



The Victory Voice

Our Lady of Victory School

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From Our Principal

Dear Families,

Another school year is about to end! We all look forward to the welcome change of pace that is our gift of summer recess! What a wonderful year this has been! It is always a delight to see how much the children grow during the year. We remember the children who arrived in September: some confident, some fearful, many happily anticipating a new school year. Each child brought expectations for the year ahead. We look at these same children today and we see the fruits of a year of work ~ how much they have grown! How much they have learned!

June is the month of Commencements: beginnings. Our Nursery and PreK children "move up" to Pre-K and Kindergarten and the Kindergarten children graduate to elementary school. Our 8th graders graduate to high school. We send our 8th graders on to their new high schools with our congratulations, our love and our prayers.

A very special thank you to all of our teachers and staff for their continued dedication and the work they do for the children. This is a bitter sweet time for teachers: we look forward to the summer break as we say goodbye to the group of students, the "class family", who have been such an important part of our days, weeks and months. How blessed and fortunate we have all been to have our lives touched by these special, dedicated people! We will always be grateful for their service and commitment to our children and families!

I would like to thank our School Board, H S A and all of our families for all you have done this year. Special thanks to Mrs. Barbara Van Riper, School Board President for the many things she does to support our school through her leadership of our School Board. A very special thank you to Mrs. Connolly and Mrs. McCann, our H S A co-presidents for the fine job they have done for the past two years! They worked tirelessly to guide and support our H S A. Thank you for your dedication and commitment!

An enormous thank you to Mrs. Rodgers for all of the work, time and talent that she has devoted to organizing and publishing our *Victory Voice*! Each issue has included snapshots of our school days and life. I know our parents and families enjoy reading about our school!

And finally, a very special thank you to Fr. Tom. Thank you for your support and dedication to our school and our parish. Your visits with our students are "catholic memories" that enrich their Catholic School experience. From taking a "tour" of the Church, to preparing for First Communion and Confirmation, to answering questions that the children may have, Fr. Tom is a visible and vibrant presence in our school. And for that we are truly blessed and truly grateful!

The gifts of summer include the slower pace and lifestyle and an opportunity to reconnect with ourselves and our friends and family. Have a wonderful summer ~ happy and safe! Enjoy the opportunities and the blessings.

God bless you all! We look forward to seeing everyone in September!

Sincerely,
Peg Augello
Principal

Some Reminders from the H S A

SAVE THE DATE

**HSA Golf Classic
and Dinner**

Friday, September 28th

Check out our school website at www.olvfp.org for more
information



Have a fun and safe summer!!



*First day of school is
Tuesday, September 4th!*

Student Council

Student Council raised money for more recess equipment. We raised enough money to get more basketballs, kickballs, and a football! Thank you to all who participated!

In March, Student Council partnered with Book Fairies to collect new and slightly used books for high poverty schools. OLV collected over 1,300 books. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Student Council asked all the teachers and students to help create memory books for Father Tom and Father Sullivan to celebrate Good Shepherds Day. It reminded us of how blessed we are to have them in our school.

As the school year draws to a close, we say goodbye to our graduating 8th grade officers and representatives, and wish them success in the years to come.

Daniel McNavich, President
Logan McCann, Secretary
Katherine Apostol, 8M Rep
Steve Grgas, 8M Rep
Brendan Reed, 8S Rep
Taylor Liverpool, 8S Rep

Have a wonderful summer!

~ Miss O'Mara

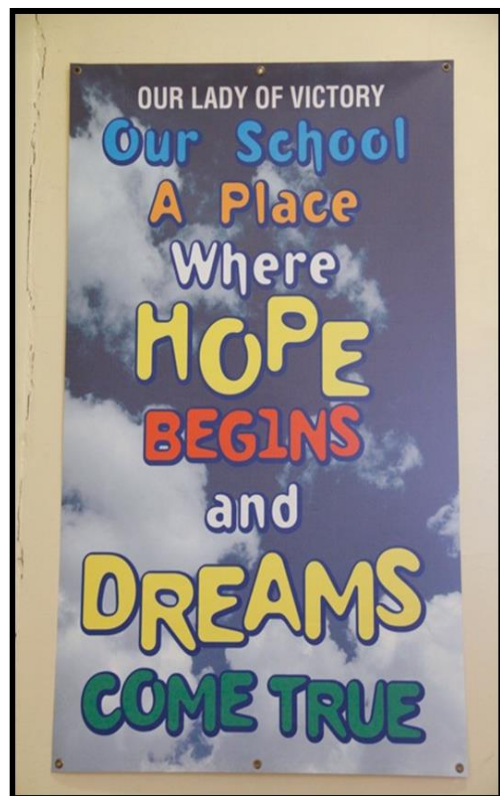


National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society will be welcoming new candidates and members to the Our Lady of Victory Chapter on May 30, 2018.

These students have demonstrated perseverance and dedication to their studies. Membership in the Our Lady of Victory Chapter has been earned by the students' demonstration of the six qualities held in high esteem by the society. These qualities include knowledge, scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Congratulations to our new candidates and members on an honor well deserved.



The Home School Association

As the school year draws to a close, we look back on the year we've experienced with a sense of reflection and renewal.

We **reflect** on the four "assignments" Father Tom asked the students to exercise this school year: Study, pray, be kind, and follow the rules. (How did they do?)

We **reflect** on our capable teachers and administrators, who have worked tirelessly to ensure our children's academic and spiritual growth. Thank you, teachers and staff, for all you do for our children every day!

We **reflect** on our accomplishments this year and express our sincere gratitude to all those committee and event chairpersons whose dedication and hard work ensured a successful year for the HSA. A heartfelt thank you to Mary Ellen Agro, Tracy Boerum, Marianne Killen, Jessica Schafrick, Amanda Bonagura, Joan Krug, Ellen Miccio, Kristy Flood, Sheila Compono, Daniela Pugh, Anne Weiss, Barbara Van Riper, Annemarie DeTommaso-Rodgers, Kerry Boyle, Jen Meier, Kerry Montaigne, Mike Montaigne, Tricia Kosiczky, Danielle Crupi, Melissa Aucone, Kristen Burgess, Laura Zilinek, Kerry Cormican, Erin Palma, Jen Fiebelkorn, Lisa Rizzi, Rich May, Matt Troy, Jack Hayes, Teresa Grgas, Doug Hayden, Jim Farrell, Colette Foley, Eithne Piscioneri, Maria McMahon, Nora Shevlin, Theresa Smith, Donna Lindskog, Mary O'Reilly, Christine Mulryan, Ann Saville, Jackie Hance, and Jill Logan.

It takes a village and this village is incredible!

We see **renewal** as the weather *finally* warms up and the trees and flowers bloom in all their colorful glory. Thank you, Mother Nature!

We witness spiritual **renewal** as the 2nd and 8th graders receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation respectively. We congratulate and pray for them as they take these faithful steps to grow closer to God.

We experience **renewal** as an OLV community as we near the end of the school year and look forward to preparing for the next one.

