

## May Newsletter

### Valedictorian and Salutatorian, Class of 2007

It is my pleasure to announce that Jessie Elizabeth Shifalo has been named the Valedictorian of the Class of 2007; she finishes her years at OLA with a weighted Grade Point Average of 4.139. Congratulations, Jessie Elizabeth!

It is also my pleasure to announce that Amy Gemelli has been named the Salutatorian of the Class of 2007. And, finishing third, just a "hair" behind Jessie and Amy is Erin Kergosien. Congratulations, Amy! Congratulations, Erin! WOW! You three are awesome!

### Internet Security

On Tuesday, April 24th, an Internet Security Workshop will be conducted for all OLA, SSC, and Holy Trinity parents. The meeting will last ninety minutes and will be held in the OLA Commons. As adults we HAVE to become wiser about what our children are doing on the Internet! We have to be able to talk sensibly to them about the dangers of MySpace, UTube, chat rooms, etc. This workshop will give us the tools needed to hold such conversations!

I would especially like to encourage parents of the in-coming seventh graders, the OLA class of 2013, to join us! I think you will learn lots that will help you as you guide your daughter through the treacherous teenage years!

### First -Ever Father-Daughter Crawfish Boil

On Thursday, May 3rd, OLA will have a Father-Daughter Crawfish Boil on the Crab Fest grounds. Mike Meyers is coordinating this event for all dads and daughters! Moms get the night off! If dad can't make it, there are lots of other fathers who would be glad to "adopt" another daughter for the evening! Please plan to join us for this fun evening.

### Academics

We are coming "down to the wire" of this academic year. It is a time all would rather play than work. There are lots of distractions! Please pay special attention to your daughter's grades for the next six weeks. Check PowerSchool regularly. These last six weeks are very important!

### An Up-Date on Re-Building

The architecture firm of Guild and Hardy has been busy designing the new St. Joseph Hall. We are on our third set of conceptual drawings and are just about ready for the next step. The building will contain six classrooms, two bathrooms, and a locker area. This is exactly what was in the old St. Joseph Hall. The building will be near Johnson Hall; (Holy Trinity will be building a cafeteria and six classrooms closer to their existing building). McAuley Hall and Johnson Hall will be connected to St. Joseph Hall by solid, covered walkways.

FEMA and funding are always an adventure. However, I am very hopeful that FEMA funds will be available for St. Joseph Hall. The FEMA folks have been really nice to deal with and, I believe, want to help us as much as possible. But, construction costs have risen so much and FEMA will only cover 90% of allowable costs. Thus, we are looking at a sizable expenditure from our savings, even with FEMA help.

We hope to be in working drawings by the end of the summer and into construction next year. Hopefully, St. Joseph Hall will be fully operational sometime during the 2008-2009 academic year!

I'll bring the drawings to the Internet Security meeting on April 24th. This will give you a chance to see what is being planned.

### OLA Track

Congratulations to the OLA track team and Coach Hull – DISTRICT CHAMPIONS! OLA dominated the competition, scoring over 200 points. We won three of the six field events and seven of the ten running events. We also had eight second place finishes. According to Coach Hull, "This was a stunning performance... one of the most memorable in the history of OLA track!"

Jody Donlin – first in high jump; second in pole vault

Samantha Bradford – third in shotput; first in discus

Erin Kergosien – first in pole vault

Victoria Romano – second in discus

Caterina Tran – second in the triple jump

Sabrina Bradford – second in the long jump; first in 100 m hurdles; second in 300m hurdles

Mariana Coelho – third in 100m hurdles; first in 300m hurdles  
Maddie Michelli – second in the 3200m run  
Ashley Derenbecker – third in 3200m run  
Mariana Coelho, Leah Seal, Taylor Benvenuti, Samantha Bradford – first in  
the 4x200 m relay  
Lauren Seal – second in the 1600m run; first in 800m run  
Alyssa Walter – third in the 1600 m run; second in 800m run  
Leah Seal – first in 400m dash  
Mariana Coelho – first in 300m hurdles  
Leah Seal, Mariana Coelho, Lauren Seal, Taylor Benvenuti – first in  
4x400m relay



## ***Volleyball Tryouts***

***Tryouts for next year's volleyball team will be held in May. Varsity and Junior Varsity tryouts will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:30. Current OLA students will be notified during announcements when to register for the tryouts.***

***Junior High students will tryout on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. in the OLA gym.***

***Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. These sessions will be more of an introduction to volleyball and a fundamental skills session than a true tryout. No one in this age group will be "cut". We encourage anyone who would like to see what volleyball is like to come out.***

***If you have any questions, please contact Coach Steve Reboul at OLA or Coach Mike Meyers @ 216-0133.***

## **Summer Camp**

***We will also offer a camp coached by Coach Sandy Blancher of Northshore High School for our young players. Camp dates will be June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Coach Blancher has done this for several years. It is an excellent camp. More info on this at tryouts.***