School NEWS!
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St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society here at O.L.A. Parish has collected canned goods and monetary donations this year to assist in providing a Happy Thanksgiving Day meal and maybe even a few more to many families in our parish who had signed up for assistance this year. **This school year our students collected nearly 1900 cans for this wonderful cause.** The St. Vincent's folks always like to show thanks to our students by providing a pizza and soda party for the classes who contributed the most cans. The winners of this year's competition are Kindergarten, 1st, 5th and 8th grade .The 7th grade collected over 200 cans as well. Thank you students and families!
"Whatever you do for the least of my people you do to me."

24th Annual National Geography Bee

Mark your calendars to attend the 24th annual Geography Bee @ OLA Hall/Gym on both Monday and Wednesday, Dec. 19th & 21st, @ 8:30 am. This is a national student competition sponsored by the Nat'l Geographic Society (NGS) to promote education in the geography sector of the World Studies curriculum. Students in grades 4-8 are eligible according to the NGS rules.

Practice & review sessions will be held during recess, lunch & free periods until the date of the 'Bee'. All questions are provided by the NGS and national winners obtain prizes ranging from $500. to $25,000 in college scholarships.

In the past twenty-three (23) years, twenty-one (21) OLA STUDENTS, more than any other New Mexico Catholic school, have advanced from our school's bee to the final 100' State Regional Competition. Please consider this as your invitation to show your support by your presence at OLA Hall/Gym.

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act – LEGAL NOTICE

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe and OLA School comply with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) by providing access for the review if the Management Plan at this school. The Management Plan is kept in the Principal's office and will be updated as various situations develop and inspections are completed. Arrangements may be made with the Principal of the school for the review of these materials. Any questions may be directed to the Principal at the school or to the Executive Director of General Services at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

LUNCH MENU CHANGE -12/1 and 12/20
Both of these days - hamburgers will be served instead of beef stew and chicken pot pie respectively. Sorry for the confusion and any inconvenience this has caused. Please change order by 11/28.

Girls Scouts – Coat/Mitten/Hat Drive

The Girls Scouts will be collecting gently used coats, hats and mittens or gloves for those in need this winter. The drive will run 12/5-12/16 and you may bring your items to the box located outside the school office.

WAITING FOR JESUS CHRIST
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This Month's Liturgy Ministers

Friday, 12/2, First Friday: (4th Grade) Joel Davalos, Erica Davalos, and Jacob Saiz

Thursday, 12/8, (7th Grade) Immaculate Conception of the BVM; Holy Day of Obligation: Jacob Drury, Devin Haynes, and Carlos Lopez

Friday, 12/16: (2nd Grade) Samantha Chaves, Brian Kilman, and Jonah Underwood

Tuesday, 12/20, (1st Grade) Matthew Heuser, Santana Larranaga, Hailey Hines

Reminders to Students

- After the Feast of St. Nicholas, Patron of Children on Dec. 6th, bring Kris Kringle items if your class is participating. All classes will be writing letters to Santa to benefit the Make a Wish Foundation.
- Bring your jackets and hats and gloves for cold weather.

Upcoming Events

Uniform Store will be closed the month of December. The store re-opens in January 2012.

Catholic Schools' Week begins January 29th this year. We will have Open House on Fridays, 1/27 and 2/3.Tell a friend!

2012—2013 School Year Registration will be only held on Friday, January 20th from 9:00 am – 3:45 pm in the Merrifield Room of the Parish Office.

December's Calendar

Friday, December 2nd: First Friday Parish and School Mass

8:30 am

Tuesday, December 6th: The Feast of St. Nicholas, Patron of Children

Thursday, December 8th:
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mother
This IS a Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 12, The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 15th, Music Program Grades PK-5
6:30 pm OLA Hall

Friday, December 16th: Parish and School Mass

Date to be announced:
Grades 4- 8 student confessions: Friday, 12/16 9:30 – 11:30 am

Monday & Wednesday. Dec. 19th & 21st. OLA School Geography Bee – OLA Hall 8:30 am

Thursday, December 22nd:
Early Release Day 11:15 pm NO AFTERCARE PROVIDED

Friday, December 23nd – January 7th
Christmas Break – No School Session

January 9th: Return to School

Prayer Corner

Heavenly Father, we ask your intercession on behalf of the following persons and these special intentions this month:
-For all our service men and women and their families who will be apart during this Holy Season, that they are comforted by your love.
-For all who have no one to spend these special days with that they may know you are always by their side.
-For Mrs. Karen Gibbs, that her pain is removed and her strength restored.

Your Son, Jesus tells us to be ready for his second coming; let us prepare the way,

LORD HEAR All OUR PRAYERS!

We wish you a Blessed and Holy Christmas Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year!