Finally, as we **reflect** on the past two years as co-presidents of the Home School Association, we are humbled by the generosity of everyone who supported us during our tenure. The parents and students of our wonderful OLV community selflessly shared their time and talent to ensure the HSA ran smoothly and effectively.

As we welcome our new HSA Executive Board members, we anticipate the **renewal** that accompanies a change in leadership. We're confident Maryellen Agro and Tracy Boerum - along with Keri Reda, Ellen Miccio, Jen Fiebelkorn, and Kathleen Constable - will continue to advance the mission of the HSA to benefit OLV's students, families, teachers, and administrators.

Thank you again for your support.

Wishing you a safe and blessed summer!

~ Kerry Connolly & Janet McCann
HSA Co-presidents



School Board

Thank you to the members of the Our Lady of Victory School Board for efforts this past school year. We want to express our thanks to Maureen Mansfield and ToniAnn Caturano for their service on the School Board. They both brought a seriousness of purpose and commitment to both our school and to Catholic education. We will miss them, but we will be welcoming two new members to continue the work of the School Board.

The Board's most visible activity is in the coordination of aspects of Catholic Schools Week, the planning and advertising they do for the Early Childhood and Catholic Schools Week Open Houses. The Board also works to ensure the continued vitality and success of OLV.

We hope everyone has a joyful and relaxing summer, and see you in September!



Graduating Families

At the 8th grade awards ceremony, we will recognize our graduates' accomplishments, but also bid farewell to those families "graduating out" of OLV School.

Each family will be presented with flowers from the Home School Association. The HSA sincerely thanks and offers well wishes to those parents who, over the years, have given so much to our school. Their choice to send their children to Catholic school, and their dedication to OLV, ensures an

outstanding school like Our Lady of Victory thrives. Whether giving of their time, expertise, or a helping hand, they are always appreciated.

We ask these graduating families to please keep OLV School in their lives and your prayers.

May God continue to bless them and their children.



**The Boyle Family
The Carroll Family
The Caturano Family
The Dodson Family
The Martinez Family
The McEwan Family
The McGovern Family
The Maloney Family
The Nass Family**

**The Dolan Family
The Dunn Family
The GaNun Family
The Henry Family
The Liverpool Family
The McCann Family
The McGovern Family
The O'Donnell Family
The Reed Family**

~ Home School Association



A Word from Your Volunteer Committee

The Volunteer Committee would like to thank all the wonderful parents who served as Event and Fundraising Chairpeople, Standing Committee Chairs, Committee Members, Hall and Lunch Duty Volunteers, Class Mothers and on and on!! So many of you went above and beyond and it is so much appreciated! Huge thanks go out to Mrs. Augello, Kerry Connolly and Janet McCann for their unwavering support and guidance!

If you have not completed the 2018-2019 Online Volunteer Registration Form that was emailed to each family, please go to the school website and click on the link. The Volunteer Committee is working to assemble the complex volunteer "puzzle" and having all of the pieces (i.e.: families' options), is the only way to complete it. If you believe you are unable to volunteer next year, please send in your Volunteer Fee of \$200 made out to OLV HSA by August 1, 2018. There are volunteer options to fit any schedule - we hope you choose to lend a hand! Confirmations of volunteer assignments will be emailed in June.

A note from Kerry Boyle:

I have served on the Volunteer Committee for quite a while and it has been an honor. I have heard so many OLV parents say the words that are music to the ears of any Volunteer Committee Member: "Let me know how else I can help." I can honestly say the parents who help "above and beyond" at OLV School have the most enriched and

enlightened parental experience. There are volunteer opportunities for all schedules - if you haven't had the chance to go "above and beyond" yet, please dive in for 2018-2019! To all the HSA Executive Committee members I have served under - thank you for your support! To the teachers and staff at OLV School - I find you all remarkable and appreciate all you do! And to Mrs. Augello - there are really no words adequate enough to describe the level of your dedication, patience, wisdom and talent in overseeing *all things OLV School*. I have learned so much from you and will be forever grateful! God bless!

Have a great summer everyone!!

The Volunteer Committee,

~ Kerry Boyle

~ Jennifer Meier

~ Anne Saville



Charities Committee

The Charities Committee is extremely grateful to the entire OLVS community for their abundant generosity this year. Thankfully, my van's trunk was filled for our food delivery to Our Lady of Lourdes at Thanksgiving, and Mrs. Krug's trunk was filled with lotions and tissues after our Valentine's collection for Queen of Peace. The Hance Family Foundation received bags and bags of mittens at Christmas. Most impressive this year was the sacrificial giving so many families made to support the children of fallen firefighter Michael Davidson. OLV collected over \$3,500!

Thank you also for praying whenever the circumstances called for Rosaries throughout the school year.

May God reward all of you for your generosity!

~ Amanda Bonagura

~ Joan Krug



Cocktails, Music, and Prizes

In a tireless effort to improve our social and fundraising efforts at OLV School, we unveiled a new event this spring. The first annual Spring Cocktail Party & Live Auction took place in Memorial Hall on Saturday, April 21st.

Guests enjoyed cocktails and conversation under a canopy of lights, while listening to acclaimed acoustic duo, The Wäters. Incredible prizes were offered during our exciting live auction, which brought in over \$11,000!

Many thanks to my party planning partners, Kerry Boyle and Christine Mulryan, as well as volunteers Brian Lavin, Cynthia Pereira, Christelle Grandchamps, Liam & Jessica Guilfoyle, Maurice Reilly, and Todd Kunkel. I must also thank those who were not assigned to our event but stepped in to help as well: Jimmy Reda, Ed McCann, Roger McGovern, Janet McCann, Annemarie Rodgers, Krissy Bowe, Rocio Rohan, Christine Farrell, Maryellen Agro, Keri Reda, and Erin McCormack-Herbert and her parents!

Finally, I want to thank The Galla Family, The Reda Family, The DiMaggio Family, Ms. Kiedasch, and the myriad OLV friends and family who generously donated prizes for our live auction.

We received positive feedback on the event and look forward to making next year's party even more successful and fun!



Easter Bunny Breakfast

The event was terrific! We were joined by 190 parents and children. Once again, Father Tom started the event with a very nice discussion with the children and they



were very engaged, it is really so special and Father Sullivan also joined us

for a bit. The Easter Bunny welcomed students and parents outside the building then took pictures with the children individually and at a class level. Everyone enjoyed bagels, munchkins, coffee, juice, and cupcakes then played one of 5 games run by our 8th grade volunteers. Donna Lindskog's daughter Sarah saved the day and came to the rescue to play the Easter



Bunny. She did a great job and was quite the trooper! Our parent volunteers (and

some spouses pitched in too) were fabulous! We readily had a great group of volunteers (including the students) helping us pull the event together. All in all, it was a fun morning that went off without a hitch and the event ended with the children hunting for Easter eggs in the school yard, lots of new hiding places, now that the playground is there!!



I would also like to thank the rapid response volunteer group of 8th grade girls and boys that were drafted by Kerry Boyle and Noreen Dodson to help Jackie and I set up on Thursday during the snow day. It was very much appreciated!!

