

February Newsletter

February 2024

Principal's Report

There are 5,920 Catholic schools in the United States; 4,746 are elementary/middle and 1,174 are high schools. These schools provide our nation 24.3 billion dollars in tax savings each year. In the month of February, we completed the celebration of Catholic schools across the nation. Catholic schools used this week as a way to highlight the culture of success focused on the eternal mission of our Catholic faith. Each day was focused on a theme and the critical components that help Catholic schools thrive. We celebrated our parish, community, student body, nation, vocations, OLV families, faculty, staff, and volunteers. Each component is critical to our student success. As we embark on February, we focus on two very important events that are also vital to overall development. We ask for your prayers, participation, and support in our OLV Gala and Pre-registration for our new families. OLV has flourished in these two events over the years and has been able to offer our students numerous advancements on our campus.

As we look at expanding over the next few years, the focus is taking the learning experience for our current families here at OLV to the next level of greatness. After many meetings and deliberations, the school stakeholders have agreed to move forward with the financial feasibility study of the junior high. The Steier Group, a professional fundraising firm, will be leading the campaign. To learn more about the fundraising group, please visit their website at <https://www.steiergroup.com/>. Although change causes uncertainty, our school has not held a significant campaign or project since the addition of the Early Childhood Center over 30 years ago. As our school community grows and our campus ages, preparing for the future is something that every great school should do. More information will be coming over the upcoming months from the school and those leading this project. A timeline has not been set, but we are eager and ready to move forward.

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Development

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!!

The 11th annual Our Lady of Victory Catholic School Gala will be held on Friday, February 9, 2024, at The Cathedral Center. This year's theme is Boots and Beads! Come celebrate the end of Mardi Gras season with some south Texas flair. We will have a jazz-themed cocktail hour with live music by the Crossroads Jazz Combo, Cajun appetizers, and specialty drinks, followed by an amazing dinner by Back Door Catering, a Live Auction, and country dancing to the Justin Cooper Band. There will also be a Silent Auction on the Auctria app, a \$10,000 Draw-Down Raffle, and a Teacher Wish Wall. The silent auction will open Wednesday, February 7th at 5:00 p.m. and close on Saturday, February 10th at 11:00 a.m. (Invitations have been mailed to all families.)

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Matina Weempe at 361-676-8975 or Tanya Goodman at 361-676-0498 and Bianca Horton at 361-550-2280 if you are interested in donating an item to the auction.

OLV is a 501(C)(3) organization, so the value of your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed in accordance with accounting laws. You will receive a donation form for tax purposes.

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Library News

February Library News: Our Book Fair opens January 29th and runs through February 2nd. Catholic School's Week is an exciting week with many fun activities planned. On Monday join us for Donuts with Grownups. Wednesday we honor our grandparents with lunch. You may eat with your child every day this week and visit the classrooms on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Come by the Book Fair each day you are on campus. We would love to see you. Thank you to the OLV PTC and the volunteers that help organize and run the fair. It would not be possible without you. February is a busy month in the library. The OLV Library is celebrating Black History Month by honoring the achievements of African Americans and showcasing books written by African American authors.

The Library is also spreading a lot of Christian Love to recognize Valentine's Day.

Feature Author: Jacqueline Woodson

Check Out: Brown Girl Dreaming

OLV Youth Group

Please join the Jr. High Youth Group on Monday Feb. 5th at the Cathedral Center in the Raphael Room 6:15-7:30pm

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AfterCare News

Thursday, February 1st is the last day for OLV families to register for Summer Camp for the 2024 season!! If your form comes in after February 1st, you will be considered "general public" and put in the waitlist stack.

Friday, February 2nd is an Early Dismissal day. If your child (3K - 5th grade) will be staying for care they MUST have a sack lunch and a drink. The cafeteria will be closed.

Monday, February 19th - President's Day and Friday, February 23rd - PSIA **No School**

After Care will be available to students (3K - 5th grade) who are signed up for After Care on these days. Any student that attends care on these days MUST come with a sack lunch and a drink. After Care will provide both a morning snack and an afternoon snack. Two separate sign up links will go out to parents via Procure soon so please be on the lookout for those messages.

PE News

Heart challenge goes now until Feb. 16th. Students that meet Finn's mission will get to soak Mrs. Salinas, colorblast Ms. Boyd. If students raise \$150 or more and if we meet our school goal of \$8500 Mr. Matias will buzz cut his hair. Everyone can be a heart hero.

Sports News

Track practice will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 7th at the OLV track, beginning at 4:30. Further information concerning practice time will be sent out at a later date. Students will be able to stay after school in the gym until practice begins. The first track meet is scheduled on Saturday, Feb. 17th, at St. Anthony in Columbus.

Students must have a physical on file before participating. You may get physical forms from Mr. Collins. All athletic fees must be paid.

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES

Softball - first day allowed to begin practice - March 11

Soccer - first day allowed to begin practice - April 12

Tennis - TBA



Smore

Beautiful class updates in a snap



