

# The Good News of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School

"Catholic Schools — Dividends for Life"



Future City competitors presented their city, Ethos, to the middle school students and to special guest judges today in Moylan Hall. All five teams will compete in the regional competition at Southern Polytechnical State University on Saturday, January 23. For photos and a complete listing of city names and awards presented, see page 2 of this week's *Middle School Buzz*.

## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continuing support of the students and OLA Catholic School. OLACS is blessed to have your support. Please continue to demonstrate your support by attending the upcoming "By the Seashore" Gala. As a time to relax, build community, welcome new families, it will prove to be a delightful evening. Our students, parents, teachers, volunteers have worked to make this evening a time to remember. Please join us at the Dunwoody Country Club on Saturday, February 27. Keep in mind, ticket prices will increase from \$75 to \$85 per person after tomorrow, so I encourage you to register today if you haven't already!

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## NEXT MASS

Wednesday, January 20  
PK-8th (9:00 am)

*St. Peter Chanel and  
High Honors/Honor Roll  
Awards to follow*

Readings: 1 Samuel  
17:32-33, 37, 40-51;  
Ps. 144:1b, 2, 9-10;  
Mark 3:1-6

## Upcoming

- Thursday, January 14  
**Report Cards  
Distributed**
- Friday, January 15  
Donuts with Dad/Buddy  
(M-Z) **RESCHEDULED!**  
7-7:45 am (Cafeteria)

Principal's Coffee  
(5th-8th) 8-8:45 am  
(Chanel)

NO Ice Cream Sales

Middle School Winter  
Dance (Out of Uniform)

**Donuts with Dad/Buddies** is rescheduled for **tomorrow**, Friday, January 15, for those students who were not able to participate last week and whose last name begin with M through Z. Donuts with dad is a time for fellowship and building community. Please remember a nutritious breakfast should

**Principal Coffees** are coming up. Parents of students in grades 5 through 8 are invited to join me this Friday from 8:00-8:45 am in the Chanel Center. The Coffee for parents of students in grades Pre-K through four is on Friday, January 29. These meetings are casual and allow parents to inquire about programs, policies, or general information that needs further clarification.

The **Mothers' Retreat** will be held on January 22 from 8:00 am to noon in Moylan Hall. Rita O'Brien will be the guest speaker. Please join us for a morning devoted to personal, moral, intellectual, and spiritual growth, and begin the new year with a clearer mind and renewed spirit. There is no charge; the Mothers' Retreat is a gift to our community from the Spiritual Life Committee of the Home and School Association.

Once again, thank you for your continuing support. We are blessed to have parents, volunteers, teachers, staff, community members, alumni, grandparents, and parishioners involved in creating an atmosphere of love, acceptance, spirituality, and community to enhance the academics at OLA Catholic School.

God Bless,  
Anita Nagel

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## Quick Notes

**FAMILY CUSTODIAL SITUATIONS** — From the *OLACS Parent/Student Handbook*, page 50: "**SEPARATION**: If the family has separated but no court decree has been issued, a letter from the parents with detailed directives for the school to follow with regard to whom the child may be released is required and must be notarized by the principal's administrative designee.

**DIVORCE**: In order to insure the safety of each student, OLA Catholic School has the right to know immediately when there is a current separation, a pending divorce, a shared parenting agreement, a modification of custody status, and/or any other

for Middle School ONLY)

- **Monday, January 18**  
**NO SCHOOL** — Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

- **Tuesday, January 19**  
National Junior Honor Society applications due by end of day (7th & 8th)

Geography Bee 10:30 am (Chanel)

- **Thursday, January 21**  
Classroom Visitation Day for Prospective Parents 9-11 am

- **Friday, January 22**  
Spiritual Life Mother's Retreat 8 am — noon (Moylan)

Ice Cream Sales

## Quick Links

[Thursday Folders Online](#)

[Edline Log-In](#)

[Middle School Buzz](#)

[Home & School](#)

[By the Seashore Dinner & Auction](#)

[G.R.A.C.E. Scholars Program](#)

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information regarding the child's family situation. Parents are required to provide this information immediately in the form of a valid and current court order or other written notarized documentation that is signed by both parents.

In cases of an actual divorce decree involving clear custody by one parent, the principal is to be informed by the custodial parent of this fact. A copy of the final decree bearing the case number and the page bearing the judge's signature, are to be submitted to the principal. Unless the decree indicates otherwise, school communications will be sent home to the parent that has primary physical designation or primary physical custody."

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## Grandparents' Day



**Grandparents' Day**  
*(and special others, too!)*  
Thursday, February 11 • 8:00 am – Noon  
*Mardi Gras theme*

Invitations have been mailed to all of the grandparents on the mailing list. If your child's grandparents did not receive an invitation this week, please immediately notify [Sharon Black](#) and email her the grandparents' addresses.

