



The OLA Herald



Outstanding Teachers Make For Rockin' to the '80s: The 8th Grade Show!

By: Samantha Orlando

Since July, 2018, the teachers at Our Lady of Angels Regional Catholic School have been adjusting to their new home at Cardinal O'Hara High School. They were the first to welcome the students and help them adjust as well. At first, everyone had to get used to where each classroom was. OLA is located at Cardinal O'Hara and has both sides of the first floor and has access to the gym and auditorium. On the left side of the building are grades 4 through 8, and the Library has its own room. On the right are grades Pre-K to 3rd, the main office, and the Honors Math room. There are many new features that we are looking forward to in the new building. To start off all of the classrooms will be remodeled and we will get all new desks and books. The whole gym floor and most of the equipment had to be replaced, so we will have a new floor, new volleyball nets, basketballs, and other equipment. Then of course there will be new additions such as our TV Room and STEAM Lab. It surely will be an exciting new beginning!

Here is a brief Q&A with veteran teacher Mrs. Cochran on her experiences.

Q: What was most difficult about moving from OLA to O'Hara?

A: Getting everything set up in time for open house in 100 degree weather.

Q: What do you think you will miss most about your classroom?

A: Familiarity.

Q: What is your favorite part of being at O'Hara?

A: Coming home since this was my high school and I love seeing the OLA alumni.

Q: What are you looking forward to in the new building?

A: Moving in and arranging my new classroom!

Pictured to the right: OLA 8th Graders singing tunes from the 80s at their show.

By: Laura Hendry

The 8th Grade Show took place on Friday, March 22nd and it for sure shocked the audience. The funny and very entertaining 8th graders truly took its audience back to the 80s. The 80s songs and dances were a true throwback. With songs like *Material Girl*, *Eye of Tiger*, and the iconic *Safety Dance* it was sure to be a success. But a show this big needs a lot of planning.

Mrs Cochran and Mrs McGuire, who run the 8th grade show, start planning in the summer! They told us that they come up with a theme in the summer and do research on songs they can do. By November, they have all the song printed out and ready to be approved by the principal. In December all of the songs are approved and the 8th grade is ready to start practicing. Although this system has been working for years, there is still a lot of firsts to experience.

The 8th graders this year were the first class to put the show on in the O'Hara auditorium. Although you might have thought it would be more difficult having the 8th grade show at O'Hara, Mrs Cochran, Mrs McGuire, and Mrs D'Alonzo say it was easier. They told us that some O'Hara high schoolers that used to go to OLA came back to help as the stage crew. Another big advantage was the bigger stage. The bigger stage gave the 8th graders more room to dance, and the auditorium had more seats for the audience. No matter where they had the 8th grade they knew that it would be great.

This 8th grade put on a great show filled with equally hilarious and entertaining moments. They will be missed greatly by everyone at OLA. They brought a joy and liveliness to OLA that is so hard to replace. OLA wishes them the best of luck in high school, but something tells me they won't need it!



OLA 2.0

By: Marielle Farrell, Abby Ward, and Miss Perone

By December 2019 OLA's new building will be projected to be finished. There will be many new features to the building that will enhance student learning. Such as a new STEAM Lab and a TV Studio with green screen technology! When asked, Mrs. Lowe, Our Lady of Angels new principal, had many great things to share with us. While researching article titles, we asked for Mrs. Lowe's input as well. She said, "the students and teachers of Our Lady of Angels will enjoy OLA 2.0." The staff of the OLA Herald believes that OLA 2.0 stands for a brand new beginning and because we will have everything state of the art in our new building!

Since it will be another transition for our faculty, staff, and students, we ask Mrs. Lowe on her thoughts about how the transition to our new building would go."it will be easier and the students and teachers will like the new building," said Mrs. Lowe. We asked her if she like the new design and of course she loved the design of what will be our "OLA 2.0!" Mrs. Lowe and the OLA Herald would like to express thanks to Cardinal O'Hara for welcoming us and treating us like part of the family!



Pictured above: Blueprints of the new OLA building on display outside of our current offices at COHS. Photo courtesy Miss Perone

CYO Sports

By: Kiera Everly and Sydney Yates

At our school we have 5 sports from multiple parishes, they are Softball, Baseball, Volleyball, Basketball, and Track. Fatima and OLPH are our main parishes, the sports we currently have happening are Softball and Baseball, one Varsity team of 6th,7th, and 8th for softball and multiple teams for Baseball. Here are the coaches for each team:

Softball- Kevin Orlando

Baseball- Michael Lawson`

Basketball JV girls- Alex and Rich Leicht

Basketball V girls- Dan Staiber

Basketball V boys- Dan Staiber Jr.

Volleyball V Gold- Karen Varney

Volleyball V Navy Blue- Maryanne Sandone



Pictured above: The 2019 OLPH CYO Girls Softball team after their first game of the season.

"It's very fun and it gives us a good sense of discipline," said Abby Ward, a 7th grade CYO Varsity Volleyball player that goes to OLA, when asked what she thought of playing sports for OLPH CYO. We hope that CYO sports continue to thrive and that all of the CYO sports teams have a great Spring season!