



Fr. John has lunch with the students for Catholic Schools Week.

## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

It is our good news to announce that Miss Harms has been selected by her peers to be Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School's honoree at the Archbishop's Education Banquet this weekend.

Miss Harms shares her love of art by incorporating it into all areas of the curriculum, which truly enhances the fine arts program within the community and school.

Miss Harms won the *Wendy's My Way* contest and chose OLACS as the beneficiary of the twenty-five thousand dollar prize, which continues to enhance the art program within the school.

Miss Harms also supports the fine arts department by dedicating her time to creating a wonderful backdrop for student-led drama productions. Much of the art throughout the school is the result of her work with our students. The collection of crosses in the stairwell demonstrates how Miss Harms integrates religion, language arts, history, and cultures into her curriculum.

It is obvious that Miss Harms is dedicated to the students and to OLACS. She continually goes above and beyond the requirements of daily teaching and has proven to be a worthy recipient of this award. It is with great pride and honor that we congratulate Miss Harms!

### Annual Report

The 2009-2010 Annual Report will not be mailed to parents but is being distributed electronically this year. The [Annual Report](#) can be viewed on the OLACS website; however, to view the AF Donor List, you must sign in to your [Edline](#) account. A copy of

## NEXT MASS

**Wednesday, February 9**

4-5 (9:00 am)

*Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Psalm 104;  
Mark 6:53-56*

## Upcoming

**Friday, February 4**

- OLACS Spirit Wear (CSW) *NOTE: This is NOT an out-of-uniform day*
- CSW Assembly (1:30 pm) Gym

**Saturday, February 5**

- Archdiocesan Education Banquet

**Monday, February 7**

- Hearty Meals bags distributed
- Admissions Screening PK/K (by appointment only)

**Tuesday, February 8**

- Admissions Screening PK/K (by appointment only)
- Home & School Board Mtg. (1:30 pm)
- Prayer Circle (2 pm) Chapel
- NJHS Applications Due (Grades 7 and 8)

**Thursday, February 10**

- NO Sixth Grade Retreat (Rescheduled for Thursday, February 17)
- Re-registration forms distributed

**Tuesday, February 15**

- **PROGRESS REPORTS** posted online

**Friday, February 18**

- Snow **MAKE UP DAY**

## Quick Links

the Annual Report is also posted in Edline.

A special thank you to OLACS parent Jane Orman for sharing her talent and time by designing the Annual Report.

OLACS continues to appreciate the support of our families in time, talent, and treasure. With your assistance, we will continue to provide an outstanding education for our students. My heartfelt appreciation for all that you continue to accomplish. My God bless each of you for your efforts.

### **Re-Registration**

Re-registration forms for the 2011-2012 school year will be distributed next week. Each student in grades PK-7 must pay a \$100 re-registration fee to reserve a spot for the 2011-2012 school year. Re-registration fees are non-refundable, and all fees and forms are due to the school office no later than Friday, February 25, 2011. Students who do not submit the re-registration form and fee by the deadline will be required to re-apply should they wish to return to OLACS for the coming school year.

If you know that you do not plan to return to OLACS for the 2011-2012 school year, please submit a [withdrawal form](#) to the school office.

OLACS has an abundance of applications for the 2011-2012 school year, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping us know how many spaces we will have available to new applicants for the coming year.

### **Mini Survey Available**

Thank you to all the families who took time to share their thoughts on the Campus Cuisine program through the last mini survey. Please take a moment to complete a [five-question survey](#) on the Spiritual Life Adopt-a-Family program. The results will be shared in next week's *Good News*.

God Bless,  
Anita Nagel

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## **Quick Notes**

**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.

**DELIVERY OF ITEMS TO STUDENTS** — "In order to maintain an appropriate classroom environment, classroom interruptions must be kept to a minimum. **The office will not relay messages to your child unless in case of extreme emergency.** Carpool and schedule changes do not constitute an emergency. Students are not permitted to call home for homework, test papers, PE uniforms, folders, etc, **nor will these items be delivered to the classroom if they are delivered to the school office.**" (*OLACS Parent/Student*

[Thursday Folders Online](#)

[Middle School Buzz](#)

[January Home & School Newsletter](#)

[Edline Log-In](#)

