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Upcoming Events

May Crowning - May 24,
the Feast of Our Lady of
the Wayside
2pm in the Church

May 24 will also be the
OLW Giving Day for alumni.
We hope you consider
supporting Our Lady of the
Wayside School.

Class of 2011 - reunion
May 31, 6:30-8pm in the
gym

Class of 2015 - reunion
late July or early August
watch your email for more
details

All Years Reunion

We are hoping to plan an
all-years reunion in 2020.
Anyone interested in being
involved should contact
Danielle Kenney via email
at dkenney@olwschool.org.

No date has been set yet.

Mrs. Gatewood is retiring

Mrs. Gatewood, middle
school math teacher, is
retiring this year. If you
were a student of hers and
would like to include a note
for her the end-of-the-year
Mass at which she will be
honored, please send a
reply email and we will
make sure she receives it.

Happy Mother's Day

We wish all of our alumni
and their families a very
happy and blessed
Mother's Day.

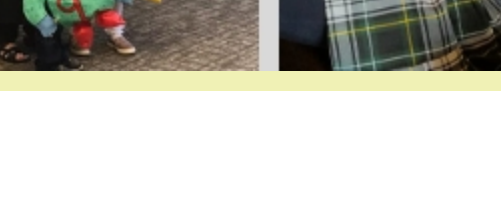
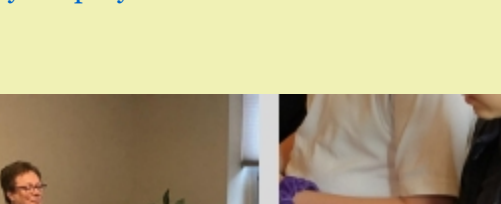
