

**WELCOME BACK  
WAYSIDE WILDCATS!**



# OLW MISSION STATEMENT

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OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE SCHOOL IS DEDICATED TO  
ENRICHING OUR STUDENTS' MINDS,  
FOSTERING A DEEP AND MEANINGFUL FAITH IN EACH CHILD,  
AND EXPANDING THEIR TALENTS.

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# Growing OLW

- First enrollment growth in a decade: Current 390
- Blue Ribbon School for Excellence eligible
- New students with longevity potential at OLW
- Student scores improved school-wide
- Developing new programs to engage students academically, spiritually, and emotionally
- WOW Days- We're Outstanding Wildcats
  - Last Friday of the month- Spirit Day
  - Students with Disciplinary issues will not participate but have a reflection and reteaching
- New multi age preschool added
  - over 115 PreK students
  - will work to enhance our retention going into Kindergarten

*Every family is an ambassador family.*





# ENRICHING MINDS

Archdiocesan Goals For Schools:  
*75% of students will achieve typical annual growth on Iready reading and math assessments by 2025-2026.*

## Middle School 2024-2025

8th:	76% Reading   82% Math
7th:	80% Reading   85% Math
6th:	75% Reading   77% Math

## Schoolwide:

**77% Reading and 85% Math**

OCS average is 63% and 58%. The IL average is 52% and 49%





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## Elementary 2024-25

5th:	81% Reading		50% Math
4th:	67% Reading		67% Math
3rd:	77% Reading		65% Math
2nd:	75% Reading		68% Math
1st:	64% Reading		75%



# IREADY

Percentage of Students Performing At Grade Level or Above

8th: 88% Reading/89% Math

7th: 95% Reading/98% Math

6th: 96% Reading/98% Math

Schoolwide:

Reading: 94% and Math: 91%

# IREADY

Percentage of Students Performing At Grade Level or Above

5th: 91% Reading/92% Math

4th: 90% Reading/88% Math

3rd: 92% Reading/87% Math

2nd: 90% Reading/89% Math

1st: 97% Reading/93% Math

**Schoolwide:**

**Reading: 94%**

**Math: 91%**

# Every grade (K-8) averaged High Achievement/High Growth in the 2025 Spring iReady Testing





# FOSTERING FAITH

- Archdiocesan Goals For Schools:  
*75% of students will strongly agree  
that “God is present in my life.”*

**89% of OLV  
students strongly  
agreed that  
“God is present in  
my life.”**





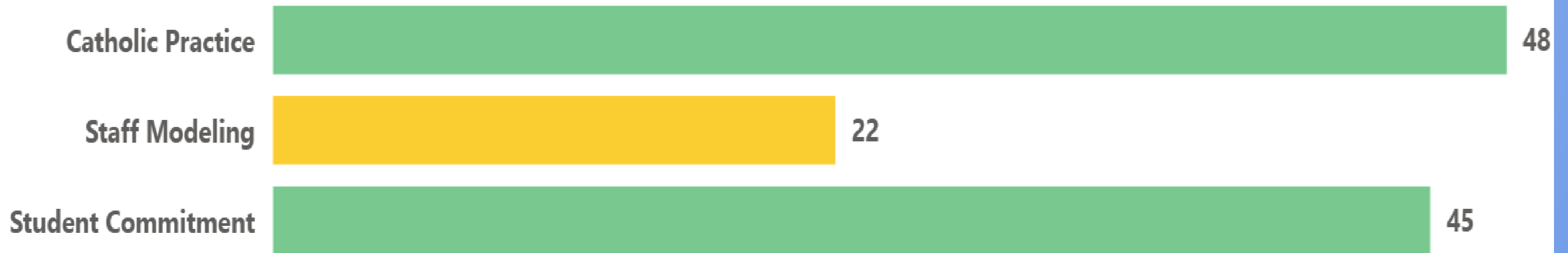
# FOSTERING FAITH

## Catholic Essentials Survey Results

Measures all improved.

We scored higher than the Archdiocese average for all Religion categories!

