

IMPORTANT FUN RUN INFORMATION!

THIS Friday, November 12 (Race Day!), is an out of uniform day for students who wear their team t-shirts.

CARPOOL PICK-UP

- Please be prompt when picking up your child(ren) after school. We must have the parking lots clear for pre-race preparations.
- **STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO STAY ON CAMPUS WITHOUT PARENT/GUARDIAN SUPERVISION.**

PARKING

- **NO PARKING ON CAMPUS!** For safety reasons, there is no parking on the campus.
- Following dismissal, all parking is on the streets surrounding the campus; park on the **LEFT SIDE ONLY.**
- Any car that is on campus at 4:00 pm on Friday will not be able to exit until the ENTIRE event is over.
- We strongly encourage carpooling.

REGISTRATION PACKETS

- Registration packets will be sent home in your child's school bag on Thursday, November 11.
- **What is included in the packet:** Runner race numbers, commemorative t-shirts, and wrist bands. Wristbands are for those who bought the DINNER ONLY option and serve as your admission into dinner. Runner registration includes dinner, your race number serves as your admission into dinner.
- Please remember to bring your packet to the race.
- Don't be late! Races begin promptly at 5:00 pm. Please allow enough time for parking and assembly with your group prior to the start of the first race.

ASSEMBLING

- All grades will meet on the street in front of the media center. Representatives will be holding up team name signs to help in gathering with your team.
- Please plan to arrive by 4:30 in order to meet up with your class and participate in the warm up.

RACE START

- Pre-k through 2nd grades will walk over to the pre-k carpool pick up circle and begin the first race.
- Grades 3rd through 8th will simply move forward to their start line at the gym doors and will go in two waves, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th.

DINNER

- Pizza, pasta, salad, and refreshments will be served in the cafeteria for all those who registered to run or purchased a DINNER ONLY option.

CARNIVAL

- Thanks to the coordination and efforts of Mrs. Cordell and the middle school teachers and students, great activities are planned. These activities can be found in the gym along with the auction.

AUCTION

- There are many truly wonderful items offered at the auction! Items will be displayed in the gymnasium along with the bid sheets.
- Credit cards and checks are welcome.

Here's a preview of some of the great items you won't want to miss . . .

- One week stay at Key Colony Beach, Florida home
- St Pius and Marist summer sports camps
- Two \$150 Campus Cuisine Gift Certificates
- Adorable hand painted table and chair set
- Three night stay in Blue Ridge Mountain cabin
- Forum Athletic Club gift certificate including membership, fast twitch classes, and free training session
- Flemings Prime Steakhouse gift certificate
- 4 club level seats to a Hawks or a Thrashers game
- Queen of the Carpool
- Front row seats and premium parking at the kindergarten moving up ceremony and winter and spring musicals

TUITION RAFFLE

- A chance at FREE TUITION for the 2011-2012 school year!

Through our second bi-annual OLACS Family Fun Run, OLACS is presenting this unique and exciting opportunity. Tickets will be sold for \$125 on a first come/first served basis and will be limited to 100 tickets. Tickets are going fast! To download a raffle entry form, please go to <http://www.tinyurl.com/tuition-raffle>. Also, we have added a credit card payment option; if you choose to pay by credit card, please fill out the raffle form, write "paid by credit card" on the top of the form, and turn in to Lauren Bizzell in the school business office. To pay by credit card, [click here](#).

- If the tuition raffle has not sold out prior to race day, tickets will be sold during the event.

SPIRIT WEAR

- OLACS spirit wear will be sold during the event.

ATTENTION ECP PARENTS — Early closure on Friday, November 12

ECP will close at 5:00 pm on Friday, November 12. Please make arrangements to pick up your child by 5:00 pm that day.

If you need ECP services on Friday, November 12, but do not normally use ECP on Fridays, please contact [Dorothy Mickwee](#) in advance so she may make additional staffing arrangements.

Please expect that parking and traffic will be increased on the day of this event. Dedicated parking will be available to ECP parents for pick up only in the parking lot. Look for signs that designate "ECP Pick Up".

