

Our Lady of Sorrows Academy

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Cavaliers

Sinite Parvulos Venire Ad Me
(Let the children come to me)

Attitude
of Gratitude in
the 2nd Quarter

Dear Parents and Friends,

The liturgical year draws to a close and Advent is already upon us. During this time of preparation, the Church invites us to consider the great need of mankind for a redeemer. It cries out in the darkness, *"Come, come Lord and save your people."* From the poverty of the crib will come the riches to remedy the spiritual poverty of man. I am inviting the students to consider not just what they will give up as a penance for Advent, but what they can do and what they can give to Our Lord. For one, perhaps, the effort will be simply to do his chores, for another, acts of charity, for another, homework. Whatever it is, let us try to prepare our souls for the joyous coming of Jesus into our hearts at Christmas. You all will remain in our prayers this Advent.

We have kicked off our fundraiser for this year - the *Cavaliers' Winter Soirée Dinner and Auction*. It should prove to be a wonderful and exciting event on February 10th, so please save the date. A generous donor has covered the cost of the facility and the catering, so all of the proceeds will go directly to supporting our Academy. The growth of the school to 153 students has strained our facilities, especially for the Lower Academy. We are sorely in need of more restrooms to accommodate all of these students, hence our goal for this fundraiser is to renovate and expand our current restroom facilities at the Academy. In addition, we hope to add some shade structures to the campus to ward off the ever-present Phoenix sun.

In Christ,

Fr. Christopher Pedersen, Principal



ABOUT OLOSA

Friday School Rosary



Every Friday, before the dismissal bell rings, K-6th Grade will say the rosary together. Our Lower Academy students begin their school week with a Holy Mass and end their school week with saying the rosary together. The rosary is led by the Consoling Sisters. As the Sisters lead the rosary, they offer a short meditation before each decade to lead the students to a deeper level of understanding and love of the rosary. The students are encouraged to pray for each other, for their teachers, and for their families. The rosary will also help the students set good intentions for the weekend. While the Lower Academy prays, the Upper Academy will use that time to clean the school. The Upper Academy students rely on the prayers of the younger students to help them carry out their cleaning duties.

"It sounds beautiful when everyone prays together. It is such a strong sound."

- Dominic Hunstiger, 3rd Grade

"I really like being able to say the rosary together as a school because we learn how to pray it better together."

- Camilla Henry, 5th Grade

"It is really nice being able to sing the Hail Mary together. When we say the Rosary in the church, we are closer to Our Lady."

- Santiago Torres-Hernandez, 6th Grade

The Children of Mary

This year, we are blessed to offer *The Sodality of the Children of Mary* to our Upper Academy girls. Sodality is held every other Saturday and it is led by the Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart with the help of Fr. McFarland. Every Sodality meeting is consecrated to Our Lady; their day consists of attending Holy Mass, breakfast, a conference from one of the priests or the Sisters, engage in creative activities/games/outings, and then they pray for our priests by saying the rosary together.

The Sodality of the Children of Mary was founded by the Jesuits. In 1563, a Belgian Professor in the Roman College, Father John Leon, began the custom of gathering the most fervent pupils on certain days after study, to pray with them and exhort them to the love and imitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. These pupils were in the number of seventy, and they were the first Sodality of the Children of Mary.

The Sodality was originally established for young men, but since 1751, young girls have been admitted and are now in great majority. A perfect Child of Mary is now needed more than ever. It is only fervent devotion to Our Lady, that will keep Catholic girls true images of the spiritual Mother given them on Calvary. Its mission is to help the girls to grow in virtue, so that they may follow the Will of God for them and become pious mothers or holy religious. But a Child of Mary must not be content with laboring for personal piety, she must be an apostle. With their good example they attract others to virtue and help to extend the Kingdom of Our Lord Jesus Christ.





OLOSA INTERVIEW

with Miss Amanda Palmeri - High School Girls

Q: What is your main goal as a teacher? A: My main goal as a teacher is to pass on what I have received. I was very fortunate to be able to go to Saint Mary's Academy and College, and I consider it one of the greatest blessings in my life. I had goodness poured over me for fifteen years. The religious, teachers and staff helped to form not only knowledgeable individuals but very well rounded characters, intellectually, spiritually, as well as culturally. That is what I want for my High School Girls as well as any student I come in contact with. I want them to have all the tools they need to thrive as Catholics in this world, with Knowledge as well as Beauty.

