

## ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

### From The Principal's Desk... October Newsletter

*"THE SMALLEST THING, WHEN DONE FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, IS PRICELESS" ST. TERESA OF AVILA*



The beautiful month of October comes to a close with yesterday's celebration of All Hallows Eve! During this colorful month, we celebrated the lives of numerous saints. The Feast of Guardian Angels, our "little flower," St. Therese of Lisieux, beloved St. Francis of Assisi and Carmelite giant St. Teresa of Avila were all celebrated and remembered. The upcoming feasts of All Saints and All Souls which we celebrate this week, is a time to continue to ask for prayers and offer prayers with those who have gone before us.

Fall is a wonderful time of year. A time to recognize the change of seasons, a time to bask in the warmth of the sun, but still able to enjoy a little chill in the air. Fall is a time to enjoy the colorful leaves, a time to get our homes, our families, and ourselves ready for the end of the year. In these festive times let us not forget to continue to pray for one another, for our troops, our first responders, and of course for those less fortunate than we are. Thank you God for watching over us!

### FIESTA TIME IN TENAFLY!

This year we celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month for the first time in a while at OLMC! Students, teachers, faculty, and staff participated in a variety of activities, fundraisers, presentations, and events throughout the month. We even had parents from our Warrior family come speak to a variety of grade levels! ABOUT? Our new Spanish teacher, Senora Stephanie Ross, and a group of dedicated parent volunteers spearheading these great events. I was so happy to see the rich traditions of Hispanic culture throughout the building this October. The students learned so much this month but perhaps the most important was the continuing mission to serve others. The OLMC community raised much needed funds for our friends and family in hurricane ravaged Puerto Rico. We continue to pray for those around the world affected by the devastation of natural disasters. A special thanks to all of you, our OLMC community that made this important project happen!

### OLMC IS UP FOR THE CHALLENGE!

It was with pride that we said goodbye to Ms. Logan, who moved on to a wonderful opportunity, accepting the position of principal of St. Genevieve School School in Elizabeth, NJ and with best wishes to Ms. Turetsky who moved back to Missouri. Though, obviously unexpected, with teamwork we have been able to meet our students needs while working on faculty replacements. We're happy to welcome our new Kindergarten teacher this upcoming November and continue to search for a committed faculty member in Resource but know OLMC is up for the challenge to continue excellence in education.



## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Speaking of academic excellence. Our students participated in an academic challenge at St. Joseph's Regional High School in Montvale, where two of our Grade 8 Warriors, Christopher and Lauren took home first and third place trophies in English. We are very proud of them and the whole academic team that represented OLMC at this academic challenge. Congratulations to Mr. Martin and the many teachers who prepared the Grade 8 team with a fantastic curriculum matched with our Warrior determination and thirst for competition.

## PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent / Teacher conferences were held during October providing an opportunity for parents, teachers and students to have a positive exchange and allowed the teachers to share their students' academic successes and challenges.

## A NEW TRADITION ON THE COURT

Our inaugural Volleyball team's first season concluded on a great note! The girls made the playoffs and really enjoyed the competition of exciting games. They worked so hard developing their skills and the program as a whole! We are super excited and proud of the teams and are looking forward to a bright future for Warrior Volleyball at the Academy and Parish. Thank you to Coach T, our OLMC Athletic Director, and Coach Liriano, our Cheer Coach and First Grade teacher, for their time and dedication to the team! Go Warriors!

## DON'T MISS OUT!

If your schedule allows, please join us for the celebration of the Feast of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation, on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. and for the Feast of All Souls Day at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2017. Of course, you are always invited to our First Friday liturgy this Friday, November 3, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Also, I hope to see everyone on Saturday, at our International Night! I know it is going to be a fun way to celebrate our many and varied heritages, with great food, wonderful entertainment and fellowship while raising funds to support our parish's Medical Mission trip to Lima, Peru in 2018!