

OLH

NOW

more than ever

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IT IS ALL “IN THE BOOK”

In a time when AI, social media, Chrome-books and iPads get so much attention, it is refreshing to see the place that BOOKS actually play at OLH. The first few weeks' activities centered around specific volumes, both read and written, that influence student life.

Among the many traditions that we celebrate at OLH the first recognized each year is the distribution of the most important text books we use. The *Word of Life* series contains Scripture, doctrine and liturgy as well as guidance. Daily Religion classes use this as the focus.

When it is time for the distribution of the books, it is done in a unique way. A tent is always erected in the auditorium to house the Religion books at the beginning of the school year to symbolize the tent or tabernacle erected by the Israelites in the desert to house the Holy of Holies during the Exodus.

Each student approaches the tent and is greeted by the homeroom teacher who urges them to “Receive the Word of the Lord”, to which the



student responds by saying “Amen”.

The annual opening of school liturgy, celebrated this year by Fathers Peter DeSanctis and Darius Koszyk, featured readings from St Paul to the Corinthians and from Luke's gospel. Lectors Gabriella, Rex and Laura Belle proclaimed these words that have special meaning to our school.

In another first of the year, the community gathered to celebrate the work of two hundred-sixty students who submitted original pieces of advice for the volume “Pearls of Wisdom”. Each of the young authors was called to the stage

to autograph the first copies of the works edited by ELA teachers. Each a special achievement.

last spring, so received certificate of merit.

As the continues, we see more vigorous



school year can expect to use of our well-stocked library-media center that is open to all!

OLH GATHERS TOGETHER

Even the new kindergarten children were anxious to be with the older students at the opening of school liturgy. While many were barely able to see over the pews, they were easily able to hear Father



Peter DeSanctis' powerful homily urging everyone to keep their eyes on the goal and RUN toward Jesus.

The Hamp-tones and Hamp-tonix, led by Mr. Basar and Song A offered songs in both English and Spanish as everyone got the year

off to a great start gathered around the table of the Lord.

(Our next liturgy will be October 9, led by Prep 8)



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OLH



Three new faces greeted OLH students when school opened on September 9. All three were eager to begin their journey and jumped right into the routine set for the year.

Mr. Taite Joslin opened his Science room door ready to get started on Intermediate Math and Science. He came from Greenport School District and is excited to now be a Catholic school teacher.



With the retirement of Mrs. Shimkus, a new school nurse, Mrs. Jamie Adesso reached out to assure students of her presence and care; A Southampton resident, Mrs. Adesso is excited about the opportunity to care for and to teach OLH students about healthy and safe living,

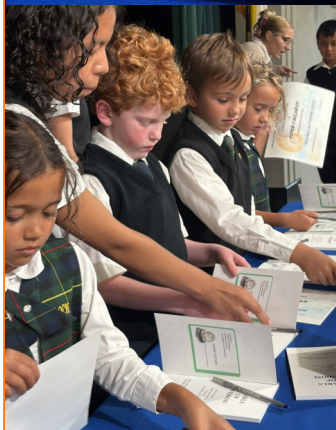
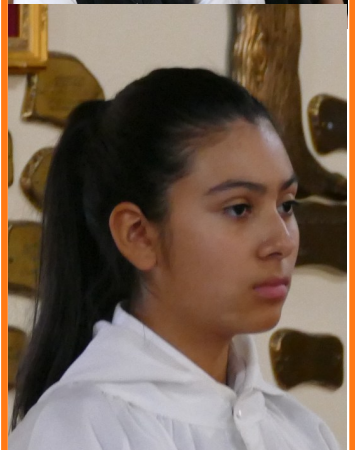
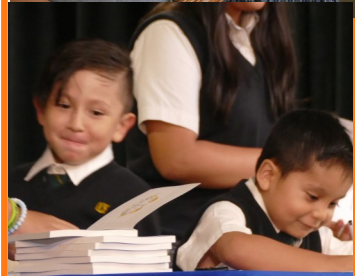
Miss Gabrielle Montalbano is beginning her teaching career as the second grade teacher, ready to inspire good reading as well as the all-important preparation for First Holy Communion.



WELCOME TO ALL!

**The FUTURE
IS
NOW!**

“PEARLS OF WISDOM” FROM OLH



The expression “PEARLS OF WISDOM” is used to suggest good advice from unexpected sources.

(This year's YOUNG AUTHORS was underwritten by a friend of OLH, Mr. Brendan Quinn and his law partners. Mr. Quinn remembers well his own Catholic school days...and his time in Sister Kathy's Glee Club at St. Patrick's, Smithtown!)

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LOOKING AHEAD THIS YEAR

For more than four years, we have had hopes of seeing the adjacent "yellow house" give way to additional space to enhance OLH.

On Monday, September 21, the beginning of that "dream" got its start as the house was taken down.

By the end of the week,



a huge "hole" showed the promise of what, hopefully will become the outdoor Nature's teaching classroom complete with special trees, bird feeders and planting areas that can be studied and nurtured as part of the Science curriculum. This is being made possible by the generosity of benefactors who truly believe in OLH!

COMING UP!

Looking ahead into October. We see great chances to learn and grow with each other!

**OCTOBER 2
BLESSING OF
THE ANIMALS**

**OCTOBER 3
FAMILY FAITH
LITURGY AND SUPPER**

**OCTOBER 8
FIRE SAFETY
PROGRAM K-3**

**OCTOBER 8
PREP 8 LITURGY**

**OCTOBER 31
JOG-A-THON
FAMILY FALL
FESTIVAL**

RUN FOR THE FUN OF IT!

OLH JOG-A-THON 2026
RUN • PLAY • SUPPORT • BELONG

AND FAMILY Fall Festival
A DAY OF FUN FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

**GAMES
FOOD
MUSIC
FAMILY FUN
AND MORE!**

**Saturday, OCTOBER 31ST
10AM - 2PM**

Save The Date!