

# Alumni Newsletter

## Sullivan Grant Brings New Computer Lab Faculty Receives Technology Training

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### Special points of interest:

- ?? Sullivan Grant brings new computer lab
- ?? OLC's Field of Dreams is taking shape with new playground and ballfields.
- ?? Discovery Education and NetTrekker bring the world to our classrooms
- ?? Alumni to gather for Spring Fling on April 4, 2009 in Church Hall. Class years ending in 4 and 9 are reunion classes.

The Parish School was the recipient of a Sullivan Foundation Grant in May, 2008. The grant provided the school with 27 new Dell computers loaded with XP and Microsoft Windows 2007. A new Lexmark printer was placed in the lab and networked to all second floor classrooms.

Computers formerly in the computer lab were moved into classrooms. The HP Laser Jet 40N Printer was moved to the first floor and

networked for classroom use there.

In June, 2008 a team of fathers met to make the move and prepare for installation of the new equipment. New carpeting and first floor wireless access points were provided by the Home and School Association.

Delco Consulting, under contract with the Office of Catholic Education, assembled the new lab.

Alexanders' Computer Services cleaned and upgraded all of our older PCs. Martin Deeney Associates rebuilt our server hubs providing internet connectivity throughout the school.

Archdiocesan grants have brought access to world wide video and research through Discovery Education and Net Trekker.

**Visit Thursday, January 29 from 6 – 8 p.m.**

## Field of Dreams Grows with New Roberts' Playground

In August of 2008, the OLC CYO parents welcomed the engineers of the Pennsylvania National Guard, who volunteered to assist with the resurfacing of the school playing fields.

After 10 days of hard work, two new baseball fields began to shape up. The project focused on improvement of drainage, clearing debris, and leveling of the surface.

In late September, the

landscapers arrived to seed the new fields. The contract has been set for the construction of fencing and backstops. Also in Spring, 2009, the football field will be renewed in the same manner.

A generous memorial grant from the Roberts family and an anti-obesity grant will bring Parish children a new school outdoor learning center and playground. The units include fitness

equipment, three climbing pieces, five slides, balance, fine and gross motor control sites and telescope, phones, optics and sound challenges for science study. Installation and dedication are set for December.

Exterior security was upgraded for the outside area with installation of fencing and surveillance

## Spring Reunion Gala Set for April 4, 2009



Did you graduate in a year ending with '4 or '9? Then you are a reunion class! The next great reunion is April 4, 2009. There will be a catered buffet dinner with beer and set-ups in the Church Hall. Tombola tables, 50-50, etc. will enhance the evening's fun. There will be an all night DJ to entertain you.

Last year over 300 graduates enjoyed

themselves reliving their years at OLC. This next social promises to be even bigger and better. It all starts at 7 PM and lasts until you can't last any longer.

You will enjoy more comfortable seating this time at our new round tables. Start planning early. Get in touch with former classmates and friends and plan on a great reunion-within-a-

reunion. The tickets are available through Diane DiCarlo Glatts at [dglatts@comcast.net](mailto:dglatts@comcast.net) or by calling 610-876-4536.

Advance purchase prices are \$25 a person, \$40 a couple. Prices at the door will be \$30 a person or \$50 a couple. Please call: for more details. Tickets are limited due to Church Hall space restrictions.

## New Teachers at Our Lady of Charity

Our Lady of Charity School welcomed two new staff members this year. Miss Colleen McCarthy, 7<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom, teaches Honors Math and Science. She is a '00 grad of OLC, '04 of O'Hara and '08 of East Stroudsburg University. She brings enthusiasm and new ideas and embodies the

spirit and dedication of our wonderful graduates. Her father, Jack McCarthy, was the first president of Charity's Home and School Association. Scholarships were established in his name in 1997, after his untimely death.

Mrs. Bette Marinelli taught sixth grade at OLC from

1980 to 1991. She went on to teach at St. Alice in Upper Darby and St. Charles Borromeo in Drexel Hill. She brings 36 years of experience to her duties as Kindergarten aide for Mrs. Debevec's class of 24 active children. Not slowing down, she is full of energy and shares her joy of learning with her lively little charges. Welcome back, ladies!

