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more than ever

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BLESS the BEASTS and the CHILDREN

The feast of St. Francis of Assisi is celebrated throughout the Church on October 4. OLH pays tribute to this special saint with the Blessing of Animals. Our goldendoodle, Meggie, invites all of her pet friends on this day each year to a prayer service and gathering of all of our school pets that ends with special individual blessings of the cats,



dogs, fish, birds, rabbits and gerbils.

Father Mike Vetrano led the prayer service and introduced his hand puppet, Ollie, to the children before he started the ritual.

The readers for the prayer were Prep 7 students Patrick Kamm and Sofia Patrone, with *Canticle of the Sun* sung by the Hamptones and Mr. Basar.

While the numbers could not be counted exactly, it is estimated that Father Mike blessed approximately 110 family pets....and, of course, all received doggie bags before they left the gym.



PREP 7 CLAIMS OCTOBER AS THEIR OWN

The month of October is proving to be filled with the Prep 7 class. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was observed with a special liturgy celebrated by Father John Wachowicz. The class prepared the readings with Mrs. Hanley, and presented very meaningful gifts at the offertory.



The lectors for the Mass were Christian Duggal, Seraphia May and Jacob Rodriguez, with Evelyn Hanley, Jack Leonard and Joseph Surozenski as altar servers.



Mrs. Hanley, the Prep 7 home-room teacher models service to others and expects her students to do the same. In

this month alone, the students have taken active roles in the Southampton Village Septemberfest and the Young Vincentians Car Wash in Hampton Bays. They will also be having lunch with senior citizens at

the Bridgehampton Senior Center on October 16.

Prep 7 has also been able to take time for very active hands-on learning in Science and Math at the Diocesan Technology Day at Adventureland.

Under the direction of Technology teacher, Mrs. Stadelman, the class braved the cold and windy weather and spent a whole day enjoying amusement center rides, while analyzing the Physics and Math involved in each piece of apparatus.



ROBOTICS CLUB STARTS NEW CHALLENGES



Friday afternoons present new challenges for the twenty-eight members of the new Robotics Club. The group meets under the guidance of Ms. Kerry Pace and gets right to work exploring the intricacies of special robotics kits, legos and design modules.

The majority of the members are Intermediate grade students who can build on the STEM studies.



YOUNG AUTHORS MAKE THEIR MARK

‘WE SURVIVED ‘ seems like an ominous statement after a traumatic event. For two hundred OLH students, it was simply the title of the latest **YOUNG AUTHORS** challenge.

Each spring, a topic is announced and students are challenged to write original pieces geared toward that suggestion. Teachers and parents serve as initial editors of the work that is then submitted to Mrs. Hanley, the faculty editor-in-chief who spends summer time preparing the final proofs for the printer.

The presentation of the finished bound volumes is made as the first assembly of the school year. The young authors autograph their first editions.



AS SEEN AROUND THE CLASSROOMS





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ANYONE FOR A GOLF TEAM?

October 3 proved to be a raw and windy early autumn day, but that did not stop OLH Dad, Brendan McCormack and his crew from holding a very successful golf outing at South Fork Country Club.

The event from which all proceeds go to OLH brought up one question: is there a way that our school might be able to have its own Golf Team?

Special kudos to 4th grader Grace McCormack who helped her dad solicit prizes for the big event!



ACTIVE STUDENTS DO GREAT THINGS

One of the overall goals of OLH is to help students grow spiritually, artistically and athletically! There is a need for students to be involved in activities, sports and other special activities to strengthen their personal abilities and sense of teamwork. When students have that sense of purpose, they can then go out and give top others in service..

The 20-19-20 OLH activities roster grows each year. This year, sports include cross-country, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, baseball and softball. Team members are trained to compete in the Catholic Middle Schools Association and Hamptons Youth Athletic League.

Artistic offerings include: ballet, jazz, tap classes, art club, guitar, violin, band, Joyful Noise, Hamptones, Hamptonix and drama. Trained actors dancers and musician then perform in concert, school



shows and do outreach at the local nursing homes, visits to Brentwood, Suffolk County court, diocesan television and other opportunities to share.

Co-curricular activities list Pre-Law Club, Math Club, Robotics and the school yearbook.

Opportunities to serve others are sought by teachers and students and include outreach to local senior citizens, Village and Town communities, the local animal shelter and, especially the local parishes where students serve as altar servers, choir members, food pantry helpers and lectors.

SERVICE IS THE GOAL!