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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

OLA-SMSS School Parent Guild Elections

The results are in! Theresa Franek (mother of Jillian Franek, 2nd Grade; Mathew Franek, Kindergarten) and Liz Fichter (mother of Sophia Negron, 3rd grade) have been elected Co-Presidents, while Edmund Petro was elected Treasury Secretary (father of Marisa Petro, 6th grade). Josephine Vieni has agreed to stay on the board and will assist the new members as they run our essential Home-School Association. Patricia Creales, Janet Rivera-Ceballo, Denice Szekely, Dana Zillitto, and Annalisa Imperia have also joined the Parent Guild. Thank you all for your dedication to the school!

Pre-K's First Week

Pre-K starts on September 4th and the first week of Pre-K features half days throughout the week.

Before/After School begins on September 10th

Before/After School Programs begins on September 10th. Before/After School Registration is on Thursday and Friday of the first week).

8th Grade Information Night (September 11, 2018)

The 8th Grade information Night will be held on September 11th at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. This is essential evening for 8th grade parents/guardians. This information session will give crucial information for high school admissions as well as 8th grade year events.

Catholic High School Fair! (September 12, 2018)

OLA-SMSS School is once again hosting a Catholic High School Fair. September 12, 2018 at 6:30 PM, Catholic High School from around the Bronx, as well as some school from Westchester and Manhattan, will have representatives to give families information about their respective high schools and their requirements. This is a great event for 7th and 8th grade families.



Meet the Teacher Night (September 18, 2018)

Meet the teacher Night is scheduled for September 18, 2018. Parents/guardians will meet in the school gym at 6:30 PM and after a few short messages from Mr. Barnaba and Father Knapp, parents/guardians will be able to meet their child's teacher in their respective classrooms.

Back to School Barbeque (September 21, 2018)

Our Back to School Barbeque will be September 21 at 6:30 PM in the school/church parking lot. Remember you need to have tickets ahead of time and tickets are limited.

Saturday Tutoring is Back!

Starting on the second Saturday in October, Mrs. Marissa Accumanno will re-start her Saturday tutoring.

New Website

Check out our new website (same address)!

We will review how to navigate our new website at Meet the Teacher Night on September 18th.



New Faces for the 2018-2019 School Year

6th Grade/Math Teacher: Mr. Thomas Esposito

Mr. Thomas Esposito comes to OLA-SMSS School with a wealth of experience. Originally a Catholic Middle School and High School Teacher, Mr. Esposito taught 6th-8th grade math as well as Algebra. After working with textbook companies, he has returned to Catholic Schools and we welcome him to OLA-SMSS School.

Pre-K Teacher: Mrs. Amanda Cinguina

Mrs. Amanda Cinguina is a Pre-K Certified teacher who previously works with students with special needs. She impressed OLA-SMSS School, faculty and staff last June when she did several sample lessons.

Technology Teacher: Ms. Alexa LaMarca

Ms. LaMarca comes to OLA-SMSS as our new technology teacher. Her background as a early childhood assistant and New York State certification gives a new perspective in the position as she has experience working with other teachers as well the pedagogy of a lead teacher.

Pre-K Aide: Ms. Dawn Tuccillo

OLA-SMSS School welcomes Ms. Dawn Tuccillo as our new Pre-K Aide. She has experience with 4-5 year olds from St. Raymond's After School Program and worked with OLA-SMSS last year as a substitute Pre-K aide.

ADAPP Counselor: Ms. Maria Daroni

OLA-SMSS School welcomes Ms. Maria Daroni as our new ADAPP Counselor. She will work with the school to continue to work with the students on life choices, positive behavior as well as alcohol and drug prevention.

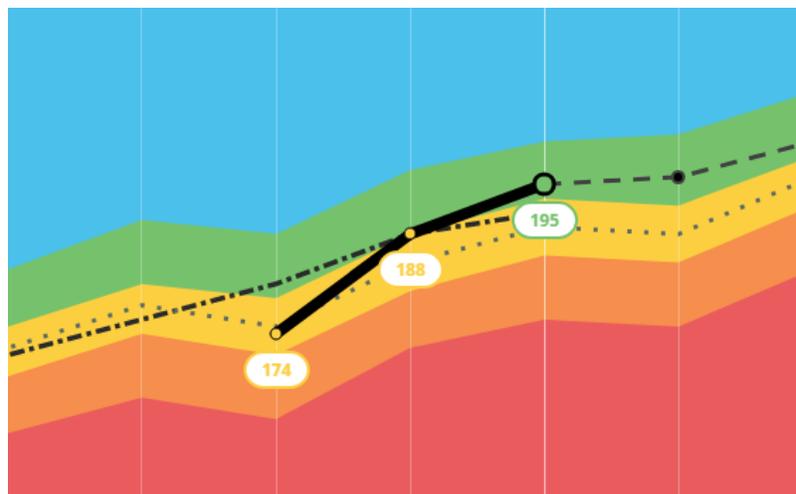
That Quiz Partnership

Starting in October, each math class will have included in their math homework each evening, work from ThatQuiz.org. These assignments will be part of their daily math homework and should take 3-5 minutes each evening.

MAP Testing

The Archdiocese of New York once again is utilizing the NWEA MAP Testing for formative assessments. Our faculty will continue to utilize this data, as well as their own data they gather from their own formative assessments to help drive instructions. For grades Kindergarten, one and two, we will continue to share that data with you at the end of the year. Any parent/guardian that would like to see their child's end of the year data, they are free to request a copy of their scores.

Last year's scores indicated that our school was at grade level or above in the fall assessments, but there was a dip from grades 5-8 in the winter assessments. The data was assessed and addressed and we are back on track by the final spring assessment. The results helped us match last year's math scores and improve upon our ELA state scores.



Many Thanks Mr. Raymond Ocasio

Over the summer Mr. Ocasio resigned from the position of Technology Teacher. We wish him luck as he will now be a Career Advancement Coach at 'The Door' in the South Bronx, assisting young people to get back into school or find employment. Mr. Ocasio's impact at OLA-SMSS School is immeasurable, as he helped implement the Blended Learning within the school. Thank you Mr. Ocasio.

Message From The Principal

On a personal note, I want to thank the faculty, staff, parents, and guardians at OLA-SMSS School. As my family has grown from two to three (and to four in just over a month), the support has been overwhelming. Pierce HanJoon Barnaba joined our family in late August and we could not be any happier! I am taking a few weeks to help him adjust to his new home, but Father Knapp, Mrs. Linda Dougherty (Regional Superintendent) and Mrs. Mary Sheridan (Regional Instructional Specialist) are all available to assist the school in my absence in September and in October (when our second son will be born). Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

John-Paul Barnaba

Principal