

Our Lady of Sorrows Academy

THE CAVALIER

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Cavaliers

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

First Quarter Complete

Dear Friends,

The cooler temperatures of November are very welcome to our students as they eagerly set out every weekend to raise money for the Jog-A-Thon. We have already raised \$42,000, which is more than halfway to our goal! This year we are continuing to save the money for the school wall security upgrades, which was unfortunately delayed last year due to its costing a lot more than anticipated. In addition we will be purchasing more sports equipment and building a shrine to Our Lady of Sorrows on the campus.

Our academy fundraisers also help to cover our day to day costs as we try to keep tuition as low as possible. They also offer the opportunity for the children to invest something of themselves in the school, teaching the lesson that we only value that for which we sacrifice ourselves. Lastly, they also provide an opportunity for the school children to proudly represent their school in public.

At the end of the day, we know that we are working for the good of Catholic education, which is worth any sacrifice we can make. To see the growth of the children in the knowledge and love of their faith, as well as its practice, is the greatest reward for us educators. Thank you all dear friends for making this possible. We will continue our mission only with your generous support.

In Christ,
Fr. Christopher Pedersen
Principal



ABOUT OLSA

Then & Now - Oh, how the school has grown since it opened its doors in 2003 - from 10 students to 130 students! May God continue to bless the growth of our school.



2003



2004



2022

Lunchtime at OLSA

The lower academy students begin their lunch with saying the Angelus prayer. For the first 10 minutes of lunch, the students eat their lunches in silence to ensure they eat their food. To help keep the students quiet, the monitors will either play the audio book of *Narnia* or play classical music. The students are rewarded with seven minutes of "talking time" if they do not repeatedly break the silence. When lunchtime is over, the students will say their thanksgiving and then leave the lunch room to play at recess. The older students will take a few minutes to clean up the tables and floor before they leave for recess.





OLSA INTERVIEW

with Mrs. Katherine Young

Kindergarten Teacher at OLSA

Q: How long have you been teaching at OLSA?

A: I began teaching full time at Our Lady of Sorrows in 2018 as the 1st and 2nd grade teacher. Prior to that, I did a fair amount of substitute teaching in various grades.

Q: What do you find most rewarding as a teacher?

A: As a teacher and a parent, I find it so inspiring to see a student sound out their first word. The expression on a child's face is so priceless when they realize that they are able to put sounds together to make words and can finally read!

Q: Which classroom event, field trip, or project do you most look forward to with your kindergarten class?

A: Each year the kindergarten class is able to watch the life cycle of a butterfly. The children are so happy as they watch the caterpillars grow, build a chrysalis, and even see them emerge as beautiful butterflies. The students then release them in the orchard, and watch them fly away.

Top picture: (2022) Mrs. Young with her kindergarten class. Her class is the largest class in OLSA history.

Bottom picture: (2003) Mrs. Young holding her baby Veronica. Her daughter, Veronica, is now a teacher's aide for her kindergarten class.

Artwork in Miss Sarah Delmanowski's 3rd Grade Classroom



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Seminarian, Mr. Pfeiffer, with the 6th Grade boys after catechism class.



STUDENT COMPOSITION

Philomena Henry, 5th Grade

Miss Natalie Riccomini

Well, my mother's hands are always a delight to me, but the way she uses her hands in prayer is my favorite. In rosary her hands are delicate and graceful, seeming to forget the hard day's work. She gently plucks the beads while she carefully watches little John. During Holy Mass her delicate hands gently turn the pages of her missal. Before and after dinner she gently crosses her hands and bows her head silently to ask God to bless her food and thank him for it. Before swimming she humbly asks God to watch and guard her little ones with his trusty angels. I am proud and always will be of my beautiful mama.



OLSA SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 1:

Fall Break - No School

November 15:

Progress Reports

November 23:

The 13th Annual Jog-A-Thon

November 24 - 25:

Thanksgiving Break



JOG-A-THON UPDATE

We are halfway through the Jog-A-Thon season and over halfway to our goal! We have raised \$42,119 as of Week 4. Thank you to all the students and families for working so hard on fundraising thus far. Keep up the good work! Don't forget to turn in your envelopes every Tuesday.

To donate, visit:

<https://jogathon.olsa.org/>



Jog-A-Thon Tip: If you have a favorite business in the Phoenix area, consider asking if they would sponsor our Academy fundraiser. Email our Jog-A-Thon committee if you have any questions.

OLSA STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Father Kurtz

SPECIAL FEAST DAYS



November 1st:

All Saints' Day

November 2nd:

All Souls' Day

November 9th:

Dedication of the Basilica of Our Savior

November 22nd:

St. Cecilia

November 30th:

St. Andrew - Christmas Novena Begins

