



Our Lady of Sorrows Academy

THE CAVALIER

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

**New Year,
New Quarter!**

Dear Friends,

The New Year is upon us and the second semester of classes begins. Reflecting upon the beginning of the academic year, we can learn what we need to be working on for the rest of it.

Our focus then will be mainly respect. The revolutionary equality preached by the media undermines the hierarchical order of authority, and thus also attacks the respect that is due to it. Our families teach these lessons, and we as a school want to second that effort. We are working on practical application of that principle by things such as greeting the monitors when the students come in the school gate, acknowledging the teachers by respectful salutations and eye contact. These small efforts will help to reinforce the habit of respect that our children will carry with them through their lives.

In this new year, may we all come to understand more the profound nature of God's order, and the reverence for the authority that he has entrusted to our superiors. It is only by conforming ourselves to this order that we can enter into the plan of God for our lives and ultimately for our salvation.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Christopher Pedersen".

Fr. Christopher Pedersen, Principal



ABOUT OLSA

The S.T.E.M Program

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) program is an extracurricular, volunteer-led program that is available to high school boys. The goal of the program is to develop in the students an appreciation for, and understanding of STEM, to inspire them to pursue STEM careers, and provide them with tools to help along the way. The program also provides students with an excellent introduction to computers which is sure to benefit them regardless of the career path they ultimately follow. **The STEM group meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month during the school year in the PAC from 9am-12.**



The program is led and taught by qualified individuals who are all parishioners and who understand the importance of teaching about technology through the lens of our Catholic Faith. Mr. Joseph Zapp is the program founder and director. He holds a master's degree in electrical engineering, a bachelor's degree in computer engineering, and a graduate certificate in systems engineering. He has over 15 years of software development and leadership experience. Mr. Daniel Torzala is a STEM program instructor. He graduated from our academy in 2009, holds a bachelor's degree in software engineering, and currently works at On Semiconductors developing financial analytics for executives. Mr. Toby Tuckness is an assistant instructor who graduated from our academy in 2021 and is currently attending South Mountain Community College studying computer science.



For more information, contact Mr. Zapp (joseph.zapp@gmail.com) or Mr. Torzala (danieltorzala@gmail.com)

The Spring Auction

Join us on March 19th, 2023 for the school's annual spring silent auction!

- Classroom Themed Baskets -
- Kindergarten: *Road Trip*
- 1st Grade: *Fishing*
- 2nd Grade: *Easter*
- 3rd Grade: *Back-to-School*
- 4th Grade: *Science*
- 5th Grade: *Beach Trip*
- 6th Grade: *Family Night*
- 7th/8th Grade Girls: *Movie Night*
- 7th/8th Grade Boys: *Sports*
- 9th-12th Grade Girls: *Cozy*
- 9th-12th Grade Boys: *Alcohol*

Here are the important dates to remember as we prepare for the auction - All items for the classroom baskets are due on **March 1st**. All family baskets must be turned in to Mrs. Pryor on **March 6th** with listed items and values attached.

To donate or to volunteer for this fundraiser, contact Mrs. Rena Violette at (386) 697-3804 or Mrs. Emily Torzala at (586) 255-6612



OLSA INTERVIEW

with Mrs. Sharryl Pryor - Academy Secretary

Q. Why do you love OLSA? A: I love OLSA for several reasons. First and foremost, I feel like I am part of the wonderful work of forming young Catholic lives. Second, the students and teachers are full of smiles and that positive attitude is contagious. Last and most importantly, being able to go to the church for a visit to the Blessed Sacrament at the beginning or end of the day is the best.

Q: Which school event do you most look forward to during the school year? A: The school event that I most look forward to each year is the first day of school. I love seeing the smiles on the children's faces and feeling their energy as they begin a new year. I also enjoy seeing how much the children have grown over the summer.

Q: Aside from your secretarial duties, how else do you help our school and church? A: Aside from my secretarial duties, I volunteer to help with retreat dinners and church cleaning, I am a member of Nunc Dimittis and Ladies Auxiliary, and I help Brother Benedict with the Eucharistic Crusaders (*a Catholic youth apostolate whose aim is to form the hearts and minds of children from the time of their first Communion until the age of 16 to live a truly Catholic adult life*).

Hot Lunch Treat

The first hot lunch of the school year was a success! Many students enjoyed their pizza slices, carrot and celery sticks, cookies and lemonade. Hot lunch was served during their lunch hour in Boyle Hall. Thank you to Mrs. Rena Violette and her volunteers for organizing this yummy hot lunch.



The Honor Roll

Congratulations to the students who made the honor roll for the first semester of the 2022-2023 academic year.

Cum Laude - Final overall weighted average of 90% (A-) or above, with no final grade in any subject below an 83% (B)

Magna Cum Laude - Final overall weighted average of 94% (A) or above, with no final grade in any subject below an 87% (B+)

Summa Cum Laude - Final overall weighted average of 97% (A+) or above, with no final grade in any subject below a 90% (A-)

Cum Laude

- Claire Busing
- Noah Henry
- Rebecca Henry
- Hannah McQuillin
- Madeleine Taleck

Magna Cum Laude

- Juliana McQuillin
- Dominic Young

Summa Cum Laude

- Alicia Taleck
- Cecilia Taleck



OLSA FEBRUARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



February 1st:

Submit Family Auction Basket Ideas

February 7th:

National Religion Exam

February 8th:

Progress Reports

February 16th:

Main Event Field Trip (*Jog-A-Thon Reward*)

February 17th - 21st:

Pre-Lenten School Break

Let's Play Ball!

The 7th-12th Grade boys have been working hard to prepare for their upcoming baseball season. Their first league game will be at the end of February. May their team captain, Joseph Young (Senior), lead the Cavaliers to a championship victory.

Head Coach: Mr. Gerry Violette

Assistant Coach: Mr. Michael Young

Assistant Coach: Mr. Nick Wantland



OLSA STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Miss Amanda Palmeri

Mr. Diego Moncada



SPECIAL FEAST DAYS

February 2nd:

Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mother

February 3rd:

St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats

February 11th:

Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes

February 14th

St. Valentine

February 22nd:

Ash Wednesday

February 27th:

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

