May Newsletter

May 2024

Principal Update

OLV has fully completed our feasibility study for construction and financing for the new junior high. We are excited to announce that we have been approved to move forward. Thank you to everyone for your support. Please see the details and results below...



WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR FEEDBACK!

In March, we launched a study to gauge the support for our goal of improving the school by adding junior high classrooms to the second level of the Cathedral Center. After gathering and analyzing data from the planning study, representatives from the Steier Group reported their findings to the parish's finance council and the school's advisory council on April 24.

Both the school advisory board and parish finance council agreed to move forward with the project and begin a campaign to raise funds for it. We are pleased to share the study results with the OLV community.

PARTICIPATION

- 65 Personal Interviews were conducted
- 103 Mail and Online Surveys were conducted
- Of the 168 total respondents:
- 83 indicated a relationship with OLV Catholic School as current parent or grandparent
- School as current parent or grandparent • 35 identified as OLV Catholic School alumni

PRIORITY OF RESPONDENTS Participants rated of the proposed goals as high priorities for the school:

- Assessment participants were asked to rank each of the strategic plan initiatives a high, medium or low priority. Scores were calculated by assigning a value of 10 points for a high priority, 5 points for a moderate priority and 0 points for a low priority. The cumulative value for each project was then divided by the number of responses for that project. Initiatives scoring above 6.5 are considered a 'high priority.'

W KEY STATISTICAL DATA

- 88% of respondents were in favor of a campaign
 88% of respondents plan to make a financial gift for the project
- 48 respondents volunteered to serve as leaders of the campaign
- 54% of alumni respondents volunteered to serve as leaders of the campaign
- 8 respondents indicated they have already included OLV in their will or estate plans;
 11 additional respondents would like to learn more about these planned gifts.

OVERALL OBSERVATIONS

- OLV has a strong sense of tradition and has been home to many families for generations.
- The school helps to foster well-rounded students through its rigor and education on the sacraments.
- The school has a small community feel where each student's name is known by all the teachers.



NEXT STEPS

Fr. Kirby and Mr. Matias were excited to hear the overwhelmingly positive feedback from the parish and school community. The capital campaign will respond to frequently asked questions raised in the study and provide parishioners and school families additional information about the project and timeline. Our goal is to complete construction work in the Cathedral Center to open the new junior high at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.

Stay posted for more details on this exciting development to OLV's storied history!

FINAL REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025

Final registration will be held on Wednesday, May 1st from 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Center. It is imperative that every parent, <u>whether their child is a new or returning student</u>, come to the final part of the registration process.

The 2nd part of registration fees and any/all other fees are required to be paid at this time. Forms and payment must be fully completed within 5 working days of that date or a \$100.00 late fee will be assessed, beginning May 9th. Any insufficient checks will be charged a \$20 fee.

If you currently use FACTS to pay tuition your account will automatically be renewed. If you are new to FACTS you need to go online and set up your account ASAP.

EVERY PARENT MUST BE SEEN AT THIS TIME TO INSURE THEIR CHILD'S ENROLLMENT FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Minimum Parish Support

A reminder that ½ of the yearly minimum parish support (\$200.00) is due to the church by June 30, 2024, in order to be classified, for tuition purposes, as a parishioner. Please note that the minimum support is \$400 per year. A late fee of \$50 will be charged if not paid by June 30th and every month after until support is paid. No notices will be mailed.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be open during the summer on Wednesdays from 9:00am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm - 4:00pm

UNIFORMS

Uniformity - our school uniform supplier will be on our campus on May20th from 9-5pm and on May 21st from 9-1pm. You will be able to see sizes and place orders. 15% off of sales on these days.

Our used uniform resale will be on June 18th from 11am - 1pm in the gym. Please drop off your uniforms to sell at the school office on Wednesdays in the summer marked with your name and price. Used uniforms left at the end of the sale become the property of the school.

May Procession

Our May Procession and Crowning will be on Wednesday, May 1st, at 8:00 a.m. Each student is asked to bring a flower to carry in the procession and leave at the altar. Students will wear their school uniform. Mass uniform is not required.

Cafeteria Charges and Library Fees Due

All cafeteria charges, library fines, damaged book fees, band fees and any other charges owed to the school must be paid by May 15th in order for report cards to be issued. Children will not be able to charge a lunch or snack items in the cafeteria after May 15th.

Any report cards not picked up or held after May 24th will need to be picked up from the school office during the summer. Report cards will not be mailed.

After School Program

Friday, May 3rd is an Early Dismissal Day. Please be on the lookout for the sign-up link that will be going out through Procare messaging. If your child will be staying for care that day, they must be sent to school with a sack lunch and a drink.

Student cell phones will not be allowed

Students may bring 1-2 toys from home or a gaming device for the afternoon.

Tuesday, May 21st is the last day of school for Early Childhood Center students. Care will be available for those 3K - 5K students who are signed up for After Care, Wednesday. May 22nd - Friday, May 24th. A sign up link will go out for those days so please be on the lookout for it and sign up so that staffing can be coordinated.

After Care will be closed May 27th - 31st so that staff can prepare for Summer Camp.

Library News

It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end. It has been an exciting year for the library with new books. I will continue to update our library with new books next year.

A Special Thank You to the OLV PTC for their continued support. I have added over 400 new books to the library this year through the support and generosity of our PTC. Thank you!!

*Reminder: All Library books due May 8th.

The Victoria Public Library has great reading opportunities for your children during the summer. READ READ READ



Congratulations to our 8th grade graduating class. We bid a fond farewell to the families who are leaving our OLV community. May God bless you and keep you safe!

Adalyn Arbuckle Adan Banda Kynsley Brandt Alison Brouillette Ethan Bryan Isabella Cantu Lilianna Cantu Kate Carson Michael Cordes Mason DeMontarnal Lorena Galo Bruschini Nicole Galo Bruschini Ethan Garcia Amy Gim Kyndal Gonzales **avery Griffin** Parker Janak **Aaron Jeson II** Connor Lacina Kaidence Martinez Emily Mayer-Bain Klaire McKinney Kensey Merritt

Jade Mikeska Christian Molina Isabella Moreno **Cooper Moss Madeline** Olive Emma Olson Joaquin Olvera Sophia Packard Daniel Pallanez Brady Parker Amelia Pedraza Jackson Pena **Miles Pierce** Weston Pizalate Brayden Rivera **Nicole Sheeran** Lyrik Sloan Joseph Tagliabue Wren Timmerman Claudia Townsend Blayne Warner Cole Wilson-Johnston

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