### Catholic Measures Summary (Overall Score)



Score out of 50  
(3rd-8th)



# FOSTERING FAITH & ENRICHING MINDS

## BOOK MADNESS THEMES

### **Courtesy**

Being kind and polite

Showing respect and having a positive attitude

### **Empathy**

Including others and being mindful of their feelings. Being understanding

### **Selflessness**

Showing concern for others

Worrying about the needs of others



# EXPANDING TALENTS

- Spanish Special 4th-5th
- Band (3rd-8th)
- Christmas Concert (1st-8th)
- Art
- Fine Arts Night (K-8)
- Fall Musical (3rd - 8th)
- Athletics (5th - 8th)
- CORE
- STEM
- Robotics





# MS Advisory Period

- 4 days a week at the end of the day
  - M/T/TH/F
  - 2 days are study/2 days are skills
- Used to enhance executive functioning skills
  - Planning - Organization - Time Management - Task Initiation- Working memory - Self-control - Attention - Flexibility - Perseverance
- Keyboard skills with new iPad cases
- Time to work with teachers and get necessary support
- HR time to go over school events, in lieu of using Religion class time



# Safety Improvements

## Important Updates to Security of Our Buildings

- Funds are from Gen-to-Gen campaign
- Working off ideas from security consultant
- Panic buttons in each classroom
- New key cards distributed
- New locks
- Camera eye on each key pad
- One system to send message to all buildings and classrooms







# 2025-26 SCHOOL BUDGET REPORT

Archdiocesan Goal: Each school will operate within its approved budget.

Key Factor: Higher enrollment

**Expenses**                      **3,090,355**

Teachers / Staff	84%
Classroom / Office Supplies	7%
Utilities / Insurance	5%
Building Maintenance	3.5 %
Miscellaneous	.5%

**Funding**                      **3,066,902**

Tuition/Fees	83%	
Fundraising	7%	
Parish Investment	9.5%	
Miscellaneous	.5%	



# Annual Fund

## Fills the Gap Between Tuition & Cost of Educating One Student

### How We Raise Money for the Annual Fund - approximately \$175,000

- Sponsorship - the banners in the gym
- Queen of Hearts - consider the weekly automatic ticket
- #GivingTuesday - please support us on December 2
- Catholic Schools Week - Kids Rule, Sign-Up Parties, Teacher Outings
- Soiree - dancing and mingling on February 28, 2026

### To Support:

- Teacher Stipends/Reimbursement
- Additional Support Staff
- Curriculum and Technology Improvements Outside Budget Scope
- School Counselor
- Extra Curricular Activities



# OLW Parish Leadership

## (School & Church)

### School Groups

#### **SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD (SAB)**

Advisors to the  
Pastor and  
Principal on  
policies relating to  
academic,  
financial and  
overall operation  
of the school

#### **FAMILY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (FSA)**

School  
community  
building for  
students and  
families and  
fundraising to  
support teachers

#### **BOOSTERS ATHLETIC BOARD**

Manages athletics  
& athletic related  
activities for  
benefit of  
students, school &  
parish community

### Parish Groups

#### **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

Advisors to the Pastor  
of Our Lady of the  
Wayside Parish on  
policies relating to  
commitment of parish  
resources,  
management of funds,  
review of annual  
budget, in addition to  
any other finance  
items brought to the  
council by the Pastor

#### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)**

Advisors to the  
pastor and  
parishioners who  
actively support  
the ministries of  
our parish



# Collaborative Support from SAB and FSA

- SAB Technology Committee identified need in Middle School
  - typing skills class
  - keyboard cases for iPads
- FSA was able to support the purchase of keyboard cases for middle school students

The support from parent boards are so important and so appreciated.



# School Advisory Board (SAB)

- Advisors to the Pastor and Principal on policies relating to academic, financial and overall operation of the school
- 2025-26 will begin new Strategic Plan
  - input from current and past school families will be needed
  - other SAB committees: Finance, Elections, Public Relations, and Technology
- 2025-26 Members
  - Mike Defer - Chair, Mike Pohl - vice chair
  - Jake Annuziata, Sam DeStefano, Kelly Godziszewski, Jenna Mack, Konrad Serafin, Dariuz Slomiany, and Jennifer Soboleski



# School Advisory Board (SAB)

Just like you, we want OLW to thrive. We are here to help.

