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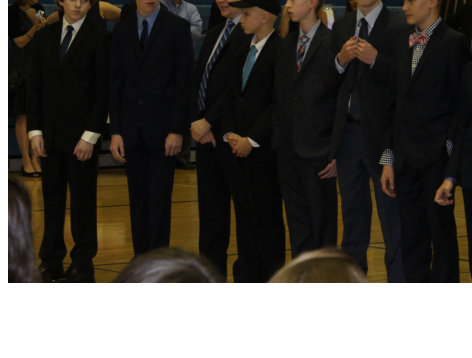
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Spring Fling!

Remember Cotillion and Spring Fling? The tradition is still going strong. Mrs. Frazier taught Cotillion dance lessons for many many years, but since 2012 the Cotillion teacher has been Ms. Hartmann. She's put a modern spin on the lessons by teaching the students a line dance to a current song, but the basics are still the same. The eighth graders all grumble before the first lesson or two and many are nervous to hold hands and dance with someone. But soon, they enjoy it and might even practice at home. At Spring Fling, the students get to showcase the dances they have learned and parents are proud.

Enjoy these pictures from recently as well as one we found from about 10 years ago.

Class of 2017



Throwback Picture

We found this picture of some girls from Class of 2006.



Happening at School Recently...

Eighth grade helped second graders with a cool activity recently. They used iPads and a green screen to make a weather report and then all the pair reports became one weather video. OLV 8th graders have worked with many younger grades on technology projects this year and we are very proud of the way the older and younger students collaborate. Eighth graders also helped first graders turn some non-fiction books that they wrote into illustrated digital books.



During the recent Spring Fine Arts Night, there was a LIVE ART performance where some eighth grade students painted during the musical performances. They were asked to choose an artist and genre; before the night started, they began painting on their canvases. As the evening progressed, the eighth graders continued to paint, using the music to inspire them. At the end of the evening, their works were on display as they enjoyed the Choir concert.

The 5th-8th grade Choir sang Disney songs and Mr. Pancratz led the Band performances. At the end of the night, the eighth grade Band students saluted Mr. Pancratz with a rap performance, *Mr. Richard Pancratz* sung to the tune of *Alexander Hamilton* from the hit Broadway show. It was a good show showcasing the talents of our students.

In mid-May, the middle school musical performance will be *The Sound of Music*. This will be the second time what we hope will be a new favorite tradition.

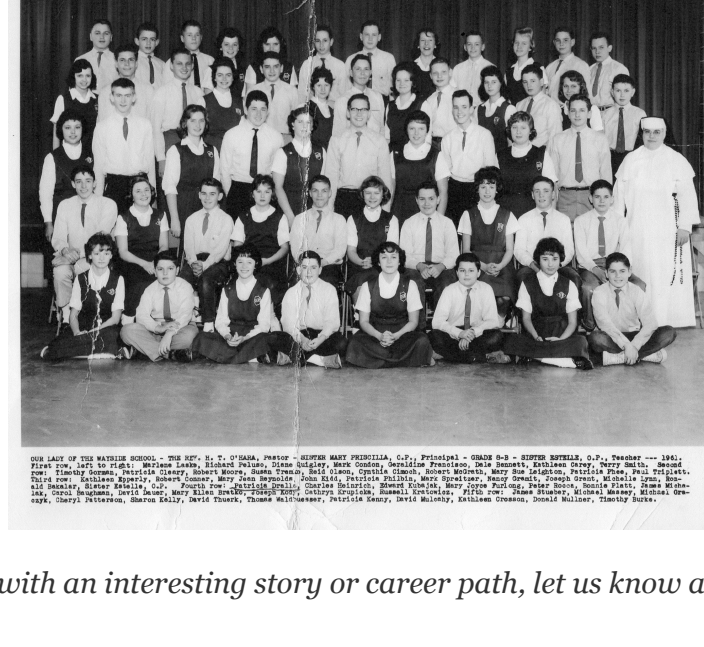


Alumni Spotlight

Pat Dralle Kendall, class of 1961, was in touch with us recently to share some old pictures and to tell us what she's been up to. Pat and her husband of 47 years live in Springfield; they have one daughter. Pat has wonderful memories of grade school, especially with Father O'Hara and Sr. Estelle. She has three siblings who also attended OLV as well, Mary, John and Philip. Unfortunately, Mary Dralle passed away many years ago.

After high school, Pat worked as a secretary to the PR Manager for the Chicago Cubs. (She was very excited when they won their World Series just this past year!) When she and her husband moved to Springfield, she started her own seafood store. Eventually she became the Seafood Manager at a Jewel. Encouraged by her customers, she decided to write a cookbook, *The Fishlady's Cookbook*. It was published and that led to fun appearances on television and radio.

"I always felt Our Lady of the Wayside was where I learned so much. I loved my years there," she says. She is now happily retired and hanging out with her husband and two wiener dogs. Pat sent this picture of her grade home room.



If you know of an alumnus with an interesting story or career path, let us know and we'll highlight it in a future issue.

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