



Sixth Grade Retreat

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

We have received approval from the Archdiocese to publish our [tentative 2011-2012 school calendar](#). This is a bare-bones version, but it will allow you to plan summer camps and vacations during the school year.

Grandparent/Special Others' Day is coming up on Friday, March 4. There is more information below on volunteer needs for this function. Please be sure that Sharon Black has the RSVP by February 26 so that we can ensure an appropriate amount of food and seating for this day. This is a NOON DISMISSAL day. Thank you for sharing your families with OLA Catholic School. Each year we look forward to involving the grandparents in their grandchildren's education process.

Finally, remember that tomorrow is our one required snow make-up day. School will begin and end on at the normal times. Please be sure to send a lunch for your child!

There is no school on Monday for the Presidents' Day holiday. Enjoy your three day weekend and return safely to OLA Catholic School on Tuesday.

God Bless,
Anita Nagel

NEXT MASS

Wednesday, February 23

6-8 (9:00 am)

Memorial of Polycarp, bishop and martyr

National Junior Honor Society
Inductions to follow

*Sirach 4:11-19; Psalm 119; and
Mark 9:38-40*

Upcoming

Friday, February 18

• Snow MAKE UP DAY

Monday, February 21

• NO SCHOOL — Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 22

• Prayer Circle (2-3 pm) Chapel
• Restuarant Night (5-8 pm)
Galla's in Dunwoody

Wednesday, February 23

• NJHS Induction following Mass

Thursday, February 24

• Spiritual Life Meeting (8-10 am)
Moylan

Friday, February 25

• Reregistration Forms Due
• Dental Hygiene Month
Presentations (PK-2)

Saturday, February 26

• Father/Daughter Sock Hop (7-9 pm)

Quick Links

[Thursday Folders Online](#)

Financial Aid Deadlines

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS — Financial aid applications for the 2011-2012 school year are now available in the Business Office and [online](#) at the OLACS website. **Please note that the deadline for applying is February 28, 2011.** All applications and supporting documents must be mailed in to PSAS by that deadline.

GRACE SCHOLAR APPLICATIONS — GRACE Scholars, Inc. provides scholarships to children from families with financial need in grades K-12 (or accredited Pre-Kindergarten) for use at approved Catholic schools located in the State of Georgia.

Any resident entering a Catholic school for the first time from a Georgia public school or a child eligible to enter Pre-K or kindergarten is eligible for GRACE Scholars, Inc. Students currently enrolled in the OLACS Pre-K program are eligible to apply for GRACE.

The deadline for submitting GRACE Scholar applications is March 1, 2011. Families must have submitted paperwork to PSAS in order to be eligible to receive a GRACE scholarship.

Quick Notes

REGULAR UNIFORM BEGINS — Beginning Tuesday, March 1, students may wear the regular school uniform as outlined in the *OLACS Parent/Student Handbook* (page 74). Dress uniform is still required every Wednesday.

SPRING MUSICAL — Students in grades five through eight are eligible to participate in the spring production. This year's musical is "The Music Man." There will be an information and audition meeting Tuesday, February 22, at 3:15 pm in the music room. A tentative schedule was sent home in today's Thursday folder so that you are aware of the rehearsal expectations. If you have any questions, please contact [Mr. Coheley](#).

JOURNALISM ENRICHMENT CLASSES — Each quarter, the Journalism enrichment class students film segments that are strung together to create the [OLACS Morning News](#) (click to view). The morning news is shown on the SmartBoard in each homeroom Tuesday through Thursday each week. In each video, the students lead the pledge and prayer and announce the birthdays. Rotating features include "Today in History," "Random Fact of the Day," sports and how-to segments, weather updates, the very popular "Man on the Street" interviews, and other breaking news events within the school.

LOST AND FOUND — A new [Lost and Found list](#) has been posted.

[Middle School Buzz](#)

[January Home & School
Newsletter](#)

[Edline Log-In](#)

[Spirit Wear Online Orders](#)

Class Acts

for next week

A True Friend



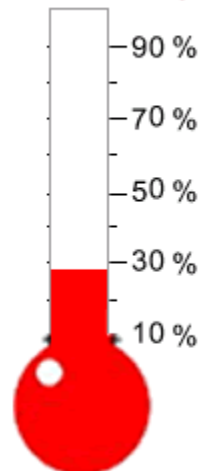
**A+ For America
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Directory Updates

NO CHANGES

Submit directory changes to
office@olaschool.org

**Annual Fund
Parent Participation**



Grandparents' Day

A Mardi Gras Celebration for Grandparents & Special Others March 4, 2011

Volunteers are still needed for this special event! Please consider signing up to help with one of the items below. You do not have to attend to volunteer. Many things need to be done before the event. Please contact [Mary Wong](#) to sign up!

Items and help needed prior to March 4:

Food Providers

(Food will need to be dropped off during morning carpool on Thursday, March 3):

- 25 people are needed to make two loaves of Poppy Seed Cake (recipe will be provided)
- 25 people are needed to provide a bowl of cut up fruit salad (melon, grapes, pineapple, etc.)
- 5 people are needed to furnish 4 gallons of orange juice

Food Receivers/Prep — Thursday morning during carpool

Table Decorations/Setting — Thursday afternoon

Volunteers positions on Grandparents' Day

(If you have already volunteered for one position, please consider helping in another area since you will already be there!)

Registration — hand out name badges before Mass and before brunch

Servers — serve coffee, dessert crepes, serve on the buffet line

Clean up

Many thanks for your consideration!

RSVP's

Please make sure your child's grandparents have RSVP'd for the event if they are coming! The final RSVP date is February 26. It is very important to have an accurate count for brunch and for the homeroom teachers.

More information about Grandparent/Special Others' Day will be distributed in next week's Thursday Folder. If you have any questions, please contact [Sharon Black](#).

Save the Date



**Monte Carlo Night:
The Art of Play**

Saturday, March 26

Monte Carlo Night

This is a joint fundraiser for OLA Parish and School. Watch the bulletin, school newsletters, and websites for more details. There are great sponsorship packages available, ranging from \$200.00 for naming a "Horse" to \$2,500.00 to be a "Chip Cup Sponsor."

For information, contact [Linda Javadi](#), OLA Parish, Director of Development (404-261-7181, ext 132) or [Sharon Black](#) (404-364-1902, ext 252).

Middle School Buzz

This Week's Issue

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Sixth grade earth science students are participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count on Friday, February 18. The class will spend some time outside counting and identifying the birds they see; then, the total number of each kind of bird spotted will be entered on the bird count website.

People all across the country are participating in the bird count. The count taken over a four day period will help scientists discern whether the number and kinds of birds are increasing/decreasing in different areas. This helps the scientists gauge how bird habitats and environments are changing for the worse or better.

For more information, visit the [Great Backyard Bird Count](#).

Home & School Association

FAMILY RESTAURANT NIGHT

Join us
Tuesday, February 22
at the new
Dunwoody Galla's Pizzeria!



Enjoy delicious pizza, wings, subs and more with your family and friends. For directions and information on their delicious menu, visit the [Galla's](#) website.