Thursday "Save the day" volunteers:

Greg Alcusky, Declan Boyle, Anthony Caturano, Michael Carolan, Lauren Dodson, Kiki GaNun, Stevie Grgas, Daragh McGovern, Colleen McGovern, Owen Moloney, Owen O'Donnell.

Saturday's brave souls:

Michael Carolan, Stevie Grgas, Owen O'Donnell

Thanks,

~ Ann Saville

~ Jackie Hance



Mock Trial

It is every parent's nightmare: the distracted driving of one teen causing the death of another teen. At the heart of the 2018 Catholic Middle School Mock



Trial Program was whether this particular distracted driving rose to the level of manslaughter. Hosted by St. John's University School of Law and organized by St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School, 12 schools and over 200 students participated in the program that took place on May 19, 2018. Our Lady of Victory School sent three teams to the Mock Trial Program, two prosecution teams and one defense team.

This year's case, People v. Terry O'Neal, was a criminal homicide case. Terry O'Neal, the Defendant, is a high school senior who was the driver in a one-car accident that killed one of his passengers; his best friend's little



sister. Due to the police expert's report that the Defendant's speeding and distracted driving created an unjustified risk of harm, the Defendant was charged with Manslaughter in the Second Degree. Each side had three witnesses to support

their version of events. The case raised serious issues about what type of behavior should be deemed by society to be so reckless that it should be punishable by the law.

During the course of preparing for the trial, OLV's 6th, 7th and 8th grade students analyzed different aspects of the case. The students were briefed on the applicable law and were taught the technique of asking witnesses questions. As a group, they assessed the strengths and weaknesses of the case and learned how to handle the good facts as well as the bad facts. They had a chance to see the law in action and to begin thinking critically about the law as a force for social good. The students practiced public speaking and with each week, their self-confidence grew.

This year's teams were moderated by Miss Varrassi, coached by attorney Mrs. Heather McClintock and consisted of the following students: representing the Prosecution were: Finbar McClintock, Casey May, Joseph Bonagura, Cailey Rodgers, Meaghan Hayes, Rebecca Smith, Tommy Van Riper, Madeline Krug, Patrick Logan, Greg Alcusky, Patrick Mulryan, Brendan Carroll, Tommy Mansfield, Jessica Lindskog, Michael Killen, Marygrace McClintock, Jack McNavich, Madison Firoz, Gianna Feglia, Bridget Alcusky, Gavin Logan, Madison Grgas, Nora Butler and Matthew Fogarty; representing the Defense were: David Vessey, Brendan Reed, Declan Boyle, Daniel McNavich, Julianne Foley, Justin Dunn, Clodagh Kenneally, Jeremy Martinez, Emma Foley, Akayla McEwan, Owen Moloney and Sophia Ieraci.

The students were fortunate to receive some litigation tips from attorney and litigator Mr. John Nicolini. After listening to each side present its case, Mr. Nicolini offered some practical advice using examples from his own litigation experience. Mr. Nicolini's guidance helped the students to focus on the most important parts of their role in the trial. His visits to the club were exciting for all and the team is grateful for his contribution. Thank you, Mr. Nicolini!

As the judge aptly stated at the conclusion of the program, the level of effort and preparation that the students demonstrated indicated that they will be successful in any career they choose; and their moderator and coach couldn't agree more.



Congratulations to the OLV Mock Trial students for successfully completing a challenging and rewarding program.





Sodality Club

Sodality Club had a blessed Lent and Easter living out our theme of "Fight the Good Fight." On St. Joseph's Day, March 19th, Fr. Sullivan celebrated.

Mass for us, we donated \$220 to Bella's Brigade-St. Baldrick's Day fundraising, we supported the OLV Food Pantry, and we enjoyed the feast day treats zeppoli and sfingi from Sapienza Bakery. The end of April finally brought good weather and our second year participating in National Pro-Life T-shirt Day. The Sodality kids all wore their pro-life t-shirts to school as a NUT Pass and helped make the Parish Center look beautiful with spring flowers. We also took advantage of OLV's formed.org subscription to watch plenty of excellent videos on the Shroud of Turin, the Resurrection, and YDisciple.

We want to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to Fr. Sullivan for moderating the Senior Sodality Club for the first time this year. The 7th and 8th grade Sodality members met monthly with Fr. Sullivan to watch formed.org and discuss more mature topics related to the unique struggles of middle school life

~ Amanda Bonagura

~ Mrs. Heilmann



In Our Classes

Early Childhood

Our Nursery children had a great year...and now they are ready for Pre-K! Think back to when they first started. Wow! They have grown so much and have had so much fun while learning and playing with their classmates.

We spent the last few weeks talking about how we always need to thank God, and we shared how we can care for God's creations. We learned about the parts of a plant and then planted grass seed, making sure they had enough sunlight and water each day. We made them into "Grass Heads" by adding silly faces. We studied the life cycles of a chick, frog, and butterfly, too. The children then colored in their Creation Booklets to show how much they appreciate all that God gives us. We learned the *Hail Mary* prayer and know that we should also pray to Mary, our Mother, to help us to be good listeners.

We worked on understanding various math concepts, such as big/small, tallest/shortest, 1 to 1 correspondence, matching, sorting, etc. We practiced with scissors and did lots of coloring and gluing. We did this while we completed all activities for letters U-Z. We used watercolors to paint an umbrella for letter U. For letter V we created a flower-filled vase and had "Show and Tell," sharing what we did on a trip or vacation. For W we used watercolors to paint a whale. We also made a mobile showing ways to care for our earth and learned a few songs, such as *Our Big Earth*,

Boom De Yada, and *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*. We sang these songs with our guests at Special Person's Day, using props to make it fun! Our guests and the children had a blast! For letter X, we made a xylophone craft with all the colors of the rainbow and had an X Band, marching and making music with wooden sticks. For letter Y we used watercolors to paint a yak, and for letter Z we played "Pin the Tail on Zachary Zebra" and completed a zebra craft. The children then finished stamping in their ABC Books. For Mother's Day we colored a picture of Mary and gave our moms a poem, "Who Will Be My Angel?" We also popped popcorn in school and then drizzled it with chocolate. We bagged the popcorn and put it in pretty mugs for our Moms. The children had so much fun doing this!! For Memorial Day, we talked about what makes America great and made patriotic handprints. For Spirit Day and Field Day, we had so many fun activities, like relay races and fun with balloons, both in the school yard and at the playground.

The children are very proud of all they can do, now that they are BIG KIDS! They are busy making decorations and practicing for their Moving Up Ceremony. They can't wait to "show-off" to their guests. They'll sing songs, say prayers, and recite silly poems. They are so proud of themselves!

The children shared what they plan to do this summer:

Timmy - I'm going to Delaware and will play in the pool with Ella.

Cassidy - I'm going to the pool at Woodloch with Mommy, Daddy, and Conor.

Owen - I'm going to the park with Grandma and Pop.

Emily P. - I'm going to the beach with my Mommy and Daddy and Liam.

Ryan S. - I'm going to play outside with the jumpee.

Emily R. - I'll play in my backyard and water the pumpkins.

Ellie - I will go to the beach with Daddy, Mom, and Maggie and wear my swimmys.

Sarah - I'm going to the outside pool with the sprinkler with Alaina, Damon, and Jacinda.