- Marketing and PR subcommittee put together new student welcome bags
- SAB donated to Soiree
- Board members and their families helped at Open House to welcome and speak with potential new families
- Always discussing how to enhance families' experiences and increase retention

*Anyone can attend meetings!*

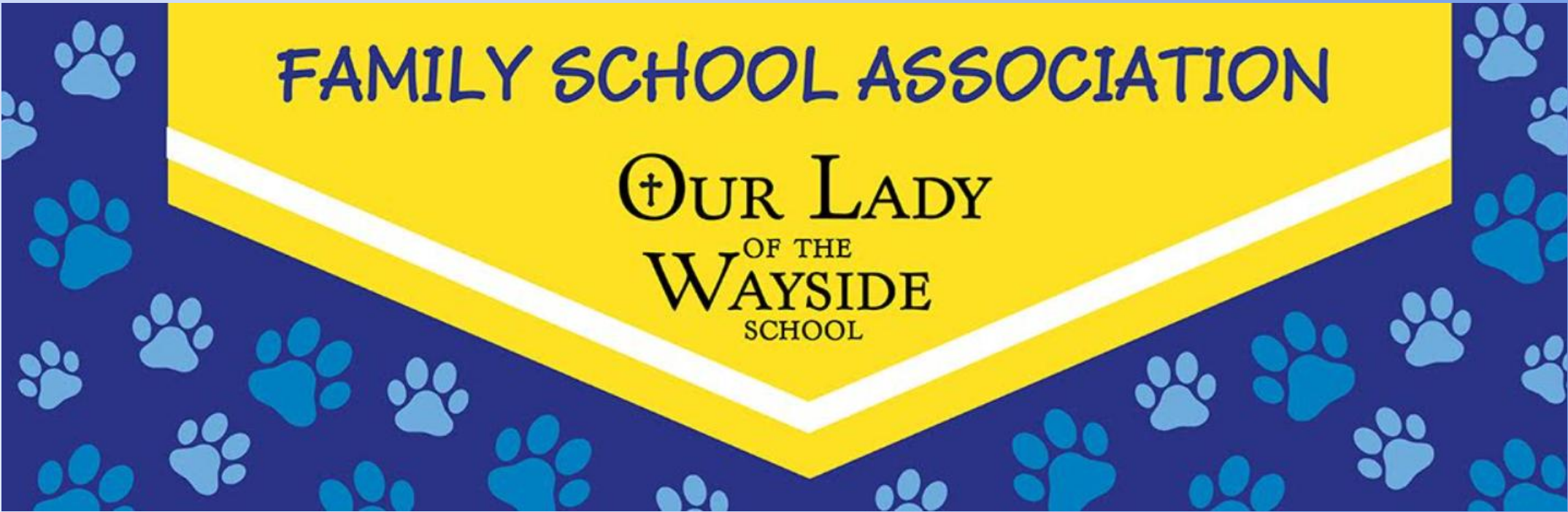
*The Constitution states that any parents or member of the parish may formally petition the Board with a request to consider recommendations, proposals or other matters relating to the operation of the educational facilities of the parish. Such petitions must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board at least one week prior to the meeting at which formal consideration is proposed. This procedure allows parishioners to discuss with the Board any matter requiring formal consideration.*



# FSA - Family School Association

## FSA Board

Chair Shauna Martin	Vice Chair Julie Carter	Secretary Samantha Hostert
Treasurer Renee Kennedy	All School Services Cynthia DeStefano	Communications Lauren Shaffer
Early Childhood Lindsay Petermann	Student Events Fara Librizzi Amber Mueller  Parent Socials Bridget and Dan Polhill	Hospitality Lindsey Enterline
Middle School Services Michelle Sammartino	School Gifts Robin Guagenti	Student Enrichment Maureen Henry





