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## **WE GIVE THANKS AS A FAMILY**

On a brisk and sunny November day, the entire school community gathered on the “great dining hall” for a festive Thanksgiving dinner. The traditional event was prepared and served by a large team of parents.

Guests at the dais included our pastors, Fathers Mike Vetrano, Janusz Lipski, Steve Maddaloni, Ryan Creamer and Peter DeSanctis, along with Fathers Henry Euthardt, Peter Garry and Jesus Arellano. They were joined by Sister Anne Lynch, School Board member Catherine Allan, Mayor Jesse Warren, Deputy Mayor Gina Arresta, two of our bus drivers and our DARE officers.

After many limitations on gatherings caused by the pandemic, this was the first time in three



years when the entire school assembled for this event. (The past two years saw the dinner provided in take-out boxes in the classrooms, with live-streamed prayers.)

The kindergarten and first graders were excited to be at table with their special partners from fourth and fifth grade.

Prep 8 students were given special placecards to designate their seats. Not having to assist younger students gave them a chance to celebrate with their own classmates at their last OLH Thanksgiving.

Once the feast was over and everyone had left the room, the parent team assembled special take-out trays that were brought to three different local food distribution centers. OLH was proud to share!



# COMPETITION SPELLS

# S-U-C-C-E-S-S



With an audience filled with teachers and peers, twenty of OLH;s top spellers took to the stage in quest of the trophies and the honor of representing the school in the Scripps national Spelling Bee.

Aftre seventeen rounds of challenging words from Mrs. Jessica Marron, the moderator, the top awards were presented to Prep 7's Maeve Springer.

Prep 6's Madison Giraldo captured second place after a four round run-off.

The surprise of the match was the third place finish of fifth grader Gabriel Torrealba.

The top six were rounded out by Prep 7's Aliah Donohoe, Prep 8's Julia Dell'Aquila and fifth grader and Jaden Hoffert.

The contest underscores the fact that the best spellers are the students who seek every opportunity to read!



## A SPECIAL FIELD TRIP CLOSE TO HOME



There is a very special piece of Church history right here in South-ampton,,on Hill Street. On November 8th, one hundred intermediate students marched in procession to the Basilica of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary where they were greeted by Father Mike Vetrano, Mrs. Aresta and Mrs. Rogers and given a special tour of this special church. The construction, art work and venue for liturgies and parish prayer were explained. Students were able to see the inside of the tabernacle, touch the altar , and feel comfortable in the sanctuary,

The class then joined as Father Mike celebrated Mass, giving them a chance to read, offer the gifts and receive communion.

The almost-three mile walking trip also provided an opportunity for friendship as the students had their lunch in Agawam Park.



## PATRIOTISM STARTS IN PRE-K



## THIRD GRADERS HAIL THE SAINTS

As the recessional hymn started, the entire congregation sang a resounding "Pray for us" after each petition to the saints including Saints Joseph, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Elizabeth and Francis. This was a highlight in the All Saints; Day liturgy celebrated by Father Steven Maddaloni, and prepared by Miss Zaneski and her third graders.



Traditionally, holy days of obligation such as All Saints Day, were also school holidays. Now, school is in session with special time set aside for celebration of mass at the local parish church. OLH sees this as a great opportunity to celebrate with class parents and members of Our Lady of Poland Parish.



Father Janusz Lipski welcomes the school for special masses. He smiles broadly when he looks out and sees that the beautiful country church is filled to capacity when OLH arrives.





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## OLH..SHARING GIFTS IN THE COMMUNITY

OLH PREP students are very visible as they share their artistic gifts in school. Four of those musicians have been a very involved part of local stage and theatre, building on their OLH Fine Arts skills.



PREP 8's **HENRY BROIDY** plays saxophone with the Loft School of Jazz, appeared in Spotlight Theatre Group's "The Adams Family"....as well as OLH band, and sings with Hamptonix and the Basilica Youth Choir.



**CATHERINE PORTER** of PREP 7 will dance the coveted role of Clara in the upcoming Hampton Theatre Ballet School production of "The Nutcracker". Catherine is a member of OLH's Dance Company and Hamp-tones, studies voice and has appeared in local productions and concert venues/



**JAN GREDYSA** of PREP 8 is an accomplished pianist whose "Moonlight Sonata" won 2nd prize at the International Music Festival in NYC. He has played at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center and serves as piano accompanist to OLH Orchestra.



PREP 8's **JULIA DELL'AQUILA** recently appeared in local theatre's "INTO THE WOODS" and "CHICAGO". Julia sings with Hamp-tones and the Basilica Youth Choir, is a member of Drama, the 2022 Championship tap team and is violist with OLH Orchestra.

## SECOND GRADERS TEACH ABOUT "BUGZ"



As Thanksgiving approached, so, too, did a special science lesson on "Bugz". Mrs. Kathleen Springer, Mrs. Susan Hamma and their second graders took to the stage dressed in colorful costumes, each indicative of a different species of insect. The entire school was present for this program.

The ants, lady bugs, fireflies, butterflies and other creatures taught lessons on manners and appropriate behavior with catchy songs, dance routines and outstanding team work.