[Spirit Wear Online Orders](#)

**Class Acts**

for next week

**Respecting Feelings**



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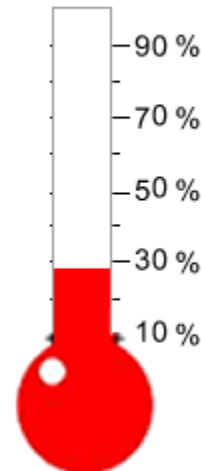
**Directory Updates**

**NO CHANGES**

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Submit directory changes to  
[office@olaschool.org](mailto:office@olaschool.org)

**Annual Fund  
Parent Participation**



## From the Clinic

There have been many cases of strep and flu reported among OLACS students and staff. Please keep your child home if he/she exhibits symptoms of illness. The [Flu Facts website](#) has a chart comparing the symptoms of a cold and of the flu as well as offering other useful information.

The flu virus can spread by direct contact (sharing drinks) or through indirect contact (sneezing on ones hands and touching an object like the lunchroom door). The influenza virus can live for two to eight hours on surfaces.

During flu season, everyone should wash their hands frequently to reduce the risk of transmitting germs to others. Please encourage your child to wash his/her hands often.

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## Grandparents' Day

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

Invitations will be mailed tomorrow. This is a very special event to recognize and honor grandparents or special others who make such a difference in the childrens' lives. Last year over 400 were in attendance!

Please contact [Sharon Black](#) in the Development office to add or change a grandparent or special others' address for the invitation mailing list. Last week, the email link was not working properly; please re-send your information if Ms. Black has not yet responded to you.

There is not space to accommodate parents at this event. Thank you for understanding!

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your child(ren) will be leaving the campus on Grandparents' Day with someone other than the regular carpool driver, the parent must write a permission slip to *each* homeroom teacher with name of the person who will be signing out the child. Each child must be signed out with the homeroom teacher before leaving for dismissal or before going to a younger sibling's classroom.

#### Schedule for Events:

**8:00-8:30 AM** — Nametag Pickup (OLA Church foyer)

**8:30-9:30 AM** — Mass (OLA Church)

**9:30-11:00** — Brunch/Music Program/Parade (School Gym)

**11:00-11:45 AM** — Classroom Visitations

Grandparents with more than one grandchild to visit should start in the classroom of the oldest grandchild. After visiting that classroom, the oldest grandchild will then lead the grandparents to the younger students' classrooms.

**11:45 – Noon** — Dismissal for Grandparents

This dismissal time is for ALL grandparents, including those grandparents who have checked out each their grandchildren with their homeroom teachers.

**Noon** — Afternoon Carpool Begins

Carpool line will be held at the gate until grandparent traffic has sufficiently cleared the parking lot. There will be police officers and Knights of Columbus volunteers managing traffic control.

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## Catholic Schools Week

**Catholic Schools Week**  
**Sunday, January 30 - Saturday, February 5**

**ASSEMBLY** — Friday, February 4, in the gym.

The assembly will be a celebration of prayer, service, and community at the end of Catholic Schools Week. The assembly will feature Deacon Bill from the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception talking about the impact the Hearty Meals program has had; "Religion Quiz Bowl" competitions; the announcement of spirit award winners; a presentation by a speaker from Catholic Charities; and a dance contest.

The Penny Wars to benefit [Sam's House](#) will continue until next Thursday. Please continue to send in your change! The winning class will be announced next Friday.

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## Middle School Buzz

[This Week's Issue](#)

**SIXTH GRADE RETREAT**

The date of the sixth grade retreat has been CHANGED from Thursday, February 10, to Thursday, February 17. The retreat is from noon until 3:00 pm. Lunch is not provided.

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## Home & School Association

[January Issue](#)

**LOG YOUR PTO HOURS!**

Don't forget to log your [PTO hours](#). The importance of logging hours cannot be stressed enough. The totals allow OLACS to apply for grants to benefit our school and our children. Also,

would you work and not expect a paycheck? Don't let your time go unaccounted for!

Make sure you have reactivated your profile if you have not done so already. This should help any issues you are having with the system. If you continue to have any difficulties, please let Bridget Fenn or [Shari Kinsman](#) know.

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