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## SPRING SONGS ABOUND



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# LENT OFFERS HOPE



Ash Wednesday signaled the solemn forty day period of Lent, a time when we reflect on the sacrifices made for us by Jesus. After a time of fasting, prayer and reflection, we will celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The Lenten time also was the opening of the Jubilee year of Hope. Mrs. Distefano and her fifth grade class made a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary where Father Peter DeSanctis and parishioners from Shelter Island shared in a special liturgy.

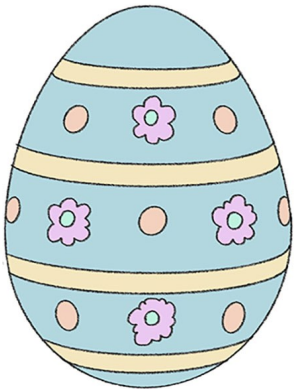
The Kindergarten class and Mrs. Lombardo were the leaders of the Ash Wednesday mass with distribution of ashes (made from last year's palms) with Fa-

ther Janusz and Father James Calledo at Our Lady of Poland.



Later in this month, we will come together for the sacrament of Reconciliation, walk with the Living Stations of the Cross and sit at the Seder table.

A special kindness project, tied in with Easter eggs, the first sign of life, is now in progress with each OLH member holding a symbolic egg bearing the name of another student or teacher the person for whom we are praying during Lent.



## FIRST GRADERS TEACH LIFE LESSONS



Each year, every student at OLH has at least one chance to be on stage either in concerts, dances, bees, contests or class plays, Each month features a different class, clad in costumes on a decorated stage.

Miss Zaneski and her first graders presented a special presentation of Hansel and Gretel, filled with lessons on good living,

friendship and tips for healthy habits.

The classes work carefully with the Prep Tech Squad to live-stream each production for a larger audience.



# THE SCIENCE OF SPRING



Science and Math are two subjects that have far-reaching meaning in everyone's life into the future.

Each March, OLH students join thousands of students world-wide in presenting their research, experiments and theories in either Science fairs, demonstrations or Stem Fairs.

The first three Mondays of this month were concluded with the awarding of trophies and ribbons to those scoring the highest in the judges' opinions.

*(Left: STEM BOWL winners: 1st: Hudson McDermott, 2nd: Francesca Tinghino, 3rd: James Molignano)*

## The Intermediate STEM FAIR

### winners:

CASEY, OLIVIA,  
BODE, OLIVER,  
LAURA BELLE,  
KENNEDY,  
DECLAN,  
VALENTINA,  
QUINN, DILLON.

**Best in show:**  
**OLIVER**  
**FULWEILER,**  
**grade 5**



## PREP TROPHY WINNERS:

JOSSELIN, FINN,  
REX, PARKER,  
AYLA, TEDDY,  
WESLEY,  
DANIEL, GAVIN,  
GERARD.

**Best in Show:**  
**GERARD**  
**O'CONNOR**  
**Prep 8**

## PRIMARY SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

KINDERGARTEN: WESTLEY, ATIER. JAYDEN, EMILIA

GRADE 1 VALENTINA, LYLA, MIA, GRAYSON

2ND GRADE GIANNA, ROMINA, JACOB, KAILANA





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## THE SPORTING LIFE CONTINUES AT OLH



Healthy living for all students includes a variety of indoor and outdoor activities....some in school...and others outside the building.

Several students participate in community soccer, football, swimming and tennis programs while others focus on competitive gymnastics.

Fourth grader Ava Milani is one of the elite gymnasts who work out locally. Ava recently captured first place in her events and will compete on the national scene!

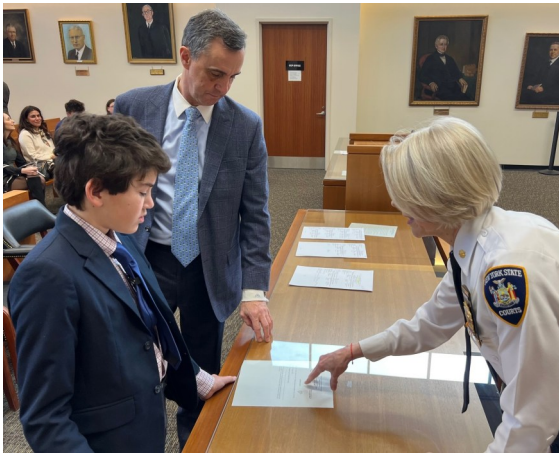


CMSAA  
Basketball

ended in a second place finish for OLH, the defending champions who ended the season with a 7-2 record. Coached by OLH dads Brian Spellman and Ted Beaton, the team looks ahead with hope, saying good-bye only to two graduating teammates Leo Spellman and Jaden Sulph.

## PREP TELLS IT TO THE JUDGE AND FIND NEW PENPALS

After school activities are the life-blood of the school, with numerous opportunities to enhance learning and have fun at the same time.



The newest activity at OLH is the Prep Mock Trials team sponsored by Miss Crumlish and Mr. Scapellati and coached by professional attorneys Felice Millani, Marissa Glass, KerriAnn Kelly and Joseph Carroll, all OLH parents. In addition to learning the fine points of creating cases and examining evidence, the twelve Prep students had a special session at Suffolk County Court along with Judge Peter McGreevy, also an OLH dad!

The team, a first at OLH, will preset a model trial on March 31 as a special school assembly, with twelve faculty members serving as the jury.

Joseph's Convent in Brentwood, sending personalized messages and cards to each of the seventy sister each month. The excitement grows any time the girls receive notes back from the sisters. The team hopes to make an in-perdon visit to Brenwtood later this spring.

The six penpals made a special video introducing themselves and sending greetings on St. Joseph's Day!

(This practice was started seven years ago and has been continued each year with different group of students.)

In a very different community activity, six Prep 6 students have been communicating with the retired sisters at St.