*Alumna Colleen McCarthy and former teacher Mrs. Bette Marinelli return to share learning with a new generation of children.*

### Christmas and 2009 Blessings from the children of OLC School



## Art Program

Mrs. Annette Debevec, our Kindergarten teacher at OLC for 13 years is also a certified Artist with a degree in Art Education from the U. of Dayton, OH.

Mrs. Debevec has nurtured many budding OLC artists with her creative classes. She works with students from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades to encourage their talents

with many different types of art work.

The products of the children's abilities and imaginations can be seen hanging on the wall at OLC. They are very expressive as well as impressive.



## Did You Know . . . . .

**Stephanie O'Grady '03** was the salutatorian of her Cardinal O'Hara Class of '07. **Bridget McHugh '05** played the lead role in "Annie" this year at O'Hara. **Allison Haney '00** is working a two year stint as a dancer on the ship "Disney Magic" out of Cape Canaveral.

Who do you know that has good news for all? Please send your life updates to the school for the next Alumni issue.

## Nominate a Distinguished Graduate!

The Parish School is seeking nominations for the Distinguished Graduate Award which will be presented at the 2009 Catholic Schools Week Opening Mass on January 25, 2009. The nominees should be practicing Catholics who have distinguished themselves through service to their Church and/or local community or in their profession. If the graduate

was a non-Catholic, it is expected that they are an active member of their church community, active in community service and successful in their profession.

Those who have already received this honor can not be nominated again. Prior recipients include: Chuck Wojciehowski, Janice Sawicki, Joan Boyle, Eileen Wilson, John Wilwert, Gail

Willard, Lynn McMonagle, Mary Ellen McGovern, Sr. Margaret Stichter, IHM, Rev. Anthony Costa, Rev. William Grogan and Rev. Timothy Mullen.

Please give the name at time of graduation, year of graduation, and a brief summary of their achievements.

***Distinguished Graduate Nominations are due by Sunday, January 11.***

***Fax to 610-874-5879 or mail to OLC School, 249 Upland Road, Brookhaven 19015***

## Recent Scholarship Winners

Continuing a tradition of excellence, our recent graduates were offered thousands of dollars in scholarship money.

St. James Alumni Scholarship recipients were Shannon Bradley, Michael Costello, both '08; Corey

Haupt, Joseph Fuller and Danielle DiCarlo, all '07; and Nicholas Moon and Stephanie Hertz, '06. Msgr. Bonner Joseph Capone Scholarships have been received by Joshua VanHorn '06 and Joseph Fuller '07. Shannon Bradley '08 is a St. Thomas More Alumni Scholarship winner.

Mark Machcinski '07 is a Neumann Scholar.

Andrew German '08, Evelyn Johnson '08, Meghan McCray '07, Alyssa Moon '06, Ericka Plater '06, and Michael Dickerson '06 won Archdiocesan scholarships.

Next issue we will highlight the Pino, Koller and Udovich Scholarship programs. **Gifts to assist current students should be directed to "HASA Koller Scholarship Funds"**. These are \$500 grants.

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**Meet our Music Teacher**

Mrs. Hillary Heslop, parent of Chantal '06, attended the Edna Manley School of the Visual and Performing Arts and earned a B.A. in Music Therapy and Psychology at Immaculata University. She is certified for piano and music theory by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Examination based in London, UK. She is a member of the American Music Therapy Association and a Board Member of the Chester Fine Arts Center East.

She is the owner of Arts in Therapy, a program offering voice, dance, drama and piano lessons.

Under Mrs. Heslop's direction, OLC students produce music CD's for sale and an annual play. Her voice students are cantors at OLC Masses. Annual concerts have featured New Orleans jazz and Spirituals for a Lenten Prayer Service.

**Successful Referrals Earn Gratuities!**

You, the former students of OLC school, are a vital link in keeping the school alive and vibrant. Please encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to do their best to support our school. Word-of-mouth is the best

advertising. We ask you to tell others about the wonderful education you received. Spreading the word can result in paybacks for you. A \$100 gratuity is given to anyone who refers a new family to the school.

A gratuity is paid after the new family has been within the school for a full trimester. A check is issued by the OLC Business Office.



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