

## OLA Update – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005

- We are now able to accept monetary donations through our website! All donations go to the OLA Katrina Fund at Hancock Bank, and funds will be used for post-hurricane recovery and expenses. Each donation is precious and will enable us to offer our students the chance to return to school and to begin leading normal lives again. Click here to learn about how to donate...
- The OLA Volleyball Team is now entering district play. We are so proud of them, and wish them all the best during the upcoming games.
- Senior Night was held tonight at Long Beach High School . This was an enjoyable evening in which OLA's seniors were honored (those currently in the local area). We are very happy to report that 42 out of 55 seniors have re-registered and will be returning to school when we reopen on November 1, 2005 !
- Three OLA students have qualified as National Merit Semi-Finalists. We are so proud of you girls and this accomplishment!-
  - Samantha Goodfellow
  - Laura Kergosien
  - Colleen O'Brien
- We continue to receive many generous offers of monetary donations, supplies, and volunteer help. We will be organizing an organization/cleanup day sometime after October 15th. We will need help cleaning up some of our equipment and organizing the supplies which have been generously donated. We will publish and advertise this volunteer event as soon as details are available.
- St. Joseph Hall (old wooden building) was torn down today. Fr. Mike Tracey, Pastor of Our Lady of the Gulf (OLG) Catholic Church, took photographs of the demolition. These photos can be viewed at our website photo gallery, or at OLG's temporary website:
  - <http://hightide.st.usm.edu/katrina>
- If you are willing to serve as a class representative (current students and alumni), please provide your name, graduating class year, and contact info to -. We will try to keep as many people updated as possible through this website, but it will also help a lot to have a representative from each class who can also help distribute and coordinate information with classmates as well.