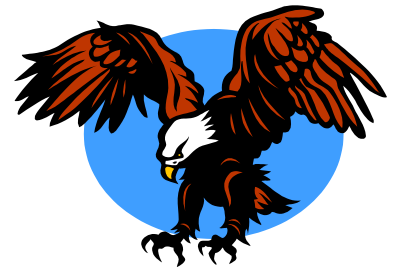


OLA Eagle's Eye



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Santa's Workshop

If Christmas is near that means Santa's workshop is here. Santa's workshop is located in the cafeteria of our school. The PTO buys many gifts so the children of OLA can purchase them for their family members. They have many gift items for young and old and even for pets. This year it was held on November 30th and December 1st.

The PTO parents work very hard for this event. They purchase all the items, wrap them, and set them up. Preschool children through eighth grade shop during these two days. The younger kids shop with their buddies from the older grades. They are there to

help them choose the gifts, and they enjoy being with them.

Santa's workshop raises a lot of money for our school. We would like to thank everyone who helped make this event a success.

By: Kosta Agganis - Grade 6

Photos by Mrs. Ditchfield



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OLA Pep Rally!



Want to find the biggest fans of the O.L.A. Eagles? Look no further than fellow students! During the pep rally on Friday, December 9th, they not only cheered for the basketball teams, cheerleaders, and cross country members but also showed that they support the teams one-hundred percent. At the pep rally both Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleaders performed. Then they formed a tunnel that the teams ran through as each player's name was announced.

After all the team members were up on stage, the Varsity captains, Vanessa Maylor and Shyla Prasad of the girls' team and Brendon Powicki and Danny Bertrand of the boys'

team, gave speeches. Cheerleaders then came out and did another dance. They taught us two of their cheers, "Rowdie" and "O.L.A." The rally ended with a "scream off" making it the loudest of all the pep rallies of all time. Coach Meagher of the girl's J.V. team described the pep rally as an exciting event but just a bit too loud!

We can conclude one thing from the pep rally: O.L.A. teams, your fellow students wish you good luck throughout this sport season.

By: Jennie Meagher—Grade 6

OLA Basketball Stats from [NSCESBL](#)

OLA Team	Record	Place
Boys Varsity	7-0	1st
Girls Varsity	6-0	2nd
Boys Junior Varsity	7-0	1st
Girls Junior Varsity	7-0	2nd

Celebrating Father Farrell's 75th Birthday

Father Farrell's birthday is November 25. Sometimes his birthday even lands on Thanksgiving! OLA Music Director, Mr. Mitchell, said, "Father Farrell is everyone's friend. He goes out of his way to make sure no one gets hurt." According to Mr. Mitchell, Father Farrell didn't do anything special on his actual birthday this year, but he did have a cake on Thanksgiving Day. On the following Sunday he went out for dinner to celebrate his birthday.



Father Farrell has been a priest for almost fifty years. He came to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in 1990. He has been with us at OLA for twenty-one years. I think Father Farrell is an amazing person. He also has good taste in cakes. His favorite cake is lemon with white frosting.

By: Caitlyn Leonard - Grade 6

Masses

September's Mass, hosted by the 8th grade, celebrated the opening of the school year. Thank you to Megan G., Vanessa M., and Madison B. for the beautiful readings. At this Mass, we had a special prayers for the 9/11 victims and for Pope Benedict, read by Olivia B. and Casey W.

October's Mass, hosted by the 5th grade, celebrated Saint Francis. Thank you to Emma M., Alex R., Emma F., Logan P., Mary Ellen R., Peyton D., Zack E., Lucas M., and Peyton O. for the fantastic readings. The Communion Meditation was the story of Saint Francis and The Wolf of Gubbio, read by Molly G. and Rachel G.

