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Update: OLV Boys Basketball

In February, we shared a picture and story about the boys 1970 basketball team and their championship game. Nancy Aiello Lynk and Joe Aiello both wrote to let us know the name of the coach, Don Campbell, who is also their uncle. We've put the old picture on the website with an update on whose in it.

We also talked about the current eighth grade teams who were heading into playoffs in late February. We are happy to report that both eighth grade basketball teams won their respective conference finals: the Gold team beat St. Raymond's 42 - 26; Silver played a nail biter and won 39-37 over the #1 team, St. Emily's. Additionally, the seventh grade boys gold team won the conference finals and the silver team made it to the semi-finals.

OLW Girls Basketball in 1987



Here is a 'throwback' picture we found of the Class of 1987 girls basketball team. We think this team played St. Emily's in the finals - St. Emily's was the big rival from sixth to eighth

grade. Today it's St. James. Mr. LaMotte coached them and we are told that he LOVED basketball and was an avid marathon runner.

Pictured in the top row, from the left:
Sarah Hihn, Karen Reckamp, Tina LaMotte-Sorota, Katie Finnerty, Monica Schmidt, Adriann Rago (in the school uniform)

Bottom row from left:
Mary Ottes, Chris Saelens O'Keefe, Megan Hayes, Amy Prange

Holding basketball: Jenny Myzia



This year, our eighth grade girls gold basketball team played in the first round of conference playoffs, but did not

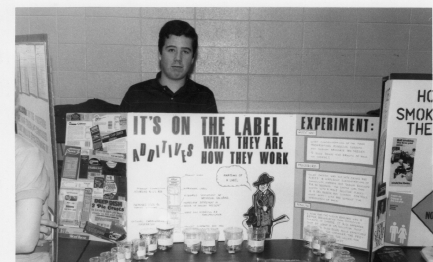
advance. Here is a picture of our eighth grade girls team.

Remember Science Fair?

OLW seventh graders presented at the regional science fair on March 4 and won 1st place in the small school division for the eighth year in a row. This year, fifteen students earned high enough scores to move on to the State Science Fair on May 5, 2017 at Northern Illinois University.

We are so proud of this great tradition – OLV was a great science school before STEM was a popular acronym. This year's science fair success continues that which started with Mr. Rhinehart, a longtime science teacher and volleyball coach. It is likely that OLV was in a different division when Mr. Rhinehart worked with students for Science Fair. We don't have the exact details on how the students performed - send a quick note if you have information.

Here are current and past pictures.



Alumni Spotlight

Nicole Gavin, OLV Class of 2008, went to Rolling Meadows High School and then Loyola University Chicago, from which graduated in May 2016 with a degree in Elementary Education. She has taken a different path for her first year after college. Nicole is the first grade teacher at St. Paul's Mission Grade School on the Ft. Belknap Indian Reservation in Hays, MT. St Paul's has 75 students enrolled from kindergarten to sixth grade. Hays, MT is an "incredibly rural and isolated place." The only establishments are a gas station and a post office; the closest grocery store is an hour away.

Nicole decided to take a year to volunteer after graduation to grow in spirituality and learn more about social and ecological justice. She says, "I was really attracted to this specific position because I had always been interested in Native American culture and wanted to push myself to experience a place that was not at all like Chicago. Though there have definitely been struggles during my volunteer year, the students who I get to work with are bright and have challenged me to grow in patience and love. I am also very grateful to be living with an incredibly supportive community of fellow volunteers. Though my relationship with God has changed since my time at OLV, what I learned about our Catholic faith at OLV has lead me to constantly pursue a relationship with The Creator and strive to be like Jesus."

Nicole plans to move back to Chicago in May to pursue a teaching job in the Chicago Pubic Schools system.



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

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