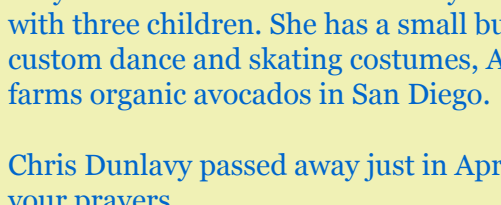
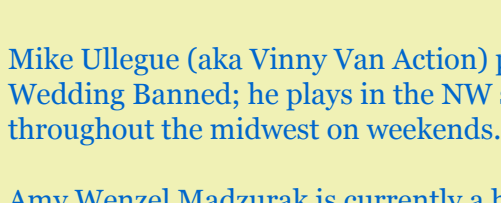
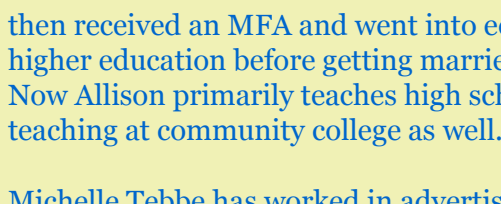
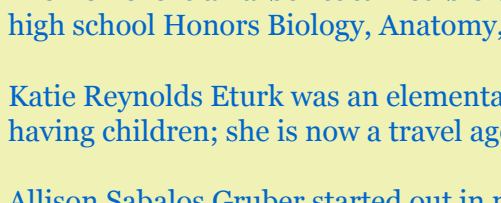
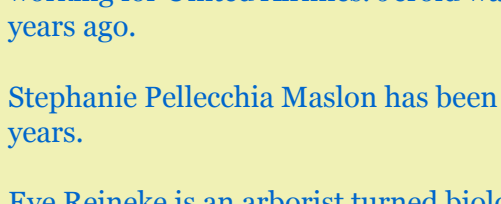
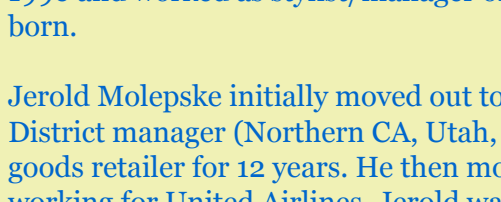
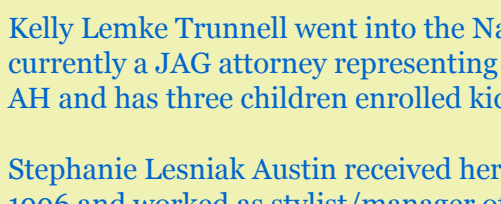
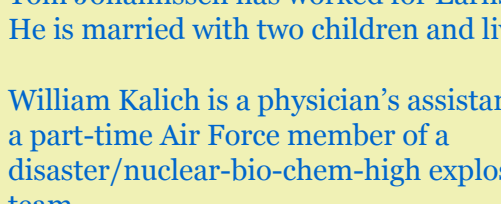
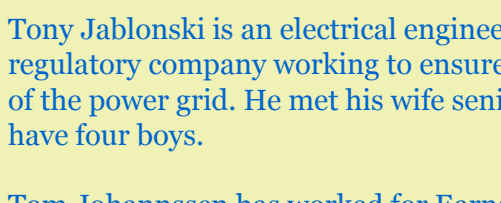
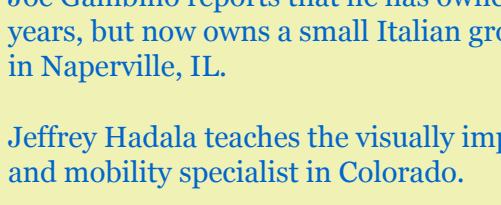
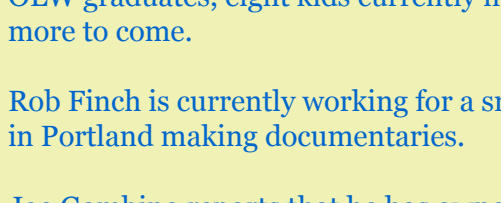
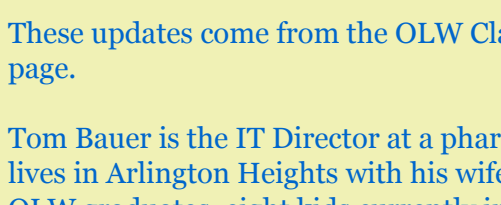
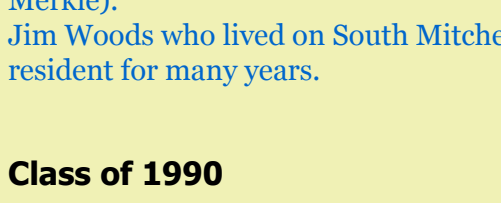
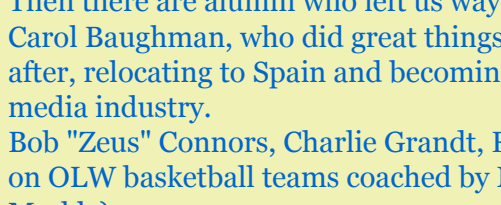
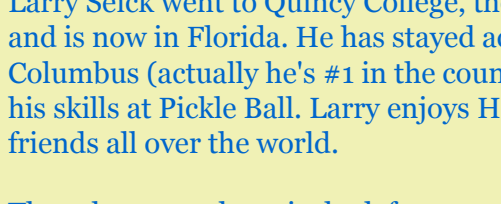
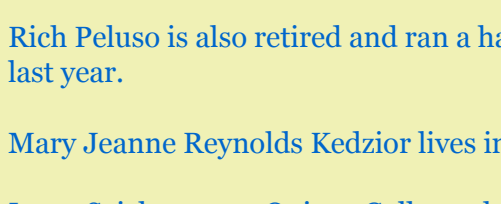
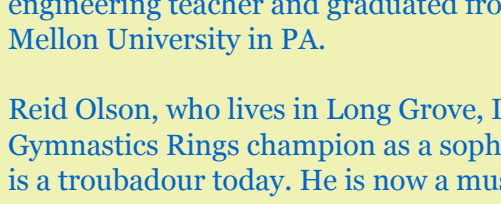
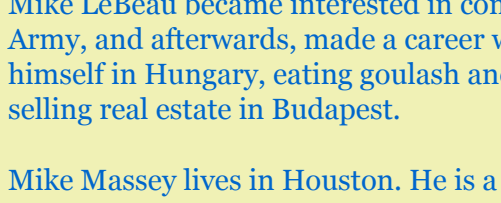
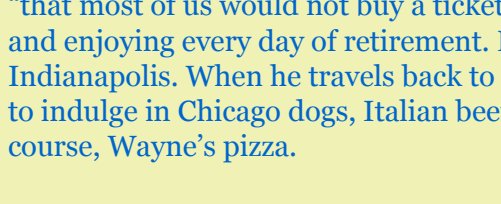
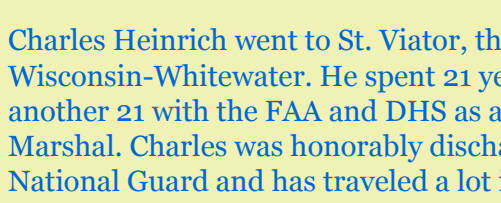
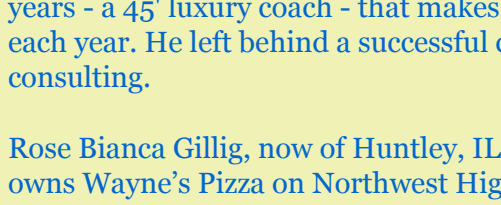
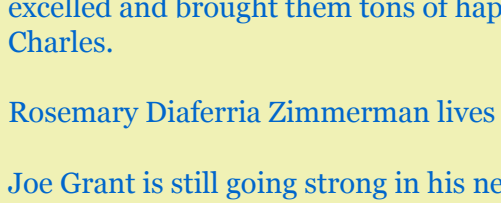
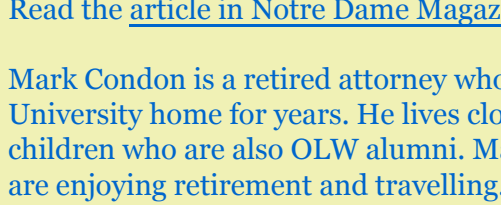
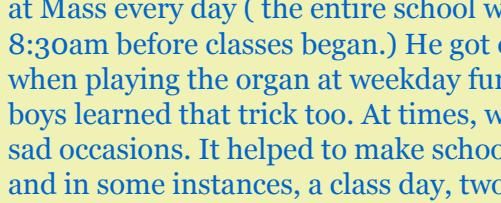
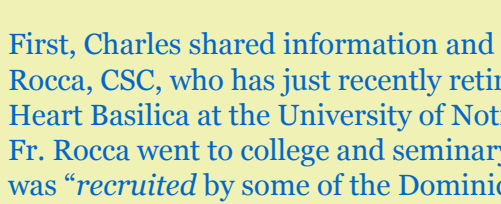
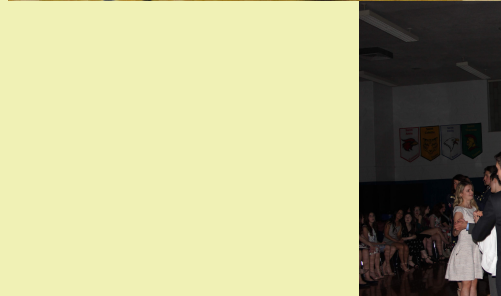
Wildcat Alumni Newsletter