Ryan C. - I'm going to the park to play on the swings and the slides.

Julie - I'm going to the pool and I'm going to plants flowers.

Liam - I'm going to the pool and the ocean with Momma and Dadda.

Filomena - I want to go to the beach and build a sandcastle.

Will - I'm going to play with my dogs Teddy and Sparky and take walks.

Madelyn - I'm going to play outside my house and go to the pool.

Giuseppe - I am going on a rollercoaster with Mommy and Daddy.

Ella - I'm going to the pool with Katie and I'll go under the water.

Axel - I want to build sandcastles in the Philippines with Daddy.

Abigail - I will go in the sprinklers and go to the pool and swim with Olivia and AJ.

Aidan X. - I'm going to the beach and make sandcastles.

Katherine - I'll go the zoo in Washington State with Mommy and Daddy and my dog Lucy.

Aidan E. - I'm going to make cookies and go to the beach with Franco.

Hope you have a great summer!

~ Mrs. Dodson



Pre-K

The end of Pre-K is very near,
We'd like to share what we did this year.

Now we know our ABC's,
colors, shapes and days.

We sang some songs,
learned some poems, rhymes and
puppet plays.

We played outside on sunny days,
and inside when it rained.

Our little hands and feet were busy in many
different ways.

Our teachers were Mrs. Strzepek and Mrs.
Lenti.

We kept them on their toes.
They tied our shoes, combed our hair and
even wiped our nose.
But now it's time to say "Good-Bye"
to all our preschool friends.
School is over, summer's here,
But learning never ends!

~Rainbows Within Reach~
Edited by Mrs. Lenti

We're glad we were your teachers,
We've come to love you so.
We can't believe the end is near,
We hate to see you go!
Remember all the fun we had
and all the things we did,
But most of all remember
You're a VERY special kid!

We are very proud of the children in Pre-K
and all they have accomplished this year. We
would like to thank the parents for their
support and cooperation. Thank you to our
aides, Mrs. Donza and Mrs. Teleski for all
their hard work. And a special thank you to
our class mothers, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Iearci,
Mrs. Lavin, and Mrs. Nunez. You've always
come through with anything we have asked
you to do.

It has truly been a pleasure teaching your
children.

We had a wonderful year together!

We wish all of you a happy and safe summer.

~ Mrs. Lenti

~ Mrs. Strzepek



Kindergarten

Graduation comes so quickly each year. The children are painting the glittering scenery with the excitement and anticipation of



Graduation Day. We are practicing singing our songs, and memorizing our poems and lines

for The New Kindergarten Creation!

June 14th is the big day and we are hoping that it is a beautiful day. The gym will be filled with family and friends and many cameras will be waiting for the children to arrive. The guests will be treated to a "The Year in Pictures", a slideshow of the children's first year in kindergarten.

The children will tell the Story of Creation through rhyme and song and this grand finale is always a wonderful memory for all.



I want to say thank-you to some people who were always there to lend a helping hand. First, Mrs. Hnath, my right hand! Mrs. Samuel, our class mom,

thanks for listening, your generosity and always being there for all of us! My "Lazos" crew for hanging all the decorations and

making this a beautiful setting for this creation.

Lastly, I would like to say thank-you to you for entrusting your children to me. Every day was an adventure, each child bringing their own unique personality that made up the wonderful eclectic group of KL. Every year I am amazed at the endless potential of a five year old. I hope that they have learned as much from me as I have learned from them.

They say that with each person you meet they leave a small piece of them with you. I know that I am very grateful to have all your children's "pieces" in my heart! I will always remember them with a smile.

I never say good-bye, I'll be seeing you!

~ Mrs. Lazos ☺



First Grade

It has been such a wonderful year for our class! Our first graders have blossomed and grown into smart, creative, and caring boys and girls ready and excited for second grade!

This semester we enjoyed watching Thankful Thursday performances.

When it was our turn, we explained the meaning behind the Divine Mercy image of Jesus and how to recite the Divine Mercy



Chaplet. It was easy for us to sing and speak from our hearts because we truly are a faithful group. Each morning when we share our intentions and learn something new about God we look and listen, not just with eyes and ears, but with hearts wide open to God in all His glory.

We had our first field trip to the Tanglewood Preserve. It was very exciting for us to go on a bus together and travel as a family. For many of us, it was our first



school bus ride ever!

We not only learned

about some new animals,

but got to pet

and meet some up close and personal, as well. We took part in a second session where we learned about patterns and shapes in the world. This exciting connection led to blowing bubbles with partners, which also helped us notice patterns and shapes. Hiking through the preserves to look at different plants and flowers was a great way to end our trip. This trip brought the stories we read on different plants and animals to life! We are looking forward to sharing our animal research projects and adding some new facts. Sharing our April Family Fun project was also a

lot of fun. We enjoyed hiding our animals behind cracked eggs and coming



up with riddles for others to solve. We also enjoyed listening to read alouds, reading from Scholastic News, and watching Brainpop Jr. videos about our American symbols, holidays, cardinal directions, and healthy foods. Learning about the world through reading from different mediums like books, magazines, and technology has really started to make an impact on us.



In math we are really becoming experts. We can now add and subtract 2 digit numbers with regrouping. We know how to compare numbers and are careful detectives when adding or subtracting, circling our plus signs and/or underlining our key words in math problems.

Our reading program continues to grow with us helping us to not only be better readers, but writers and spellers.

Special Persons Day was so much fun. We got to plant with our guests. Spirit day was



awesome! We are looking forward to Hance Family Fun Day. We are the awesome *1M Milers!* We are also looking forward to Field Day and the many other exciting end of year activities planned at OLV.

It has been a blessing to be a part of OLV this year. 1M is forever in my heart and we

will continue to enjoy the rest of this school year together.

Thank you to all of my parents for all your cooperation and support you have given me throughout the year. A special thank you to Mrs. Farrell for being dedicated and such a sweet class mother.

Have a healthy, peaceful and wonderful summer!

~ Mrs. Masetti



Second Grade

It has been a splendid year in second grade! The children have grown so much physically, spiritually and socially since the first day we met them in September. We have learned so much and have created many lasting memories.

On May 12th the children continued their faith journey when they received the sacrament of First Holy Communion. The children were excited to become full members of the Church



community and to share this day amongst family and friends. The second graders also participated in the May Crowning ceremony. What an amazing job the children did singing "A Mother Lined a Basket!" They led the school procession as we said the rosary and crowned our Mary statues. It was a wonderful and prayerful experience.

Another special moment of the year was our field trip to The Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay. During the trip, the children had the opportunity



to hear a story about the life cycle of a plant and then re-create the life cycle on a felt board, each child having at least 1 part in the life cycle. We were able to walk through the Arboretum's beautiful Hibiscus and Palm Greenhouses and see many different tropical plants. We ended our field trip by each getting to plant our own bean, tomato, lettuce and corn plants which the students were able to take home and replant in their own backyards!

In Math, the children learned to measure objects in inches and centimeters. They've learned to tell time and to count money. The students have learned the names of two and three dimensional shapes and have created a town with these shapes. They have also been introduced to fractions and have learned about halves, thirds and fourths. They are so excited to learn this new skill. As with any new skill, continued practice will lead to success.