Q: Name your favorite book of all time. A: This is a hard question for me; as an English teacher, I love all good books, which is a fair amount of books. All books speak in different ways, and I will allow that there are a fair amount I have yet to read. But of my limited supply of readings, I would have to say Kristen Lavransdatter, by Sigrid Undset. It helped me understand human nature very well, and enabled me to see how one gets back up when life is rough or mistakes have been made. It is definitely not your classic American "happily ever after" fairytale, but then again, neither is life; it is work, hard work.

Q: Tell us about an upcoming class project? A: One project I would like to do is a Fine Arts day. The Fine Arts include anything from sketching or sculpting to singing to acting. With the participation of all upper academy students, it would enable them to showcase the talents they have that are not per se being taught during the course of a school day, although they are closely linked to what we are teaching, especially art itself. It is a good chance for the students to learn the art of entertaining, in an extracurricular sort of way.

Classroom Patron Saints

At the beginning of our school year, each class was asked to dedicate their classroom to a saint of their choosing. There are many different ways the classrooms incorporate their patron saints into their daily teachings. The classroom patron saints are listed below, may they pray for our students!

Kindergarten:

St. Jacinta and St. Francisco Marto

1st Grade:

St. Jude

2nd Grade:

St. Pius X

3rd Grade:

St. John Bosco

4th Grade:

St. Margaret Mary

5th Grade:

St. Fernando

6th Grade:

St. Juan Diego

7th - 8th Grade Girls:

St. Philomena

9th - 12th Grade Girls:

Saint Maria Goretti

Upper Academy Boys:

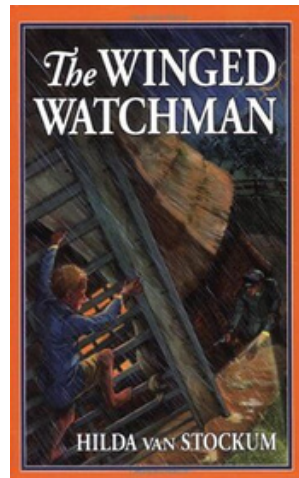
St. José Luis Sánchez del Río

Student Composition

Miss Bonnie O'Brien asked her 5th Grade Class to write a summary of the book they finished reading called *The Winged Watchman*.

"The Winged Watchman is a book during World War II where this family has to survive in hard times. One day, four aviators fall from the sky. Three aviators get captured, while one escapes the Germans and is hiding in an old mill. One day Joris, (one of the family members) is curious and looks around the old mill and finds the aviator, Charles King. Joris and the family help the aviator escape and get to Leyden."

- Ben Ouillet, 5th Grade



1ST ANNUAL

CAVALIERS' WINTER SOIRÉE DINNER, DANCE AND AUCTION

FEBRUARY 10TH, 2024

BUY A TICKET,
SPONSOR A TABLE,
DONATE TO A
STUDENT, TEACHER
OR A RELIGIOUS.



It's Time to Fundraise!

Our Cavaliers' Winter Soirée Dinner, Dance and Auction fundraiser has officially kicked off! Enjoy a delightful night of dinner, drinks, live music, bidding on silent/live auction items, raffle baskets, and more! This is an adults only event - entry ticket cost will be \$75 per person - invite your friends and family to attend - ask your workplace and favorite businesses to sponsor a table at our event.

Our fundraising goal is \$75,000! We are raising money for the construction of the new restrooms and shade structures on campus. Each Academy family is raising money by seeking donations and gathering auction items before our event.

Scan the QR Code for more information on our fundraising event.



St. Joseph, pray for us!

www.cavalierswintersoiree.olsa.org

DECEMBER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday, December 4th:

Turn in your fundraiser money envelope

Friday, December 8:

No School - *Immaculate Conception*

Monday, December 11th:

Turn in your fundraiser money envelope

Monday, December 18th:

Turn in your fundraiser money envelope

Friday, December 22nd:

Early Dismissal at 12pm

Christmas Performance at 7pm

Monday, Dec. 25th - Friday, January 5th:

Merry Christmas! *Enjoy your Christmas break*

STAFF BIRTHDAYS



Mrs. Katherine Young

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS

Friday, December 8th:

Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 12th:

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Patron of the Americas

Monday, December 25th:

Christmas

