

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

**OLA**  
established in 1951

*"Catholic Schools — Dividends for Life"*



Fourth grade students work together during Space Camp at OLACS. *See story below.*

## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

The [tentative calendar](#) for the OLACS 2010-2011 school year is now available on the school website. The Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools requires 180 school days for students and 190 days for teachers.

As Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School is undergoing its five-year SACS/SAIS accreditation review in November, it requires much planning and preparation on the part of the staff. Therefore, in addition to pre-planning time and required Archdiocesan In-Service days for teachers, we have scheduled one teacher workday per month in the first two quarters. Whenever possible, these workdays have been scheduled on a Friday or Monday to allow your family a long weekend.

The first day of the 2010-2011 school year is Thursday, August 12.

The tuition rate for the 2010-2011 school year has also been set. The Parish and School Finance Committees, along with the Advisory Council,

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## NEXT MASS

Wednesday, March 3  
6th-8th (9:00 am)

### DRESS UNIFORM REQUIRED

Readings: Jeremiah  
18: 18-20; Ps. 31: 5-6, 14,  
15-16; Matthew 20: 17-28

## Upcoming

- Friday, February 26  
Used Uniform Sale (Gym)  
7:30-11:30 am

Ice Cream Sales

- Saturday, February 27  
*By the Seashore* Dinner &  
Auction

- Sunday, February 28  
Financial Aid Applications  
Due

- Monday, March 1  
Regular Uniform Begins

St. Vincent de Paul Food  
Drive Begins

- Tuesday, March 2  
H&S Board Meeting (1:30  
pm) Scout Rm.

## Quick Links

continue to review budgeted expenses in an effort to keep tuition increases to a minimal. Tuition for next year is \$7,150, which represents a 3% increase.

The financial policy currently in place states that tuition payments for school year begin in August and end in May. In order to better plan future enrollment and funding for Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School, there will be a change in this policy for the 2010-2011 academic year.

The re-enrollment fee of \$100 per student will remain the same. However, the first payment for the 2010-2011 school year is due in July, with the last monthly payment in May. The number of the payments remains the same. Families wishing to pre-pay in full must do so by July 1, 2010. This change will provide better understanding of the actual number of students enrolled at OLA Catholic School.

Thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education.

God Bless,  
Anita Nagel

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## Quick Notes

**ITBS TESTING** — ITBS and CogAT standardized testing will take place each day during the weeks of March 15 and March 22. There are two major considerations during these two testing weeks:

- Please do not make appointments for you child during school hours on these days.
- Please make every effort to arrive on time.

**FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE**— **The deadline for applying for financial aid is THIS SUNDAY, February 28, 2010.** The [online financial aid](#) submission website is now available. The school code for OLACS is 8850. Complete instructions can be found under the [Business Office](#) link of the school website. **No aid will be given to families who have not submitted an application to PSAS.**

**REGULAR UNIFORM** — Regular uniform begins Monday, March 1. Uniform guidelines can be found beginning on page 70 of the *OLACS Parent/Student Handbook*. Please make sure that uniform components are clean, in good repair, and well fitting. **Dress uniform is required EVERY Wednesday throughout the year.**

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## From the Clinic

**LICE ALERT** — Several grades have reported lice. Please check your child's head. If lice is discovered or suspected, please treat following the [guidelines](#) outlined on the CDC website. A second treatment is required 7-10 days after the initial treatment in order to effectively eliminate the problem. It is OLACS's policy that the student must be nit free for 24 hours and checked by the school nurse before he/she returns to the classroom.

**STREP THROAT** — Strep throat continues to be present in multiple grades. Please be aware should your child exhibit any [symptoms](#) and keep him/her home as outlined on page 28 of the *OLACS Parent/Student Handbook*.

If your child has these or any other contagious condition, please notify the

[Thursday Folders Online](#)

[Edline Log-In](#)

[Middle School Buzz](#)

[Home & School](#)

[By the Seashore  
Dinner & Auction](#)

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

## Contacts

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Business Office — x167  
Development — x252  
Media Center — x152  
School Psychologist — x151

**ECP Office**  
404-261-7181 x168

**Church Office**  
404-261-7181



**Catholic Schools  
Week**

January 31-February 6

school clinic.

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## Annual Fund Phone-a-Thon

**Total Parent Participation to Date: 57%**

The Annual Fund Phone-a-thon begins next week! Annual Fund Grade Captains will contact those parents who have not yet responded to the 2009-2010 Annual Fund. **Remember, we greatly need 100% participation from all of our parents**, either with a financial gift, a pledge to give a gift, or a Gift of Prayer.

Please consider how you are willing to participate in Annual Fund so that when your AF Grade Captain calls you will be ready to respond! Grade Captains can take a pledge or the Gift of Prayer over the phone; however, checks must be mailed to or dropped off at the Development Office. [Online giving](#) is available in the Annual Fund section of the school website.

If you have any questions about Annual Fund or would like another donor envelope, please contact [Sharon Black](#) in the Development Office.

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## Space Camp

OLACS students had the opportunity to vicariously experience a little of what it is like to travel into space during the Space Camp enrichment presentation last Friday. Mrs. Diane Eckerd, a scientist from Huntsville, Alabama, was the facilitator for this exciting day exploring the construction of the International Space Station, called "Get It Together".

Mrs. Eckerd had students help her simulate a space shuttle launch through a series of hands-on activities. Students learned what pieces make up the different parts of the launch equipment and how the different parts of the equipment have different uses. They read a script that showed how responsibility for the shuttle switches from Florida to Houston and learned why astronauts launch lying on their backs.

The students experienced how difficult it can be to work as a team while in space; how hard it is to complete a task when you can't see your tools; and what to do if your nose itches during a spacewalk!

Each grade level attended an age-appropriate session in Moylan Hall. The hour-long presentation gave the students a small taste of how exciting space science really is. The visiting scientist left with an invitation for students to attend Space Camp in Huntsville to learn more about space in a fun, exciting, and hands-on way.

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## Black History Month

To commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by people of African descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week. The first celebration occurred on Feb. 12, 1926. For many years, the second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the birthdays of abolitionist/editor Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded into Black History Month. Each year, U.S. presidents proclaim February as National African-American History

Month.

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau Newsroom](#)

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## Home & School Happenings

### **USED UNIFORM SALE TOMORROW!**

Regular uniform starts Monday. The H&S Used Uniform Sale is **tomorrow**, February 26 from 7:30 to 11:30 am in the gym. One hundred percent of uniform sale proceeds benefit the school!

### **ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD DRIVE**

The Spring Food Drive to benefit St. Vincent de Paul begins next week.

**Parish Preschool** — Rice and dried Pinto Beans or Mayonnaise (squeeze plastic)

**Pre-K** — Dry Cereal (regular size boxes – please no super size)

**Kindergarten** — Peanut butter and Jelly

**1st Grade** — Cans of Tuna

**2nd Grade** — Cans of Soup

**3rd Grade** — Jars of Spaghetti Sauce & Boxes of Spaghetti Noodles

**4th Grade** — Cans of Fruit and Vegetables

**5th Grade** — Beef Stew or Chili

**6th Grade** — Side dishes, boxed potatoes, etc...

**7th Grade** — Mac-and-Cheese

**8th Grade** — Pancake Mix and Syrup

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## 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).

### **New Updates**

### **Sign In to Edline to See**

*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.*