

Our Lady of Sorrows Academy

THE CAVALIER

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Cavaliers

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

Jog - A - Thon & More



Dear Friends,

You will find in this letter details about our successful Jog-A-Thon last week. We certainly exceeded our goal. Thank you so much for your support, without which we could not continue to operate.

This Sunday marks the beginning of a new liturgical season - Advent. While the rest of the country is gaudily bedecking itself with green and red and lights, we with the Church, don the purple of penance. Having lost all its spiritual significance, Christmas has no preparation other than a meaningless shopping spree. I have emphasized to the children in the school the true spirit of Advent, and asked that each take a resolution to combat a specific sin, and thus prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ our Savior, in marked contrast to the spirit of the world. We need to acknowledge our sinfulness and thus our need of this Savior. Having done this, the season of Christmas can then be properly celebrated.

May this season have a greater impact on your souls than on your wallets.

In Christ,
Fr. Christopher Pedersen
Principal



ABOUT OLSA

THE 13TH
ANNUAL

Jog-A-Thon

Congratulations, Cavaliers! The 13th Annual Jog-A-Thon was a great success. It was a beautiful day for a run. The joggers worked hard this season and raised above and beyond our fundraising goal of \$75,000. We would like to express a sincere thank you to all our students, sponsors, volunteers, and committee that made this event possible.

The current fundraising total is

\$107,770

Congratulations Top Runners!

Top Religious Runner:

Fr. Pedersen with 65 laps

Top Teacher Runner:

Mary Palmeri with 46 laps

Top Upper Academy Boy:

Noah Henry with 67 laps

Top Upper Academy Girls:

Rebecca Henry + Brooklyn Nguyen with 49 laps

Top Lower Academy Boys :

Owen Delmanowski + Dominic Tatone with 50 laps

Top Lower Academy Girl:

Naomi Gergen with 41 laps

Reminder that all donations and sponsorships are due on December 6th by 8:15am. Contact your sponsors if you have any per lap pledges to let them know your lap totals.

Stay tuned for the next newsletter! We will feature a full explanation of what these funds will be used for and what previous funds have accomplished.





Miss Margaret Scherman with her 4th grade class

OLSA INTERVIEW

with Miss Margaret Scherman
4th Grade Teacher at OLSA & Class of 2010

Q: Where were you born and raised?

A: I was born and raised in Scottsdale, Arizona. I am a third generation Arizona native, and proud of my home state.

Q: As we near the end of the first semester, what has been your fondest school memory or event?

A: My favorite memory this year was one rainy afternoon. My students were so mesmerized by the sound of the pattering rain that they spontaneously and joyfully began reciting a line from a poem we had learned about rain. It was a beautiful teaching moment to see the children apply their Language Arts lesson to real life.

Q: What has been your favorite city to visit and why?

A: My favorite city to visit was Cologne, Germany. I loved the grand cathedral there, and during the Christmas season they had a beautiful Christmas market.

Inside the Classroom

with Miss Mary Palmeri's 1st Grade Class



From the words of Miss Palmeri - One of my favorite things about teaching first grade (note that there are many) are the questions the students ask. It's the best when I have just finished giving a lesson, whether it be in religion, poetry, history, or any other subject, and one or more of the students raise their hand and ask questions. Sometime they are very interested and serious questions, or sometimes, they are silly questions; but regardless, it still shows that they are trying hard to make connections or learn more about something! For example, one Tuesday I had just finished teaching them religion. We were talking about God and His almighty power. I was explaining what it meant for God to be almighty-- how He can do all things and so on. One of my girls raised her hand and asked "Miss Palmeri, if God can do all things, did he ever go skydiving?" I had to explain that there was no way for God to go skydiving without planes! She knows now why God didn't go skydiving!

Student Composition

The House

by Luci Stenberg

Miss Amanda Palmeri, 2nd Grade

Prompt: "The windows of the little house were bright, offering them a welcome from afar."

The house was helpful for many people. One day a little homeless boy was walking past the house and decided to stay for the night. So he went in and started to look around. First, he looked in the bedrooms. He looked in the kitchen and found lots of food, like steak, potatoes, fish and turkey. Then he wanted to look in the refrigerator. He found yogurt, apples, strawberries and blueberries. He also wanted to look in the freezer. He found ice cream, cake and popsicles. Afterwards, he was sleepy, so he went to bed.





Fr. Pons directing the Upper Academy girls during school's high mass.

THE HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

It is not the perfect, but the imperfect, who have need of love... Else what use is love at all?



OLSA DECEMBER SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 8th:

Immaculate Conception - **No School**

December 20th-22nd:

Exams

December 22nd:

Christmas Performance

December 23rd - January 8th:

Christmas Break



OLSA STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Mrs. Katherine Young



SPECIAL FEAST DAYS

December 6th:

St. Nicholas - Patron Saint of Children

December 8th:

Immaculate Conception of BVM

December 12th:

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 25th:

Christmas Day

December 26th:

St Stephen - 1st Martyr

December 28th:

Feast of the Holy Innocents