Questions or concerns? Please contact [Jenn Harry](#). Thank you in advance for your support!



OLACS Spiritual Life

“Faith that Works” James 2: 14-26

Dear OLACS Families,

Our annual Adopt a Family Project will begin on Monday November 15th. This is a community outreach program that OLACS has been doing for many years in conjunction with Atlanta Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program. The goal of this program is to give refugees who have fled to our country a hand up, to help these families not only with basic needs, but with the tools they need to assimilate to a new culture, find a job, learn English, gain access to education, etc. It helps them become independent and move closer to the better life they have so courageously sought in America.

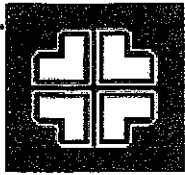
Catholic Charities aids these families in many ways from the moment they arrive in Atlanta. Their needs are great and Catholic Charities relies on the Atlanta Catholic community to help fill the basic needs to help them start their new lives. One of the first things they receive are “Welcome Baskets” which Catholic Charities provides. They contain basic kitchen wares, cleaning and bath essentials, and bedding.

In a change from years past, we will be meeting their needs a little earlier in the process, as soon as they arrive in Atlanta, by collecting items and assembling these “Welcome Baskets”.

The Spiritual Angels will be visiting the classrooms to explain the project to the students, what a refugee is and how OLACS through Catholic Charities can help them. Your child’s class Spiritual Angel will also be sending you an email with a list of the items needed to fill the class’s Welcome Baskets, details on how to donate items, and prayers that you can share as a family. Do not hesitate to contact your class Spiritual Angel should you have any questions.

Please know that your participation is voluntary. The OLACS community has been wonderfully generous with this project each year and Catholic Charities is truly grateful for the help we are able to provide. We ask that you remember these refugee families in your prayers this Advent season.

God Bless,
Liz MacArthur & Michelle Ingham
VP’s OLACS Spiritual Life



OLACS Adopt-a-Family Refugee Project 2010 Refugee Fact Sheet



With the mission to serve the most needy and vulnerable, Catholic Social Services, Inc. (CSS) served over 500 refugees last year. CSS's refugee resettlement program helps newly arriving refugee families with housing. It tends to their health and educational needs and investigates available employment opportunities. The program's goal is to empower each person toward self-sufficiency.

How can we help? A refugee family needs clothing, dishes, utensils and household goods when establishing themselves in our country. Donations help families while they work toward self-sufficiency. Parish partnerships with families ease the stressful transition to life in America. Although gift donations are totally voluntary, we are asking all OLACS families to support the Adopt-A-Family Refugee Project through prayer. The following resources are being provided to make this a family learning / service project. We hope that your participation in this project will make your Advent Season more meaningful.

Love your neighbor

Jesus, friend and brother,
You know what it is like
To be hungry and thirsty.
You know the plight of the
Stranger who is made unwelcome.
You know the suffering of all
Who have lost everything.
We pray that by welcoming
The asylum seeker we may show
Love for our neighbor and
Draw closer to you.
Amen.

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Scripture Readings:

Matthew 2: 13-15
Hebrews 13: 1-2

Who is a refugee?

A refugee is someone who has fled his or her country due to war, social unrest or persecution. To attain refugee status a person must prove a well-founded fear of persecution on the basis of race, religion, membership in a social group, political opinion or national origin.

How many refugees are in the U.S.?

The United States accepts a fixed number of refugees each year as determined by the President and Congress. In the past five years, 50,000 – 70,000 have been allowed to resettle in the United States.

- There are over 10 million refugees worldwide
- Most refugees are from developing countries
- Approximately 8 million are women and children
- Refugees flee from their homes to neighboring countries of asylum, often into overcrowded camps, where they may languish for years. The average stay is 5 years
- Over 12 million will never be resettled. A small group, up to 70,000 may be resettled in the U.S. this year.
- The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Office of Refugee Resettlement resettles about one-fourth of the refugees who come to the U.S.
- Catholic Social Services, Inc. is one of seven refugee resettlement agencies in Atlanta