November's Mass, hosted by the 6th grade, celebrated All Saints Day. Thank you Cate B. and Ethan for the introduction explaining to the audi-

ence why everyone was at Mass that day. At this Mass, the sixth grade collected non-perishable food and brought it up to the altar. The food was donated to a homeless shelter so they would have food for Thanksgiving. Jack O., Ava F, Lauren G., Chloe D., Thomas S., Sharice B., Fredi D., Sophia S., Korine H., Katherine H., Isabella R. and Eddie Q. provided the readings. Sam M., Chester M., Dante R., Lauren A., Bella G., Michael R., Devin R., and JohnCarlo A. brought up the baskets of food.

At the December Mass Alex R. sang a solo to the song Mother Mary!

By: Grace Couillard - Grade 6



Weatherman Jeremy Reiner From Channel 7



Jeremy Reiner

Have we got a forecast coming your way: some learning, a celebrity, and a fun-filled day! In November, Jeremy Reiner from 7 News came to OLA to give a presentation on weather. Reiner is one of the four meteorologists on 7 News in Boston. He told us about his job, as well as teaching us about different types of weather, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, lightning.

Thanks to the PTO, Reiner has visited OLA for two years to share his knowledge with us and answer any of our questions. This year, Reiner showed us a slideshow on different types of weather and how

you predict them. This slideshow was filled with information and fun facts that we can carry forward. After the slideshow was over, Reiner showed us a video made by the head meteorologist which took the audience through a typical day for a TV weatherman. Then, it was question time for anyone who was curious about our guest speaker.

This presentation was a great success, and we hope that Reiner will come again to cast some sunshine on the weather business!

By: Madison Belyea - Grade 8

Photo from www1.whdh.com

Sugar Plum Fair

On Saturday, December 3rd, OLA hosted the Sugar Plum Fair, a Christmas craft and gift shopping opportunity in the cafeteria. There were raffles, a cookie walk, and lots of booths set up to sell Christmas gifts just in time for the holiday season.

The themed raffles included a sports package (with an autographed Tyler Seguin picture), a Spa Day basket, a Barbeque Basket, an Arts and Crafts basket, a movie night package, and many more. There were also raffles for a Lottery Ticket Christmas Tree, a gift certificate wreath, and a 40 inch flat screen TV. The sports package raffle seemed to be very popular.

For the cookie walk, several tables were set up and covered with plates of homemade cookies that were generously donated by members of the OLA community. For five dollars, you could walk around and fill a plastic container with delicious homemade cookies.

The Sugar Plum Fair had a great turnout, and hopefully they will have it again next year. Thanks to all the volunteers and donors who helped make this event possible.

By: Cameron Pozark - Grade 8



2011 Cross Country Season

OLA's Cross Country outran the competition in 2011.

In only their second season, the boy's team went undefeated while the girls earned 6 wins and only one loss. The 7-0 record earned the boys' team first place, and the girls finished their season in second place.

The five team captains were Sarah Corbett, Matt Liberacki, Nick Leone, Olivia Bromery, and Brendan Powicki. In his first season, Matt L. may have been the best runner in the league. He won each league meet, while earning fourth place at the Gloucester invitational, first place at the league meet, and third place at the state meet. Matt then went on to the Jr. Olympics in Amhearst, New

Hampshire, where he came in 32nd place.

Cross-country is available to any students in grades 6-8. If you would like to sign up next year, all runners earn a spot on the team. O.L.A. started running in 2010, and both the boys and girls have finished in first or second place every season so far. If you can't wait until next fall to start running, OLA also offers an intramural spring track team available for students in grades 5-8.

By: Cameron Pozark – Grade 8

Saint of the Month: St. Nicholas (December)

- Born in the city of Patara in Asia Minor in the 4th Century
- After the death of his parents, raised by his uncle the Bishop of Patara
- Performed the miracle of wheat multiplication which provided food in a time of famine
- Developed a reputation for gift-giving and became the model for Santa Claus

By: Isabella Gioia. and Jennie M.eagher Grade 6



Art work by Justin Fenton Grade 6

A Happy and Healthy New Year to all from the newspaper staff.

Mr. William Bachner, English

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