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WE ARE A PILGRIM PEOPLE

One of the special things about being in a Catholic school is the way that our learning can be enriched by the integration of our faith. The prep 6 class completed a special project combining Spanish, Religion, Art, History, and Geography.

The class, led by Senora Barbara Gaias, made a "mock" pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain.

Students have been studying about St. James the Apostle and the importance of the church to which penitent pilgrims have walked from all over the world since the medieval period to see the burial site of Santiago (Saint James) de Compostela.

Legend has it that San Diego (Santiago……the Apostle James) was beheaded by King Herod in Jerusalem, but his remains were brought to the Northwest coastal province of Galicia on the Iberian peninsula in an oxcart. When the ox could go no further, the remains were buried at that spot and the cathedral was built later to honor him and to protect the gravesite.

The class prepared their backpacks for the journey, identified with specially designed scallop shells emblazoned with the red cross and set out on a path through every classroom in the school.

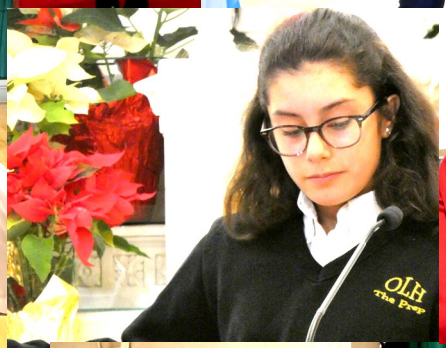
The symbolic scallop shells represented the markers strewn along the path to keep travelers on the road toward the church.

Students across all grade levels were encouraged to say "Buen Camino" as the student pilgrims passed. The reverent recitation of the Hail Mary, alternating between English and Spanish, was heard throughout the building.

The hour long journey ended with their arrival at Our Lady of Poland Church, which represented the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela.

The Prep 6 pilgrims "toured" the church before their journey home to their classrooms.

WE REMEMBER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



WE GATHER AS COMMUNITY

….to **ENTERTAIN**……as did the Fourth Grade class as they presented ***ALICE'S ADVENTURES WITH IDIOMS***

……...TO **LEARN**...as the Fifth Grade did after a full trimester study with ***DARE*** as presented by the Southampton Village Police

…….TO **DISCOVER** …..with the PREP 7 and 8 ***SCIENCE BOWL TEAM*** who competed at Brookhaven Lab

….TO **COMPETE**...as the students in grades four through eight took to the stage in the annual **ORATORICAL CONTEST**

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WE SHOUT AND CHEER FOR THE HOME TEAM

The Catholic Schools Week pep Rally was the debut performance of the 2020 OLH Cheerleading team. The girls are from kindergarten to grade six and are coached by Mrs. Brittany Cybulski.

They help to encourage the boys and girls basketball games, assisted by the school mascot, the Mighty Seagull.

THE WELLNESS CENTER GETS A WORKOUT

When the OLH Wellness Center was dedicated in May 2014, there was every hope that it would become a well-used venue for all the students and their families. In the last five years, that has proven to be the case.

Six different basketball teams call OLH their home and see practices every day and games each weekend.

Indoor practices for the soring baseball team have started, and the volleyball program is about to start for Prep students.

The Catholic Schools Week Pep Rally found all three hundred students, dressed in class colors,m using every inch of the gym...the track, bleachers and full court...for the games, dancing and friendly competition between the faculty and students.

Parents, too, got into the act and took to the volleyball court in the Faculty-Parent-Student Volleyball Challenge. **This year found the victory hard fought...and won....by the faculty!**