We continue to read the *Superkids Take Off!* We continue to practice reading fluency. The students practice identifying the setting, problem, solution, main idea and character traits. They've practiced using the text to support their answers to questions. The children wrote persuasive paragraphs to persuade others to vote for their paragraph. We then enjoyed the winning food as a snack in each class. Yummy!

The children have learned their cursive letters and are excited to use it in their everyday writing. They know the importance of practicing this new skill.

In science, we have learned about the parts of the plant. We've watched some Brain Pop videos to help us get a better understanding of plants. We planted and observed plants. The students enjoyed taking care of their plants and seeing them grow. They learned about seeds and how they scatter. The second graders made a flip book of how a plant grows. We will learn about force and motion. The children will experiment with electricity and magnets.



In Social Studies we learned earning money and how we can use that money to purchase

different goods and services. We even learned how different countries need to trade in order to purchase goods that they are unable to produce themselves. As we have already learned about the country in

the past, we will finish second grade learning about our country today. We will learn about the government on the local level as well as the National level including the branches of government and the President. We will learn about what the job entitles them to do, as well as the election process.

It has been a blessing to be a part of this special year with the children. We hope that they continue to be successful academically and spiritually. Thank you to all the parents for their support and help throughout the year. A special thank you to Mrs. Capraro and Mrs. Cuite for being wonderful and dedicated class mothers.

We wish you a healthy, safe and restful summer! Enjoy your time with family and friends.

~ Ms. Conboy

~ Mrs. Burgess



Third Grade

Wow, we can't believe the 2017-2018 school year is almost over. This year has been fantastic. We have made so many great memories! Of course, many of our favorite memories were made during Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week was a blast! One highlight was getting to meet Timothy Bellavia who spoke to us about his career

and some of the different books he has published. It was so interesting to discuss and learn about his writing process, as well as the process of illustrating his books. We especially loved learning about his book, We Are All the Same Inside and were excited by the opportunity to design our own Sage dolls. Everyone participated and our designs were entered in a contest. It was so much fun to see everybody's completed drawings! We enjoyed ourselves even more because we were so comfortable during the day in our pajamas--it was awesome! Another one of our most recent highlights from this year was Spirit Day! It was a fun-filled day as always. We loved getting to spend the day with friends, dancing and playing games. It was great to watch our classmates participate in the talent show and recycled fashion show!

In Math, we have learned so much this year! We learned all about multiplication, division, area, perimeter, geometry, measurement, and so much more! We really enjoyed all the fun activities we did when we worked on fractions! We loved watching fun Brain Pop videos, using iPads to practice our skills, playing math games including "I have...Who has..?" as well as Kahoot!, playing Smart Board games and solving tricky word problems when we worked in groups. We especially loved working with the iPads. We are looking forward to using all of our knowledge in fourth grade!

In Science this year, we enjoyed participating in labs, especially when we explored force and friction. We had fun predicting and testing how much friction is produced by various surfaces. We built a ramp and used a toy car to see which surfaces caused the most friction and the

least friction. We measured to see how far the car went on each surface and recorded our results. Participating in labs helped deepen our understanding of the topics we covered. The solar system, simple machines, and animal adaptations were among our favorite topics as well. We enjoyed researching an endangered species and completing our endangered species report. We learned so many interesting facts while working on our reports. Our favorite Social Studies project was our timeline project. We had so much fun thinking about all the wonderful events of our lives and sharing them with the class. It was great to see how cute we all were as babies! This year we really enjoyed learning about communities, the many places where communities start, their cultural influences and histories.



In Reading, we read some great stories as a class which led to

many engaging conversations. We definitely enjoyed participating in the interactive Smart Board lessons and games. We loved going up to the board to answer questions and earn points for our teams. It really made learning fun! We also had a blast doing so many fun monthly projects.

One of our favorite projects was when we shared



our biography reports. It was so much fun

because we were able to dress up as the person we read about and share important facts about their lives. It was great to see all the props and learn about so many important "Awesome Americans." In April, we also enjoyed reading poetry and reciting our favorite poems to the class. In addition, we enjoyed reading and writing about our favorite Saints. It was great to share and learn so many interesting facts about them! In May, we enjoyed reading Charlotte's Web, by E.B. White. We really liked Charlotte's Web because it was a great story and it fit right with what we learned about in Science; how animals grow and change. After we finished reading the story, we had the opportunity to visit the Kupferberg Arts Center for our field trip and see the play. This was certainly a highlight for us. We really loved going to see the play and enjoyed a great lunch with our friends at Applebees! It was so much fun to go on a field trip with our classmates and share a wonderful day together!

This year was full of technology! Kahoot! was one of our favorite apps to play on the iPads. Watching math videos and singing along to skip counting songs helped us tremendously. We watched so many Brain Pop, Jr. videos, too. We really love them because they are so funny and really help us learn. Going to Computer class, using the Smart Board, and getting to use the iPads was fantastic! We really enjoyed using so many new apps and playing lots of fun games.

In Religion, we learned about the different parts of the Church year as we celebrated each season and recognized that we are all important members of the Church. We also learned how important Mass is to our faith.

One of the many highlights this year was our class mass. It was so special to us because we got to participate by doing the readings, bringing up the Gifts and singing our meditation hymn. We also enjoyed our research project on the Saints. It was fun to share with all of our friends the many things we discovered! Our visits with Father Tom were always eventful. We especially enjoyed when we got to tour the church and discuss the bible stories that inspired all of the stained glass windows! We loved meeting with Father Tom and asking many questions—we learned so many new things! Our visits with Father Tom were so special to us and we will always remember them. We look forward to our meetings next year. Thank you, Father Tom!



This year was also special because we continued the tradition of "Thankful Thursdays." We loved watching all of the classes perform each month. We especially loved it when it was our turn to perform in May. We taught everyone about good sportsmanship and helped to prepare everybody for one of our favorite days...Field Day! Field day, as always, was great! It was so much fun participating in so many great activities for the entire day! We can't wait for next year! In addition to Field day, we loved all of the other great "end" of year activities including the Spring Concert, Dance Recital, Spirit Day, and the Talent Show. It was great to be able to participate in all these wonderful activities! In third grade we also had the

opportunity to join band and practice each week. It was so much fun to perform in front of everybody at the concert. The dance recital and talent show were great, too! We were so proud to share our gifts and talents with everyone.

In closing, we would like to thank all of our parents for all your support and cooperation throughout the year. We have truly enjoyed working with the children. We are so pleased to see how well the students have strived to reach the high standards that were set forth in third grade. We commend everyone's efforts for a job well done! 3Z and 3R had a great year and we are confident that all of the third graders are ready for all of the challenges fourth grade has to offer!

Have a great summer!

~ Mrs. Zaldivar (3Z)

~ Mrs. Ruggiero (3R)



Fourth Grade

"No more pencils, no more books..."— well, not quite yet!

We are, however, coming to an end of our year as 4th graders, and what a year it has been!

