



Celebrating Catholic Schools Week February 2017

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OLW Boys Basketball in 1970

Tom Henn, class of 1970, shared a picture of the 1969-70 OLW boys' basketball. This is paraphrasing from his email:

The 8th grade team played in March in the 'biggest' Catholic State Tournament and met up in the finals against a team (name unknown) that OLW played previously over Christmas vacation. OLW lost to that team, but that was because we were missing two key players. At the tournament, the stands were packed – standing room only – but only about a quarter of the fans were for OLW, who was the underdog. OLW beat the opponent by over 25 points. Tom's recollection is that his team scored over 100 points. "There were no three point lines, yet great outside shooting as well as great movement of the ball for inside shooting. Great defense as well." The crowd was so quiet, by the end of the game you could hear a pin drop. Tom credits the coach for pushing the team to do their best at weekly practices.



In this picture, Tom says he is in the second row, first on the left. In the top row from left to right is: a player whose name he unfortunately can't remember, Joe Peifer, Dennis O'Connell, Doug Dopke. Second row, left to right: Tom, then Jay Colloton is third from the left. In the bottom row, from left to right: a player with last name May, then unknown and then Jim Lynch? and Gerry Tully is farthest on the right. Let us know if that's all correct.

Boys Basketball in 2017

The 8th grade boys silver basketball team has been coached by Perry Gentile since the boys were in fifth grade. In sixth grade, the team finished in first place in the conference. In seventh grade, the team was first in their division and came in second in the conference championships. They also won first place in the St. Petronille Tournament. They earned first place and third place in their two tournaments this eighth grade season. Currently, the silver team is in second place and hoping to play in the conference championship in mid-February.

The 8th grade boys gold basketball team, coached by Ray Marchiori since sixth grade, has only one 'regular season loss in league/conference games. In 7th grade, the gold team was the regular season league/conference champion and the post season Conference Tournament Championship winner. In 7th grade, they also came in 1st place in three tournaments.

For this year, the 8th grade gold team has a perfect regular season conference record and are the league/conference champions again. Post season games start mid-February and we will include an update in the next issue. The eighth grade gold team also won both the Immaculate Conception (which is traditionally a tough tournament with many great teams) and St. Hubert Tournaments.

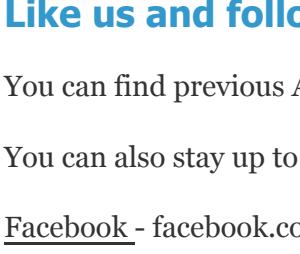


Class of 2017 8th grade silver and gold teams - silver in white and gold in blue.

What a change in the basketball uniforms!!

Catholic Schools Week 2017

Catholic Schools Week ended Friday and it was a great time to celebrate Catholic education and our part in it.

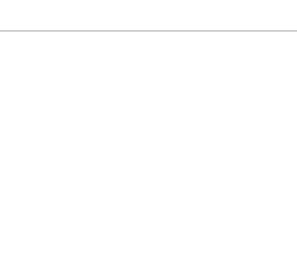


On Tuesday, the theme was Teacher Appreciation. Teachers were allowed to dress down and they were treated to a long lunch provided by the Family School Association.

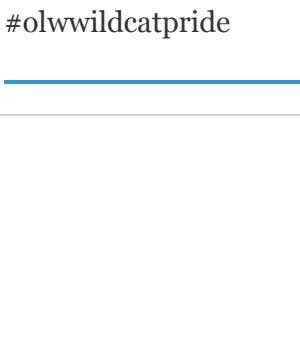
Our teachers work so hard and care so much for the students here. If you have any memories of any particular teacher, please let us know so we can pass your well wishes along.



Wednesday was Student Appreciation Day and students were treated to a hot dog and ice cream lunch and entertainment. This year's entertainment was The Rope Warrior, who let the students participate in some of this rope tricks.



On Thursday, we celebrated Spirit Day with an afternoon Pep Rally. Each grade and the teachers competed in silly relay races amidst a very loud, cheering student body.



Catholic Schools Week 2017 concluded at OLW with a new favourite tradition - Buddy Bingo. Each year, older students are paired up with younger students as part of the Buddy Program; they participate in different activities throughout the year, giving each student a chance to become buddies with a new grade.

Alumni Update

Tom Henn, class of 1970, included an update when he sent the basketball picture. He also send some class pictures. We have included one from 5thgrade below.

Tom moved with his family to the San Francisco area after he graduated from OLW. He still lives in the bay area and has three adult children. Tom tells us that he has a career as a hi-tech marketing and sales executive, having built software companies and taken them public. Four of his siblings went to OLW as well: older sister Sue and Sandy, and two younger brothers Tim and Don. Two other younger brothers did not attend OLW because of the families' move out west. While at OLW, Tom told us that his mom, Lois Henn (who passed away just this past fall) worked often with Father O'Hara and was president of the early version of the Family School Association.

Thank you to Tom for sending pictures. We are eager for more pictures and updates from all of our alumni.



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