May 2019

Dear OLW School

Is this the correct email for you? dkenney@olwschool.org
supportolw@olwschool.org If not, please update it by using the
link at the left.

The activities going on at school this month are the ones that
alumni remember the most - First Communion, Spring Fling, 7th
grade trip to Springfield, 8th grade trip to DC, May Crowning and,
of course, Graduation. But all grades are busy right now - end of
the year field trips, the band concert and Fine Arts Night, the
wedding of Q and U, yearbook signing.



Alumni Updates

Class of 1961

Some notes about the Class of 1961 come from Charles Heinrich:

First, Charles shared information and link about Father Peter Rocca, CSC, who has just recently retired as the Rector at Sacred Heart Basilica at the University of Notre Dame, which is where Fr. Rocca went to college and seminary. Charles writes that Peter was "recruited" by some of the Dominican nuns to play the organ at Mass every day (the entire school would meet in church at 8:30am before classes began.) He got out of some classes as well when playing the organ at weekday funerals but some of us altar boys learned that trick too. At times, we volunteered to help at sad occasions. It helped to make school work a bit more bearable and in some instances, a class day, two hours shorter." Read the [article in Notre Dame Magazine](#) about Father Rocca.

Mark Condon is a retired attorney who called Marquette University home for years. He lives close to OLW and has children who are also OLW alumni. Mark and his wife Barbara are enjoying retirement and travelling. Their children have all excelled and brought them tons of happiness, according to Charles.

Rosemary Diaferria Zimmerman lives down the street from OLW.

Joe Grant is still going strong in his new home of about seven years - a 45' luxury coach - that makes its way across American each year. He left behind a successful career in advertising and consulting.

Rose Bianca Gillig, now of Huntley, IL, is part of the family that owns Wayne's Pizza on Northwest Highway in Arlington Hts.

