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WHAT A WINTER!

Weather is unpredictable and can certainly affect plans and special events. We saw that when the first snow fell on our Christmas show in early December! *Catholic Schools Week*, always the last week in January, was impacted greatly by one of the biggest snowstorms of the century.

The fourth grade class started the celebration with their class play centered around the signs of the zodiac. The monster storm delayed the Family Pancake Breakfast and Open House for a week, only to be cancelled when a follow up weekend storm arrived. An extra snow day and a delayed opening fit right into the coming week, postponing the Senior Speech Contest for a day.

A large group of hearty grandparents didn't let a little snow and cold prevent their arrival at Grandparents' Day mid-week, nor did the frigid temperatures hold back the energetic (and loudly spirited) Pep Rally.

A fitting end to the weather-beaten celebration was the special liturgy presided over by Fathers Mike Vetrano, Peter DeSanctis and Darius Koszyk and prepared by the fifth grade class.

In spite of the elements, twenty-six Prep students were able to deliver Catholic Schools Week messages in their speeches at nine of our local parishes.

The only "casualty" was the cancellation of the pancakes!



GRANDPARENTS WEATHERED THE STORM



The very first Grandparents' Tea at OLH was in 1998 with twelve grandmothers present in the library.

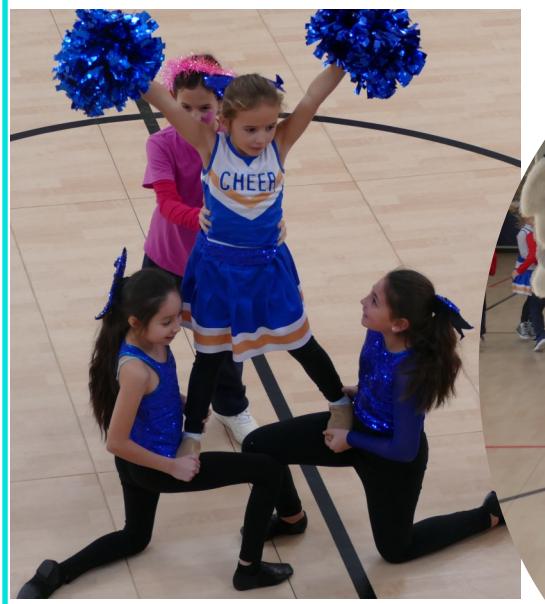
Twenty-eight years later, one hundred of our favorite seniors braved the cold and ice to meet their grandchildren, be entertained by the Hamptones and Hamptonix and get the grand tour of the school.

One of the most interesting facts is that several of our grandmothers have been here for most of that twenty-eight year journey: Mrs. Teresa Drew, Mrs. Barbara Galvin, Reverend Mike Smith, Mrs. Sue McCulley, Mrs. Fran Cancellieri are all parents of OLH grads (classes of 1988-present)...now proud grandparents of current OLH students!



ENERGY ABOUNDED AT THE PEP RALLY

Everyone was there...all nine grades, the basketball teams,



cheerleaders, jazz team, and a veryu energetic group gathered around the Mighty Seagull, the OLH sports mascot!

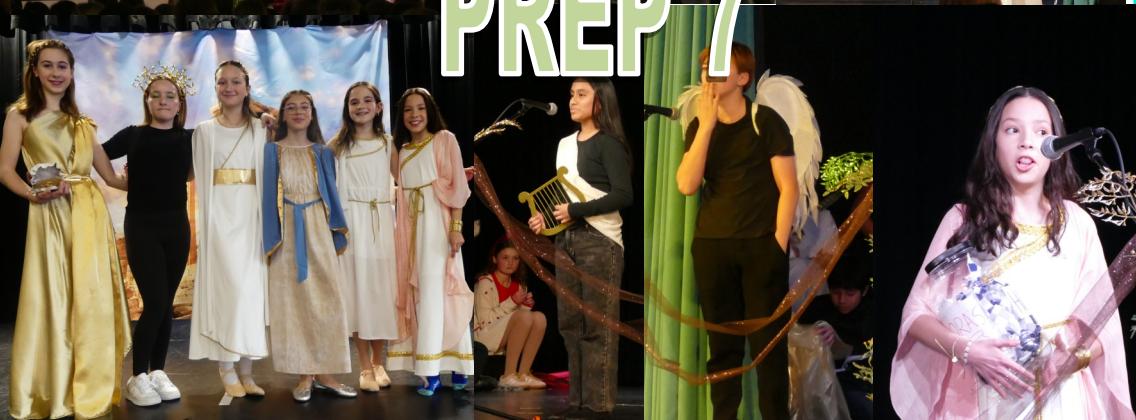
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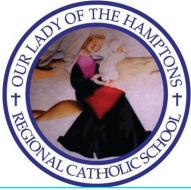
"THE PLAY'S THE THING" AT OLH

The calendar for this school year has been unique with longer vacations, earlier starts and a later ending. Even our class plays and liturgies seem to come around closer to each other.

At either end of the celebration of Catholic Schools Week, the fourth and seventh grade classes presented unique cultural assemblies.

Mrs. Gross and her fourth graders taught some interesting lessons in "Talers of the Chinese Zodiac", while Prep 7 entertained with a lesson in Greek myths, "Pandora's Socks".





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OLH students are no strangers to being on stage in front of large audiences and sharing either the words of others in song and speech or their own personal thoughts.

The Catholic Schools Week senior oratorical contest brought twenty upper-grade students forward. The judges awarded the trophies to those who placed : HONORABLE MENTION: Annie Alessandrini (5), THIRD PLACE: Laura Belle Galbiati (5). SECOND PLACE: Nicole Cardona (7) and winner FIRST PLACE: Quinn Cass (6).



Our parents and relatives
Our neighbors and acquaintances
Our pastors and supporters
Our teachers and classmates...and...all who lead
others and are charged with the mission of
Compassion peace and love!

In gratitude for all the blessings we share, and in a spirit of Love and Concern for others, the community of Our Lady of the Hamptons offers its prayers for



HAPPY VALENTINES' DAY!