# FSA

- Community Building- Students and Families
- **Grandparents and Special Person Day - October 14**
- Student Appreciation Days, Student Assemblies, Field Trips
- Gifted Teachers from a Wish List in 2024-25
- Early Childhood Hospitality
  - **Storytime with Santa- December 10**
- Book Fairs, Santa Secret Shop (NEW), Ornaments
- Supper Clubs - Percentage of sales returned to OLW
- 8th grade traditions
- Gift Card Program
- **Ladies Night Out, Bingo and Bubbles - November 15**





# Get Involved with FSA

- **Is Easy!**
- **Is a Great Way to Meet People!**
- **Benefits the Students and Staff!**

1

Volunteer - Help at an event or in the school, doing creative work, doing behind the scenes work from home, etc.

2

Support the Events Financially - Participate in at least 2 Supper Clubs; go to at least 1 event with a non-school friend; learn and use RaiseRight

3

Attend a Meeting - We'd love to have you! Dates are in Monday Memo's.

Looking for more ways to help: [Membership Toolkit](#) for sign-up opportunities, watch Monday Memos and [fsachair@olwschool.org](mailto:fsachair@olwschool.org)





# Athletics

## 5th - 8th Grades

- Athletics board was previously called “Boosters”
- Sports offered:
  - Fall: Cheer (4th-8th), Soccer, Cross Country, Girls Volleyball
  - Winter: Girls & Boys Basketball
  - Spring: Boys Volleyball, Girls Softball, Track & Field
- Fundraising events
  - Wildcat Prowl - Thu Sept 25, 2025
  - March Madness Sport Celebration
  - Pack the Gym nights
- Budget
  - 100% of the budget is sourced from sport fees and fundraisers to help cover uniforms, equipment, referee fees, conference/tourney fees, awards, etc.

## VOLUNTEERING!

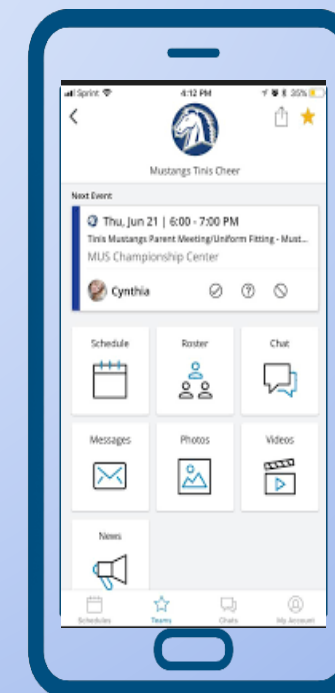
Join the Athletics Board! Help coach! Assist with the admissions table, concession stand, or scoreboard at home games! Find out more at [olwathletics.org](http://olwathletics.org) or reach out to [olwboosters@gmail.com](mailto:olwboosters@gmail.com)

All information, including registrations, can be found online at

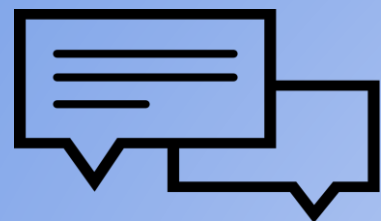
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is used to maintain and share practice, game, and gym schedules for all teams.







Monday Memos



Facebook



Instagram



School Website

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# STAY CONNECTED

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## **You can stay connected also by getting involved!**

- Identify what you're interested in - FSA, SAB or OLW Athletics.
- Reach out to a committee member - find their info in Membership Toolkit
- Watch for meeting dates in Monday Memos. All meetings are open to you!

**“Some of my best times and most cherished friendships started as part of a planning committee and spending face-to-face planning time together - lots of work and planning, but lots of laughs and memories too!”**

**Parent with 3 OLW Graduates**



# Be Involved with the Parish

- **OLW Family Tailgate**
  - Saturday, September 6 after 5pm Mass

CFM - Christian Family Movement

This Man is You

St. Vincent DePaul Walk for Friends

Men's Basketball

Faith into Action

Monthly Family Mass



# New Opening to Our School Day

Our Lady of the Wayside – Pray for Us

All the Angels and Saints – Pray for Us

And let's remember to pray for each other.