smallest of actions.



**St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive:** Thank you for your donations to the Food Drive. The food drive helps stock the OLACS SVdP food pantry, which serves people in our community who are in emergency need of food supplies. The "Wagon Mass" on Wednesday, September 29, was a touching and tangible reminder of both the generosity of our families and the Christian values we teach at OLACS. We would like to thank Deirdre Donahue and Kelly Johnson for organizing the food drive and the Wagon Mass.



We are thrilled to continue the monthly **Hearty Meals Program** this year. In this program the students provide a brown bag lunch, which helps those who do not have enough to eat each day. Meals are delivered by Spiritual Life volunteers to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and are handed out to the homeless. Deacon Bill Pain, with the Shrine, was overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you for making these meals and decorating the bags! You put smiles on many faces.



The **October Rosary Projects** are underway. Preschool through kindergarten students are learning about the rosary and making a special craft. The first through eighth grader students will take turns bringing home their class rosary to pray for special intentions in each classroom.

Thank you for your generous donations of school supplies during our School Supplies Drive. All supplies were delivered to a needy Catholic school in our area and most certainly has helped these children have a great start to their school year.

Remember Prayer Circle meets each Tuesday in the Chapel at 1:45 PM. You can check out the schedule on our webpage at the OLACS website.

If you or someone you know could use a "Spiritual Angel" please let anyone in Spiritual Life know. Even if you are unsure what kind of assistance the individual or family might need, please let us know so we can start the process to ensure our community's needs are met, if only by prayer.

God Bless,

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### *Fundraising*

Thank you OLACS parents for your continuing support and enthusiasm surrounding our Home and School Board's various fund raising initiatives. As you know, we greatly depend on the generosity of our parents as well as participation by our families at exciting events such as monthly restaurant nights, Sally Foster, and our much-anticipated 2010 OLACS Fun Run!

**Spirit wear** sales have been wildly successful this year with \$1,500 in total sales to date. It is great to see you all embrace OLACS hottest spirit fashions! Mary Donahue, head of OLACS Spirit wear sales, has recently made inventory accessible online at [www.tinyurl.com/ola-spirit](http://www.tinyurl.com/ola-spirit). If you are interested in placing an order, check out the inventory available and then e-mail us at [olaspiritwearorders@gmail.com](mailto:olaspiritwearorders@gmail.com).

Thanks to Brooke Kremer's hard work and dedication as well as an overwhelming participation by OLACS student body, **Sally Foster** raised \$5,420 in total online sales and \$6,100 in total card sales! OLACS takes 40% of all profits, which is roughly \$5,000 for our school. Congratulations to all!

Last month's **restaurant nights** at Gala's and Rita's were not only enjoyable for everyone who attended but also earned a total of \$745 for OLACS. A Harvard study conducted a few years back found that children and teens who participate in family dinners are forty percent more likely to get As and Bs and have consistently less stress in their lives. So why not make OLACS family restaurant nights a monthly event. We all look forward to seeing you!

As Terri Guillemets wrote, "the world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers". Whether you are helping to raise money for the school or participating in activities that better the lives of our student body, we recognize and rejoice in your generosity.

### *Hospitality and Community*

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Principal's Coffees on September 10 and 17. Principal's Coffees provide a relaxed and informal atmosphere where parents can ask Mrs. Nagel questions about our school. Everything from our school Blue Ribbon aspirations to building enhancement options is discussed. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents over a cup of coffee. We hope you will attend our next Principal's Coffee in January. It is a great way to start your morning as well as an opportunity to stay informed about our wonderful school.

The event coming up next is Muffins with Moms on November 18 and 19. Details to follow! We look forward to seeing you there!



## PTO Volunteer System



I cannot emphasize enough how important volunteering and the reporting of volunteer hours are to our children and the school. When we volunteer, we serve as role models for our children. We teach our children to be involved in the community, which is a vital part of society. It gives a sense of belonging to something bigger than self. Reported hours translate efforts into money saved for the school, and we all know how important that is to the education of our children.

Please remember to report your hours. So far this school year, we have 356 hours reported and that is a great beginning; however, this reflects only about 10% of our families and only 72 children at our school.

Did you know the PTO Manager volunteer system can send emails to you? The Home and School Association periodically sends informative emails to all registered users of the system. This helps you plan for upcoming school events and stay in the loop. If you are not receiving these helpful and information-packed emails, it might be because your email address in the PTO Manager system is incorrect. The next time you log on to volunteer or report time, please take a moment to review your email address to be sure the one registered on your profile is the one you regularly check.

I am available to assist if you have questions. If you are having trouble logging on or reporting hours, please email me at [skinsman@produsys.com](mailto:skinsman@produsys.com) or call me at (404) 401-8534. Usually, it only takes a couple of minutes for me to help, and once you know how to use the system, it is very very easy. I am a professional geek and I like to help people learn how to use technology, so please take me up on the offer.

Thanks so much!  
Shari Kinsman



*Have a Safe & Happy Halloween!*

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