

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



*"Catholic Schools — Dividends for Life"*



Mrs. Woodall's third grade class displays their graphic depictions of the church's liturgical year.

## From the Principal

Dear Parents,

As part of our strategic planning process, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School created an annual survey two years ago. This March marks the release of our third survey, and we hope you will help us by providing feedback for internal operations; measurable data for OLACS as we continue the progression along the strategic planning process; and invaluable metrics for the SACS/SAIS accreditation process that is taking place this year.

Your responses will help the school identify target areas for improvement and determine how efforts and finances need to be directed in the upcoming years. Survey feedback will be made available at the annual spring Home & School meeting in April. Additional information will be provided in the weekly online newsletters. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Now through March 31, an online parent survey will be available to investigate parents' attitudes and opinions regarding the following topics:

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### NEXT MASS

#### Reconciliation

Monday, March 15  
3rd-8th Grade  
(1:15 pm)

### Upcoming

- Friday, March 12  
Spring Book Fair Begins

Ice Cream Sales

- Monday, March 11  
Book Fair

ITBS/CogAT Testing  
Begins

- Tuesday, March 9  
Play Auditions (3:15 pm)  
Music Room

- Thursday, March 18  
**3rd Quarter Ends**

- Friday, March 19  
Spring Book Fair Ends

Ice Cream Sales

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Throughout this process, parents, students, clergy, teachers, and administrators will have the opportunity to be heard as we work together to find new and better ways to nurture, catechize, and inspire the students entrusted to our school.

We hope all OLA Catholic School families will participate in this survey process as it will be a basis of our goals for the next five years. Each family may respond only once, and **all participant responses are anonymous**. You do not have to complete the survey in one sitting.

You may access the survey anytime between now and March 31 by signing in to your Edline account or by following [this link](#).

Thank you for your time and input!

### **WONDERFUL NEWS!**

As a result of the efforts put forth by Joy Baljet, Elizabeth Wathen, the myriad of volunteers, and the entire community, we are happy to report that the GALA is an overwhelming success! OLACS community raised \$100,000 through the efforts of our families.

Families were supportive the evening of the Gala as well as prior to the event. Tickets were at a premium and were sold out prior to the evening. Every member of the community had an opportunity to participate through the on-line auction which was a huge success. The silent auction and live auction items all sold out as well. Parties were a wonderful hit and, I am sure, many are looking forward to these events.

Once again, thank you to each of the community members for your participation in assisting OLACS reach and exceed the goal for this year.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to second grade teacher Mrs. Kristen Ott and her husband Dave on the birth of their son, Grant Thomas. Grant was born Tuesday, March 9, weighing 2 pounds 14 ounces. Both mom and son are doing great! We welcome Ms. Samantha Wade, who will be the long-term substitute in Mrs. Ott's absence.

God Bless,  
Anita Nagel

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## **Book Fair**

The Spring Book Fair opens tomorrow!

Once again, we will be using Scholastic for our Book Fair, and we will be offering a Middle School section that should at least double the usual selection. Sales tax will not be charged because we have tax-exempt status. If you send in a check with your child(ren), please indicate the

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**Virtue of the Month**  
Honesty

**Saint of the Month**  
St. Patrick

St. Patrick told the truth about God to people who didn't believe. Through his teachings and the miracles of God, many people converted to Catholicism.



**Catholic Schools Week**

*January 31-February 6*

spending limit; any checks should be made payable to OLA Catholic School.

Parents and siblings are welcome to come any time the Book Fair is open. We look forward to seeing you!

#### **Book Fair Hours:**

Friday March 12 — Noon to 3:00 pm  
Monday March 15 — 8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Tuesday March 16 — 8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Wednesday March 17 — 8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Thursday March 18 — 8:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Friday March 19 — 8:00 am to Noon

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### **Out of Uniform for Chile**

There will be an Out of Uniform Day to benefit Chilean earthquake victims on Thursday, March 25. Students wishing to participate should make a \$1.00 minimum donation. Donations may be given to the homeroom teacher. All money raised will go to Catholic Relief Services to be sent to Chile. Please give generously!



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### **Middle School Buzz**

#### **ORATORICAL CONTEST**

Students will begin working on the oratorical contest essays soon. This year's topic: If I Were President. The contest is sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America. Classroom contests will begin upon returning from spring break, and the winners will advance to the school-wide competition April 20.

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### **Home & School Happenings**

What do Laura Ingalls Wilder, an Italian clown, and Peter Rabbit all have in common? These are all characters that have been brought to life this year for your children as part of OLACS's cultural arts initiative. Each school year, part of your Home and School fee goes toward bringing entertaining and educational programs to the students. Most of these programs are scheduled through the Woodruff Arts Center's Young Audiences arts-in-education program.

For information on specific programs, see this month's Home & School newsletter, distributed in today's Thursday folder.

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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).

#### **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.*