Since our last Victory Voice, the 4th graders have completed both the ELA and the Math NYS tests. We are pleased to say that we worked hard, and did our best! We are also pleased that they are in our past!

NY State Science Performance and Written tests are coming up, and we are busy preparing for them by reviewing all areas of our Science curriculum. Life Science, where we learn about living plants and animals, is always interesting. We even got to grow flowers in our classrooms! We did a fun experiment with a strange substance called *Oobleck*! We had so much fun touching it and playing with it to figure out if it is considered a solid or a liquid!

In math, we have spent a great deal of time working with fractions. We have learned to add, subtract, and multiply fractions, turn fractions into mixed numbers, and turn mixed numbers into improper fractions. Now, we are working on turning fractions into decimals. There is so much to learn!



In Social Studies, we are learning about the early years of our country. We have read about and discussed how our country's system of government came to be, and how it works. We realized that knowing about our country's historical past makes us better citizens.

Reading stories in our "Journeys" textbooks is always enjoyable. One of the interesting stories we have read was the myth, "Hercules' Quest." In conjunction with this story, we made a spelling list with mythological derivations. Ask us how to spell "narcissistic" or "odyssey." We can do it! A realistic fiction story we enjoyed immensely was "Dear Mr. Winston" which was written in the form of a letter of apology, from a girl who had brought a snake into the library to do research about it. Can you guess what she needed to apologize to the librarian for?

In Religion class, we've learned about the Ten Commandments, and have begun working in our Family Life books. As a class, we continue to attend 8:30 mass monthly. The 4th graders have been working hard on making scrapbooks about their memories of 4th grade. We are very excited to show them to our families and friends when we are finished with them!



In March, the 4th graders were responsible for the Lenten Prayer Service. We reenacted the reading of

the Passion of Christ for the student body congregation. We diligently practiced our lines and the staging, so that everyone would appreciate the prayerful nature of our production. Based on the reaction from



the congregation, we succeeded!

4th grade went on an exciting field trip to *Just Escape* in Massapequa. Students were given situations and clues to help them to "escape the room" in one hour! Students had to use team work and problem solving skills to escape! Everyone had a great time and wants to go back to try to "escape" different rooms!

4th grade had an awesome time at Spirit Day! It was a beautiful day and fun was had by all. We loved dancing with the D.J., playing bingo in the cafeteria, and playing carnival games in the gym!

We cannot leave 4th grade without thanking



our amazing class mothers, Mrs. Guilfoyle and Mrs. Reda, and all the parents, for making our class parties truly special occasions...thank you!

Whatever our favorite memory of 4th grade was, we all agree that we have come a long way since September, and we are all ready for the challenges of 5th grade.

Wishing you all a very happy and restful summer vacation!

~ Mrs. Kelly
~ Miss O'Mara



Fifth Grade

Happy Summer!

We are quickly coming to the end of the 2017-2018 school year! Time has flown by! (Time flies when you're having fun, right?)

Students have studied the Seven Sacraments this year in Religion. As part of their portfolios, which are passed from grade to grade, students will include their own Sacrament Booklet that describes the parts of and importance of each Sacrament. It was especially nice and extremely helpful to have Father Tom regularly meet to help us in our religious studies. We have each researched a Feast Day that honors Our Blessed Mother and will share this particular "story" with our classmates. We are using Formed.org as a resource in our religion classes to bring these "Mary stories" to life whenever possible. During this last trimester, Family Life was added to our Religion curriculum. We have learned and discussed the importance of families to our Church community. Students have become more aware that each and every life is a sacred gift from God!

This last trimester, The HEPP program was made available to the fifth graders. The focus is on taking care of and respecting our bodies, making good choices, and handling peer pressure. The discussions were led by the HEPP teacher, Mrs. Manley.

In Social Studies, we continue to travel the American history timeline. The resolution of the American Revolution is our goal. Students utilize their computer skills to create timelines and to become familiar with some of the important figures during this

revolutionary period. Hopefully, as our school year concludes, our 5th graders leave with a deepened respect for their nation and its founders.

We have finished reading a wonderful book, *Esperanza Rising*, which is a realistic fiction selection based upon the author, Pam Munoz Ryan's real-life grandmother in our ELA class. This book chronicles the life of Esperanza Ortega as an indulged girl growing up in the lap of luxury in Aguascalientes, Mexico in the 1930's. But a sudden tragedy shatters her world and forces Esperanza and her family to flee to California, where they settle into a new life as farm laborers. Our discussions in class centered on the main characters, their changes, their hopes, their interactions, and the struggle for human rights. Mrs. Moore, our Spanish teacher, supplemented our assignments with Spanish vocabulary introduced in our reading. Ms. Kiedaisch, our Art teacher, also integrated an art class using the book, by instructing students on the creation of a yarn doll, a "poor girl's" version of a doll. It is a book we will long remember.

Spirit Day and Field Day activities were just awesome and we enjoyed them so much! Thank you to all the families who helped make them a success!

OLV is a great place to be!!

I wish everyone a safe, enjoyable, and restful summer! God Bless!

See you in September!

~ Mrs. Heilmann



5th Grade Math

Students presented their math projects, *The Mathematician's Expedition*, to family, school mates and friends in May. I am so proud of all the students and the amazing job that they did. The 5th graders had to apply the math skills they have learned to solve a real world problem. Projects included everything from planning parties, taking vacations, remodeling homes and even opening up a business.

Thanks to all the parents for their support of this project!

~ Mrs. Michelle Schneider



Sixth Grade

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I cannot believe that the school year is just about over. What an amazing year we had together! We have accomplished so much academically and spiritually. You have truly all made my first year at OLV an enjoyable and memorable one.

In 6th grade religion we studied the Old Testament and the history of the Israelites. Our studies began with creation and brought us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We also examined the special seasons of the church calendar and the importance of the holy days. We attended class mass on a monthly basis and prayed the Rosary during the months of October and May. The May

Crowning was a beautiful event and way to honor Mary. It was a beautiful site to see all of our 2nd graders in their communion outfits.

In Math the long awaited NYS math exams were administered. I am so proud of all the hard work and determination that all the 6th graders

exhibited in preparation for them. This third trimester also



included the

Math Expedition. All of our students should be proud of the work they produced. The projects were interesting and students demonstrated areas in real life situations where math can be used. The 6th graders had to investigate a vocational goal they have and use that goal as a basis for this project. My hope for you is that you are able to achieve all of the dreams you set forth within these projects. The sky's the limit for each of you!!

In Social Studies, we completed our unit on Ancient Greece. The students had to research a Greek God and present their project dressed as them. What a great job they all did. The costumes and projects were amazing. We are now learning about Medieval Europe. We went on a field trip to Medieval Times in Lyndhurst, NJ. We were able to see the middle ages come to life! We had a blast during the show and especially enjoyed eating with our hands.

~ Mrs. Michelle Schneider



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Hello from Sixth Grade!

It is so unbelievable how quickly the end of the school year is approaching! The fifth and sixth grade are eager for summertime, but that has not deterred them from their studies. It has been an exciting few weeks for the sixth grader because they have recently received their chromebooks in preparation for seventh and eighth grade. The students have been using them to take notes, complete homework and classwork and to engage in online activities all at their fingertips.