Charles Heinrich went to St. Viator, then the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He spent 21 years with the AHPD and another 21 with the FAA and DHS as an agent/inspector and Air Marshal. Charles was honorably discharged from the Illinois Air National Guard and has traveled a lot including to many places "that most of us would not buy a ticket to visit." He is married and enjoying every day of retirement. He happily resides in Indianapolis. When he travels back to Arlington Heights, he likes to indulge in Chicago dogs, Italian beef sandwiches and, of course, Wayne's pizza.

Mike LeBeau became interested in computers while in the US Army, and afterwards, made a career with AT&T. He finally found himself in Hungary, eating goulash and loving it. He is now selling real estate in Budapest.

Mike Massey lives in Houston. He is a retired chemical engineering teacher and graduated from Wisconsin and Carnegie Mellon University in PA.

Reid Olson, who lives in Long Grove, IL, was the Illinois State Gymnastics Rings champion as a sophomore at Arlington HS and is a troubadour today. He is now a musician and performs locally.

Rich Peluso is also retired and ran a half-marathon in Michigan last year.

Mary Jeanne Reynolds Kedzior lives in Sleepy Hollow, IL.

Larry Seick went to Quincy College, then south to North Carolina and is now in Florida. He has stayed active with the Knights of Columbus (actually he's #1 in the council) and keeps mastering his skills at Pickle Ball. Larry enjoys Ham Radio and making new friends all over the world.

Then there are alumni who left us way too soon:
Carol Baughman, who did great things before, but especially after, relocating to Spain and becoming very well known in the media industry.

Bob "Zeus" Connors, Charlie Grandt, Ron Bakalar, (all teammates on OLW basketball teams coached by Mr. Mueller and Mr. Merkle).

Jim Woods who lived on South Mitchell Avenue and was an AH resident for many years.

Class of 1990

These updates come from the OLW Class of 1990! FaceBook page.

Tom Bauer is the IT Director at a pharmaceutical company. He lives in Arlington Heights with his wife and family. Tom has two OLW graduates, eight kids currently in school at OLW and two more to come.

Rob Finch is currently working for a small production company in Portland making documentaries.

Joe Gambino reports that he has owned many businesses over the years, but now owns a small Italian grocery store and pizza place in Naperville, IL.

Jeffrey Hadala teaches the visually impaired and is an orientation and mobility specialist in Colorado.

Tony Jablonski is an electrical engineer who works for a regulatory company working to ensure the security and reliability of the power grid. He met his wife senior year of college and they have four boys.

Tom Johannssen has worked for Earnst and Young since college. He is married with two children and lives near Wrigley Field.

William Kalich is a physician's assistant in surgical oncology and a part-time Air Force member of a disaster/nuclear-bio-chem-high explosive terrorism response team.

Keith Klein has worked in economic development, housing development, and environmental clean-up in underserved neighborhoods for 18 years. He also teaches a communications class at a local community college.

Kelly Lemke Trunnell went into the Navy after law school and is currently a JAG attorney representing victim's rights. She lives in AH and has three children enrolled kids at OLW.

Stephanie Lesniak Austin received her cosmetology license in 1996 and worked as stylist/manager of a salon until kids were born.

Jerold Molepske initially moved out to California and worked as a District manager (Northern CA, Utah, Nevada) for a sporting goods retailer for 12 years. He then moved back to IL and is working for United Airlines. Jerold was married three and half years ago.

Stephanie Pellecchia Maslon has been a cardiac nurse for 20 years.

Eve Reineke is an arborist turned biology teacher; she teaches high school Honors Biology, Anatomy, and Physiology.

Katie Reynolds E Turk was an elementary school teacher before having children; she is now a travel agent and loves it.

Allison Sabalos Gruber started out in non-profit development, then received an MFA and went into education. She taught in higher education before getting married and then moved to AZ. Now Allison primarily teaches high school AP English, sometimes teaching at community college as well.

Michelle Tebbe has worked in advertising for 20 years.

Mike Ullegue (aka Vinny Van Action) plays guitar in a band called Wedding Banned; he plays in the NW suburbs of Chicago and throughout the midwest on weekends.

Amy Wenzel Madzurak is currently a homeschooling dance mom with three children. She has a small business creating and sewing custom dance and skating costumes. An interesting note: she also farms organic avocados in San Diego.

Chris Dunlavy passed away just in April. Please keep his family in your prayers.

