

Our Lady of Sorrows Academy

THE CAVALIERER

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Cavaliers

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

Cavaliers' Winter Soirée & More

Dear Parents and Friends,

"Watch and pray with me that you enter not into temptation." Our Lord spoke these words to his three beloved disciples shortly after having established the Mass and ordaining them priests. Such a great joy followed by this great sorrow was a shock for them. How was this possible? How can the savior be brought so low and be overwhelmed and crushed by sadness now? While Jesus is alone, they fall asleep... as perhaps do we.

Yes, the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. We experience this weariness when trying to keep our resolutions, trying to do good and avoid evil. Lent is a time of warfare, and we often fall wounded. How do we overcome and persevere? By careful vigilance over ourselves while craftily attacked by our enemy, and by fortifying ourselves by prayer. Alone we can do nothing, but Jesus has overcome all things - stay with Him.

Let us enter into this battle with the courage founded on the Almighty, and keep Our Lord company in the garden. Doing this we will be prepared for this great drama of Holy Week, penetrating its mystery and drinking from its wellspring.

In Christ,

Fr. Christopher Pedersen, Principal



ABOUT OLOSA

Cavaliers' Winter Soirée Fundraiser

Our Lady of Sorrows Academy would like to thank everyone that supported and attended our 1st Annual Cavaliers' Winter Soirée Fundraiser. On February 10th, 2024, at the Marriott Buttes Resort, the parents, alumni and friends of our Academy enjoyed bidding on all of the exciting items in our silent auction and live auction. Our Academy's principal, Father Pedersen, is happy to announce that our fundraiser was a great success and that **we raised more than \$93,000**, which greatly exceeded our \$75,000 fundraising goal.

This year, all fundraiser proceeds go directly towards Our Lady of Sorrows Academy's expansion, which starts with the expansion and remodel of our restrooms on campus. *The project of building more restrooms is already underway!* Soon our more than 150 students will have the facilities they need.

THANK YOU TO OUR WINTER FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

- Mrs. Emily Torzala
- Mrs. Stephanie Riley
- Mrs. Rachel Evans
- Mrs. Shanté McCaughey
- Mrs. Elizabeth Delmanowski
- Mrs. Elena Stenberg
- Miss Amanda Palmeri
- Mrs. Claudia Henry
- Mrs. Tanja Aguirre
- Mrs. Iris Ouillet
- Mrs. Lorraine Ramirez
- Mrs. Elizabeth Gergen
- Mrs. Nancy Perez

We would also like to thank Mr. Dan Torzala, Miss Gabbie Saurette, Miss Jenn Castañeda and Mrs. Monique Taleck for their efforts.



MAY GOD BLESS OUR SPONSORS! THANK YOU!



THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY





Cavaliers vs. Religious and Dads!

On Shrove Tuesday, the priests, brothers, seminarians, pre-seminarians, players dads and baseball alumni played against our very own Cavaliers baseball team. **The final score was 15-1, with the Cavaliers taking home the win.** It was a very exciting game for players and fans to watch. The faculty had some amazing plays during the game, like when Fr. McFarland played 1st base and got a couple of the boys out in an exciting pickle between 1st and 2nd base. Our Cavaliers baseball alumni, Mr. Joseph Young, and Mr. Nick Wantland, pitched a few innings. Our Cavaliers were most impressive with their 2 home runs. This game between the Cavaliers vs. Religious/Dads has been a tradition for many years, it serves as a great way for the Cavaliers to kick off their baseball season. Support our Cavaliers baseball team this season by attending their games and praying for their success.



OLOSA INTERVIEW

with Miss Kayla Pryor, Teacher's Assistant

Q: Tell us about one of your favorite school memories when you attended OLOSA. A: I graduated from the academy here in 2021 after attending for 5 years. My favorite school memory? Oof. There are so many. One I will always look back to with a laugh happened during my 9th grade year. We decided to play a prank on the seniors, but we got our Latin teacher (Miss Juliana Maddeford) in on it. We locked their lockers and they had to go on a scavenger hunt to find the keys. The only thing was, the clues were in riddle form and written in Latin. It was a very amusing day to be sure.

Q: Which grades are you a T.A. for? A: I am a T.A. for 5th & 6th grade and I teach 7th & 8th as well. Between art and history, I would say my favorite subject to teach is history. As a student, I never liked it and even dreaded the class. Then in my senior and college years, I had a few teachers who showed me that history is made up of real people who led real and interesting lives, and what happened hundreds of years ago has a bearing on today. It was as if all the little pieces of history I had been studying came together to make a whole picture, and the fun stories were the colors. Since then I wanted to be that kind of teacher for my students, making history an interesting story. However, this takes years of experience and I am far from attaining that skill. One day...

Q: What is your favorite quote? A: My favorite quote is by St. Francis of Assisi: *"Remember that when you leave this earth you can take with you nothing that you have received, only what you have given: a full life, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage."* For me this is the summary of an ideal Catholic's life, and reminds us of what we should be working towards.



Parent Volunteer Opportunities!

Volunteering is all about community building at Our Lady of Sorrows Academy. Helping at your child's school is a terrific way to connect with teachers, staff, other parents, and your kid's classmates. Teachers, administrators, and staff have so much on their plates every day. When parents volunteer at school, it frees teachers up to do what they do best - *educate our children*. Our Academy is currently in need to parent volunteers for...

- Coordinators for our "Hot Lunch" program, which entails a special catered lunch for all of our students once or twice a month, like pizza, hot dogs, or nachos, etc. Parent volunteers would organize the catering, serve the food and collect "hot lunch" money from each family. Our students miss this program and we hope to bring it back soon.
- Volunteers to help the Upper Academy's girls' with costumes, set design, hair and make-up for their spring play of *A Murder is Announced*.

If you're interested in helping volunteer for any of these positions, email us at office@olosa.org.



MARCH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thursday, March 7th:

St. Thomas Aquinas Field Day - *Noon Dismissal*

Friday, March 8th:

No school - Teacher In Service Day

Monday, March 18th:

No School - Fundraiser Success Reward

March 6th, 12th, 14th, 21st and 25th:

Cavaliers Baseball Team Home Games

Thursday, March 28th - Sunday, April 7th:

Easter Break - *May you all have a blessed Easter!*

STAFF BIRTHDAYS



Mrs. Mayra Aversa
Miss Gabbie Saurette
Miss Margaret Schermann
Mrs. Linda Pham

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS

Sunday, March 17th:

St. Patrick

Tuesday, March 19th:

St. Joseph

Monday, March 25th:

Annunciation

Friday, March 29th:

Good Friday

Sunday, March 31st

Easter Sunday



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