### Reminders:

**RSVP's:** If your child's grandparents are coming to Grandparents' Day, please make sure they RSVP by February 8. If grandparents need physical or any other type of assistance, parents are requested to accompany them during the visit to insure their safety. It is very important to get an accurate number for seating and serving, so accompanying parents should please RSVP, as well.

**SPECIAL FRIENDS:** If your child's grandparents are not available to attend, please encourage him or her to reach out and invite a close friend or family member.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you to all those who have already signed up to volunteer for Grandparents' Day in some capacity! We still have room for more volunteers — especially PARKING. Help is needed from 7:30-8:30 am and 10:45 am-12:30 pm. DeKalb County Police will be helping with traffic control, but we still

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**ONE DAY LEFT!**

Register by January 15:  
\$75 per person

January 16-February 19:  
\$85 per person

**\$25 gift certificate to  
Fleming's Prime  
Steakhouse and Wine  
Bar per couple  
registration**



need help inside the parking area. The most crucial time for parking will be in the morning between 7:30 and 8:30 am. PLEASE sign up to help for this one hour if you possibly can!

**DOOR PRIZES:** If you would like to donate a gift to the Grandparents' door prize drawing, please email Sharon Black (sblack@olaschool.org) You will receive a Gift-in-Kind letter for tax purposes.

**SCHEDULE:** The full GP's Day schedule and dismissal details will be on a flyer in next week's Thursday Folder and also be included in the Newsletter.

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## Out-of-Uniform

OLA Catholic School is committed to doing its part to bring relief to earthquake devastated Haiti. By donating a dollar, students can participate in an out-of-uniform day on Friday, January 29. All proceeds from this non-uniform day will be given to the Catholic Relief Services, which has committed five million dollars to aid the citizens of Haiti.

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## Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

**Remember! Celebrate! Act!**  
**A Day On, Not A Day Off**

The theme of this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration "reiterates the importance of remembering Dr. King's work and legacy, celebrating his birthday as a national holiday and acting on his teachings and principles of nonviolence and human rights. It also serves as a reminder that the holiday is a day on for community service initiatives and programs promoting interracial cooperation, not just a day off from work or school." For more information about celebrations and service, visit [The King Center website](#).

Eighth-grader Carson Travers was has been awarded First Place in the Archdiocese of Atlanta Third Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest. First-grader Hudson Feldman has been recognized as a semi-finalist in the Archdiocese of Atlanta Third Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Poster Contest.

As an award winner, Carson will read her essay during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Celebration. As well, Hudson's poster will be on display during the event.

**All members of the community are invited to join the celebration, held this Sunday, January 17, at 3 pm at St. Peter Claver School.**

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## **Financial Aid Applications**

Financial aid applications for the 2010-2011 school year are due NO LATER THAN February 28, 2010. Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School uses the Private School Aid Service (PSAS) to evaluate financial aid eligibility. Families **must** apply to PSAS by the deadline in order to be eligible for aid; non-Catholic families are not eligible for financial aid.

Unlike past years, PSAS will not make online applications available until early February. In order to allow families time to gather the necessary documents, a link to the paper copy has been placed on the school website. This can be printed as a worksheet so that data can be entered once the online version is available. Paper copies are available in the Business Office for families wishing to file sooner than the online version allows.

Detailed information and the link to the worksheet templates are available on the [Business Office](#) link on the school website. If you have questions, please contact Business Manager [Lauren Bizzell](#).

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## **Middle School Buzz**

Congratulations to all of the Future City Enrichment Group students who presented their models today! Although a maximum of three students are allowed to present, each member of each team contributed to the overall Future City model and accompanying essay. For team listings, please see the unedited *Good News* by signing in to your Edline account.

**City Name: *Ethos*** (6th Grade)

**City Name: *Cidade de Vida*** (7th Grade)

**City Name: *Pearl*** (7th Grade)

**City Name: *Poder de Vento*** (8th Grade)

**City Name: *Procerus Tech Urbs*** (8th Grade)

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## Home & School Happenings

### Mother's Morning Retreat

Friday, January 22  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm • Moylan Hall

RSVP to [Michelle Ingham](#) by Tuesday, January 19

[Flyer & Details](#)

### "By the Seashore" Gala Information

**LAST DAY** to purchase tickets at \$75/person. After tomorrow the price will be \$85/person. Register now!

### Another Chance to Win a \$100 Buckhead Uniforms Gift Certificate

Each family to donate an auction item by January 22 will be entered in the next \$100 Buckhead Uniform Gift Card Raffle.

## Directory Updates

Address, phone, and email changes will be published in the OLA Catholic School newsletter each week, as needed. **As changes are published, parents should also update their own copy of the school directory.** Directory updates/changes can be submitted via email to [office@olaschool.org](mailto:office@olaschool.org).

### NO New Updates

*Our Lady of the Assumption School seeks to create a nurturing environment grounded in the Catholic Faith, which provides for the spiritual and academic development of each child.*