In Science, the sixth grade students have been exploring the diversity of plants and the many different processes they undergo in order to survive. The students created seed bags and observed their growth over the course of two weeks. Students were able to determine exactly what plants need in order to grow. Next, students were reading about the inverse processes of photosynthesis and cellular respiration and how they help keep the balance of life. The students also observed the many different ways plants respond to their environment and to chemical hormones that are used to make them more productive. As this chapter comes to a close, students will be switching gears from plants to animals and will be examining the diversity of different species along with animal behaviors. Sixth grade will end the year with the dissection of a calf's heart to understand the structure and function of living systems within organisms.

Fifth grade students are learning about the complex layers that make up earth and how these layers interact together. The students created a map on what they hypothesized the continents to look like based on similar plant and animal fossils that were found on different parts of the world. They came to the conclusion that earth's continents were connected together at one point in time and broke apart due to the theory of plate tectonics. They have also made some fascinating discoveries about how the earth continues to change because of weathering, erosion, and deposition. The students were able to examine the different rocks that make up the rock cycle and understand how rocks can change from one form to another. As the end of the year comes to a close, the students will be learning about earth's resources and the final unit in fifth grade will take us to the stars - literally!

In Social Studies, our class has made a stop-over in Ancient Greece and learned about the many philosophers and inventors that are responsible for advancements that have shaped our society. The students completed a project where they had to select a Greek god/goddess, research them and come in with a presentation to share with the class. The students loved completing their research and the projects can be seen hanging in the hallway. In preparation for a Medieval Times field trip, the students have been learning about chivalry of knights and what life was like in the Middle Ages. We can't wait to see what Medieval Times has instore for us!

In religion, students have learned about the ways to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ. The students examined the Beatitudes and reflected on how they can follow in the footsteps of Jesus everyday of their lives. We will also have practice in preparation for May Crowning which will be happening in the coming weeks.

~ Ms. Varrassi



6th Grade ELA

Our 6th graders are free at last...from NYS Exams that is!!

6th graders recently completed the NYS ELA Grade 6 exams, on the computer! They were part of the group of participatory students who were assessed using Computer Based Testing. After a few glitches that were quickly rectified, the testing went very well. All students preferred the computer modality for responding to their reading and writing. Their attention and effort were 100%!!

As a final 6th grade class book, we are reading the Newbery Award winning book, *From the Mixed- Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*, by E. L. Konigsburg. The setting of this book is NYC, 1960's. To supplement their reading, the students are researching NYC attractions and restaurants. They are planning a fun-filled NYC day! There is no spending limit and the ideas the students have generated are indeed creative! From visits to the area museums, to lunch at NYC hot spots such as Serendipity and the Stardust Diner, and an evening at the

restaurant at the top of the Freedom Tower, each itinerary is packed with fun, educational and exciting stops. A Google slide show will accompany the written reports.

~ Mrs. Heilmann



Seventh and Eighth Grades

7th and 8th Grade ELA

7th Grade ELA

Seventh graders began the third trimester having fun reading some well-known limericks. Students wrote and shared their own limericks, too. We then read the true story of a very hectic, fun-loving, extremely large family called "Cheaper by the Dozen". The co-authors are siblings, Frank and Ernestine Gilbreth, who were inspired by their experiences in this efficiency-driven family to write a very funny life story! Students are now analyzing some classic poems written by such authors as Robert Frost and Walter de la Mare. Class time will also be spent preparing students for this fall's COOP exam, which includes reading comprehension practice, spelling, vocabulary, and grammar.

8th Grade ELA

Using the textbook, "Grammar for Writing", students have worked on summarizing and sentence combining skills as they responded to writing prompts. They know the

importance of developing and supporting a thesis statement in order to write effective essays. After completing novel studies that included "The Outsiders" and "To Kill a Mockingbird", students explored the elements of the short story. Plot, characters, point of view and theme were looked at in such stories as "The Most Dangerous Game", "The Lottery", and "Flowers for Algernon". Students learned that the ideas for such stories are inspired and developed in an author's imagination and when read, can actually transport them to cities they have never seen or historical events that occurred long ago.

Have a safe, enjoyable summer!

~Mrs. McGovern



7th and 8th Grade Math

7th grade Math

The seventh grade students are completing a unit on Geometry. Students delved into several geometry topics they have been developing over the years. We have explored topics such as angles, area, surface area, and volume in the most challenging form students have experienced yet. Students have become fluent in these difficult problems. We will soon begin our review for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam that 7th graders will be taking in October.

I have been very impressed with the 7th grade throughout the year. They adjusted to middle school very well and have

continued to work hard throughout the year. Have a beautiful and relaxing summer! You have earned it!

8th Grade Math

Our eighth grade math students spent most of the third trimester completing a Geometry unit. Students have learned about translations, reflections, and rotations in the coordinate plane and, more importantly, how to use them to precisely define the concept of congruence. Students have experimented with their basic properties and deepened their understanding of these properties using reasoning. We have also explored the Pythagorean Theorem and its application throughout the unit.

The eighth graders have worked hard all year. I hope you all enjoy your summer vacation. Good luck to all of you as you head off to high school. You are ready for the challenges and excitement that are ahead of you. I have enjoyed my time with you and I will miss all of you.

Algebra

Our eighth grade Algebra students have vigorously prepared for the Regents Exam on June 12. They have worked diligently all year long and I have no doubt that they will be successful on the exam. I'm very proud of this group of young people. They have shown their dedication, integrity, and intelligence throughout the year. Please keep them in your prayers on June 12.

Have a relaxing summer vacation! See you in September!

~ Mrs. Anna Sullivan



7th and 8th Grade Religion

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7th Grade Religion

Seventh grade students continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation as they learn how God shares his life and love with them through the sacraments. They respond to the gift of the sacraments by participating in them with faith. Class time is spent discussing how we can recognize God in our lives and respond to his love. We learn that the Sacrament of Confirmation actually completes Baptism and seals us with the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Students realize that by following the Holy Spirit they can use their gifts to serve others.

Students will learn that in the Eucharist, we are made one with Christ and, therefore, one with the entire Church. We will continue to recognize Jesus in the Eucharist and will be thankful that we receive Jesus' gift of himself.

Have a wonderful summer!

~ Mr. Forcina and Mrs. McGovern

8Mc Grade Religion

The Most Rev. Robert J. Coyle, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation upon the 8th grade students of Our Lady of Victory School on Thursday, April 19. It was an inspiring site as the candidates

approached the altar with great dignity and faith in God.

Many blessings on these wonderful young people and their families!

~ Mrs. McAloon

8S Grade Religion

Congratulations to all of the eighth graders as they received the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Bishop Coyle welcomed these young men and women into the Church in a beautiful ceremony on April 19. May the Lord continue to bless them as they continue their journey with Christ.

Have a relaxing summer vacation! See you in September!

~Mrs. Anna Sullivan



7th and 8th Grade Science

We are rapidly approaching the end of the school year, but there is still a lot going on! The 7th grade



students are continuing their study of Physical Science. They enjoy taking part in both online and hands-on laboratory experiences.

