

# The Raider Report

News From OLA School

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## Happy Leap Year!

Dear Families,  
February al-  
ready! Our  
Catholic Schools  
Week celebra-



tions went very well.  
"Mahalo" to Mrs. Higueros  
and all the book fair crew!  
They made the event a great  
pleasure for all. The open  
houses were well attended  
and we welcomed a lot of  
very special people. Thank  
you all for your enthusiastic  
support.

The week culminated in a  
great night at the Garrison  
Theatre with 'Abbey Road.'  
Special thanks to Mrs. Ar-  
mendarez who planned and  
organized the event. It was  
so nice to have parish and  
school families enjoying a  
night out.

This weekend, we begin  
testing for new students.  
Remember that any referrals  
who register and complete  
the school year, will earn the  
referring family one free  
registration for next year! I  
am hopeful that as the econ-  
omy begins to recover fami-  
lies will return to catholic  
education. Let us all keep  
families who have suffered  
loss of livelihood and homes  
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## Playground Decision Nears

Most of the preliminary work  
needed before a new playground  
can be installed is now com-  
pleted.

Contractors have removed the  
large tree that had uprooted the  
concrete beneath the picnic ta-  
bles and created a drainage  
problem.

A new concrete footing has  
been installed and extended, al-  
lowing disabled access to the  
playground and improving the  
field's drainage.

Next, a committee of OLA par-

ents, staff and students will final-  
ize their selection of playground  
equipment, and bids will be  
sought from several equipment  
makers and installers.

The bidding process is antici-  
pated to take six weeks, making  
it likely that the new equipment  
will be installed after the school  
year ends.

That date will prevent interrup-  
tion of playground use during  
the year, and provide a cushion  
of time should the project re-  
quire unforeseen, extra work.

## School Council Members Announced

The School Council, begun last sum-  
mer, continues to work on several pro-  
jects for the school. Recently, a new  
school-to-parent messaging system was  
implemented after recommendations by  
the council's communication committee.  
Other committees continue to work on  
marketing, facilities and student retention.

Council members are:

Lisa Alejandre  
Lisa Beckett  
Carolyn Baggarly  
Dennis Berger  
Kathy Borkovich  
Sandra Columbus  
Rick Conti  
Aaron Cornell  
Leigh Cornell  
Aiden Costello  
Marcie Deanda  
Bill Diepenbrock  
Renee Diepenbrock

Roger Emard  
Nadine Flack  
Janette Harkins  
Jose Huerta  
Mike Kelly  
David Martin  
Donna Marasco  
Jean McKenna  
Victoria Raus  
John Revelli  
Mark Richter  
Jenny Rode  
Rita Ruminski  
Adam Russell  
June Seccombe  
Julie Smith  
Carter Spohn  
Elizabeth Tulac  
Jenny Villanueva  
Marti Willett  
Shami Wijeyeratne  
Steve Yoss Jr.



## Celebrate the Luck o' the Irish @ Parent Social

Find your best green attire and put on your dancing shoes — the PFA Parent Social celebrates St. Patrick's Day in a big way with a March 17 dinner/dance at the all-new Sheraton Fairplex Conference Center. Tickets can be purchased in the school office — \$80 a couple or \$45 for a single ticket.

The Sheraton Fairplex Conference Center features a stunning ballroom — the largest in the region — and award-winning catering featuring fresh ingredients grown in Fairplex's own on-site urban garden.

Basket items and donations are still needed for the silent and live auctions. Please refer to the donation wish list on the school web site and in the Brown En-

velope. There are several other ways to support the Social - check the website for details. For donation, volunteer or general information, contact Marilyn Blackburn at (951) 741-0537.

### Principal's column cont'd:

in prayer throughout the year.

Finally, I ask for your full cooperation and help as we enter cold and flu season and as our weather swings from hot to cold, **PLEASE** keep sick children at home until they are fully recovered! I know the teachers and children do their best but when there are uncontrolled coughs, sneezes and even fevers, it feels like we are fighting a losing battle.

Thank you all for your love for all our families. May God continue to bless us abundantly.

Sincerely,  
Bernadette Boyle

## Got Pledges? Jog-a-Thon is Coming

The annual OLA School Jog-a-Thon is right around the corner - Feb. 24. Organizer Leigh Cornell is seeking volunteers for the day. Parents are needed to help pin cards on students, mark laps, pass out water and popsicles.

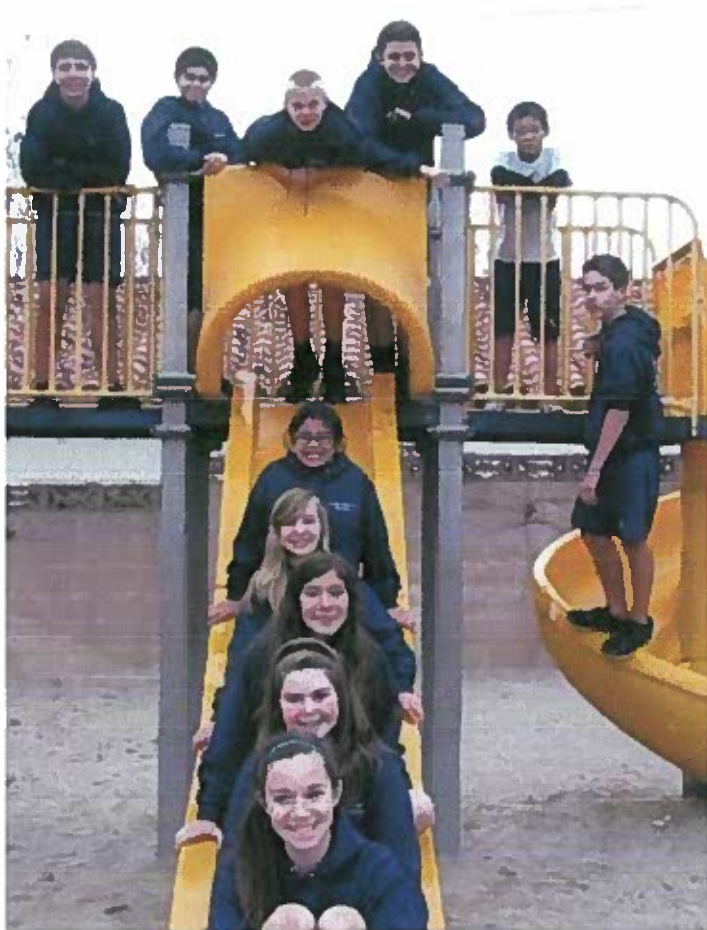
Donations of bottled water and popsicles are also needed. Parents may donate cases of water or give money for water and popsicles to be purchased.

Pledge forms have been sent home

with students. Encourage students to seek pledges by lap or flat donations from friends and family.

To volunteer or donate, contact Mrs. Cornell at [cornells8203@hotmail.com](mailto:cornells8203@hotmail.com).





## **Academic Decathlon Team Prepares to Compete March 10**

OLA's Academic Decathlon team will compete against 1,000 students from throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles March 10 at the annual Junior High Academic Decathlon. The competition is at the Los Angeles Sports Arena and is sure to be a nail-biter as OLA's team competes in 10 events. Congratulations and good luck to our team:

**Julian Diepenbrock**  
**Marina Garcia**  
**Megan George**  
**Max Kunz**  
**Giselle Mariano**  
**Anissa Medina**  
**Joseph Miller**  
**Peter Raus**  
**Ryan Sie**  
**Jason Smith**  
**Michael Spinney**  
**Nicole Williams**

## **Good Times at Book Fair & SP Lunch**