Our 8th graders are completing their study of the Living Environment. Some will take the NYS Regents exam in Living Environment/Biology in June. All the 8th graders are gearing up for the statewide science exam which will be administered at OLV in May & June.

I wish all our OLV students and their families a wonderful summer and much happiness in the years to come.

~ Mrs. Rosemary McAloon



7th and 8th Grade Social Studies

7th Grade Social Studies

As we are quickly approaching the end of the 2017-2018 academic school year the students are hard at work in my Social Studies class. It is hard to believe that the 7th grade students are nearing the end of their studies on the first half of U.S. History. Students are continually working together to analyze documents and form arguments about the periods in history that we are studying. The students are eager to reach their final topic, the American Civil War. Students are creating excellent analysis of documents and are a joy to work with!

8th Grade Social Studies

The 8th grade students are approaching the end of the road for their time at Our Lady

of Victory. The students are eager to graduate and take the next step in their academic journey. However, there is still work to do. In my Social Studies class the students are studying the Cold War era in the United States and are quickly approaching our final topic of studying the modern-day U.S. Students are analyzing primary and secondary documents to form a coherent understanding of United States History. The 8th Grade Students are a pleasure to work with!

~ Mr. Forcina



Art



I cannot believe it is already the end of the school year! We have been very busy creating artwork using a variety of materials this trimester.

The first graders have been creating a lot of artwork, and are currently engaging in mixed-media works of art, which means they are combining several materials into one masterpiece! The



second and third graders have been creating self-portraits inspired by the artist Kehinde Wiley, who painted Barack Obama's Presidential portrait! The fourth graders have been learning about symmetry, and the fifth graders have been painting landscapes inspired by the contemporary folk artist Heather Galler. The sixth graders are finishing up Greek vase designs that focus

on visual narrative. The seventh grade is learning about two-point perspective, and will be using these new guidelines to develop onomatopoeia illustrations. The eighth grade has been busy finishing Olympic-inspired medals! We are using metalworking techniques for the medal, and weaving the "straps".

I wish everyone an exciting end of the school year, and a wonderful summer!

~ Miss L. Kiedaisch, Art



Computer Technology

In the OLV Computer Lab students learn technology skills that will help them thrive in the 21st century. Students from Nursery to



8th grade learn skills appropriate for their grade level. Activities include everything from web based educational

games and apps that reinforce math and ELA skills to project based lessons that require the use of productivity apps like Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, and more.

My goal is to teach students more than just how to format text in Microsoft Word, or animate objects in Microsoft Power Point. I want them to learn how to manage their time wisely and work together to solve problems. I want them to be skilled in organizing their thoughts and research, and

to be aware of copyright laws and online etiquette. I want them to use their imaginations and have confidence in their ability to do WHATEVER they set their mind to! But, mostly, I want them to try their best at whatever task they are given and *enjoy* the learning. I think technology just makes it a little easier. :)

Have a safe and relaxing summer.

~ Mrs. Delaney



La clase de español

This school year has been a wonderful journey. It is unbelievable that we are in the Third Trimester. Time has flown and it's a very exciting time.

The 4th grade students have been working with numbers, colors and shapes. In 5th grade, students celebrated "Cinco de mayo". We read about the history of "Cinco de mayo" and during recess and lunch time we celebrated it. The 6th graders were able to learn about food and the verbs "querer" (to want) and "gustar" (to like). They did a project in which they created 3D refrigerator with the vocabulary food in it, it was so much fun. The 7th graders were able to work in a group project in which they

had to write a script and film a video in their neighborhood. The project was only done in Spanish. Students were very creative. The 8th grade went to "Los Tres Chiles Mexican Grill Restaurant". Students were able to use their knowledge when ordering their food. They used the verbs and vocabulary learned in class. Students had a lot of fun!!!!

I can't believe that the Third Trimester is almost over.

~ Sra. More



Library News

Our Spring Scholastic Book Fair was a great success. Thanks to the students, parents, and teachers for their enthusiasm and support. The gross sales totaled \$4665.58. The library's cash profit is 25% of the total sales and books for the library.

A very special thanks to Elizabeth Selfridge for recruiting volunteers to help with the fair. Thanks to the volunteers - Anne Carroll, John Charny, Namsu Chun, Alberto Cortizo, Laura Courtney, Daniella Crupi, Natalie Duroseau, Julie Fiorello, Nicole Green, Mary Kenneally, Una Moloney, Elizabeth Selfridge, and Cristesta Valdueza.

My best wishes to all for an enjoyable, safe summer.

~ Mrs. Donnelly



Music



Take the Word of God With You as You Go

As with the past last Victory Voice articles of the year, I dedicate this to our graduating class. This article will go along with the tune of the song listed in the title.

Gregory, Aerin, Connor,
Aoife, and Jude
Justin, Patrick, Aidan,
and Abigail,



Go in peace to serve the
world,

In peace to serve the world,

Take the word of God, the word of God with
you as you go.

Taylor, Logan, Finbar, Colleen, and John
Daniel, Erin, Kerry, and Owen O

Go with joy to serve the world,
With joy to serve the world,

Take the joy of God, the joy of God with you
as you go.

Anna, Matthew, David, Declan, and Jack
Katherine, Michael, Lauren, and Anthony

Go in faith to serve the world,
In faith to serve the world,
Take the hope of God, the hope of God with
you as you go.

Brendan, Brendan, Aengus, and Julianne
Caitlin, Steve, Patrick, and Madeline,
Go with love to serve the world,
With love to serve the world,

Take the love of God, the love of God with
you as you go.

Christa, Dara, Zachary, Owen M
Jeremy, Akayla, I had all of them

OLV has served you well
Has planted seeds to swell

So that all will know that love will grow
with you as you go.

~ Mrs. Vincente Batsford



Happy Summer from the Nurse!!!

Not too happy with the pollen and the awful
allergy season we are having.

Hang in there it is almost pool and beach
time!!!!

Please look out for any correspondence from
me regarding forms for next year. Any
physicals or immunizations done over the
summer, please make a copy so I can keep
records updated.

I will be thinking about the children this
summer, please wear helmets and sunblock
and be very careful every day.

Most of all have FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

~ Christine Pedersen RN



Physical Education

I can't believe that my first year of
teaching Physical Education and Health at
Our Lady of Victory is coming to an end! I
am so excited to end the year with my first
OLV Field Day! In the gym, we will be
wrapping up the year with relay races and
team sports such as kickball and baseball.
The eighth graders end the year by
participating in The Presidential Fitness
Test.

This trimester, grades 6-8 have been
learning about Physical Health. Our lessons
on physical fitness and monitoring heart rate
in health have translated to activities that
we can do in the gym. Students have gotten
the chance to improve their physical fitness
as well as monitor their own heart rates.
Grades 7 and 8 have been working on
projects to create their own week long
workout plans. I have been loving reading
their work!

I hope this summer all of the students will
be very active whether it is at the beach, at
camps or at tournaments. As the health
teacher, it is my challenge to all of the
students to try a new food, whether it is on
vacation or at home.

Have a safe and happy Summer!

God bless OLV!

~ Ms. Montgomery





