

Caritas Mission Statement

OLS Caritas is the liaison between the school families and the principal. The main function of Caritas is fundraising – not only to meet our yearly assessment, but also to be able to help the principal and teachers acquire things that may be needed for the classrooms or school as a whole.

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CARITAS OPEN MEETINGS

ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Thursday, September 10, 2009 – OLS Gym 7:15

***Wednesday – March 10, 2010– OLS Gym 7:15**

(*Tentative Date)

These Open Meetings are designed to keep parents informed about what is going on at the school. There may be a guest speaker or the school children may be showcased through such things as an Art Show or Sr. Regina's Choir. All parents are asked to attend so they can be up to date on what is happening at OLS.

MAJOR FUNDRAISERS

Tricky Tray – Friday November 13, 2009

NEW THIS YEAR –

Adult Gym Class Heros! March 28, 2010

SCHOOL SERVICES

Welcome Back Social - September 12, 2009

Election Day Bake Sale – November 3, 2009

Wreath Sale – November- December 2009

Breakfast with Santa - December 6, 2009

Holiday Fair - December 6, 2009

Secret Santa Shop -December 7 -11th, 2009

Book Fair – January 31, 2010 thru February 5, 2010

School Play – May 6th and May 7th, 2010

Field Day – May 27, 2010 (Rain date May 28th)

Box Tops for Education

CARITAS EVENTS

WELCOME BACK SOCIAL

Saturday September 12, 2009

Chairperson:

Marli Craig (973) 313-9699

Fun for the whole family! A great opportunity to meet new people and catch up with old friends! You'll be able to meet Class Parents, Scout Leaders, Caritas Board Members and many other people who can answer any questions you may have. Entertainment, pizza, a DJ and games will be provided.

MAGAZINE SALES AND RENEWALS

SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

Chairperson:

Ania Budzyn (973) 763-1798

Marli Craig (973) 313-9699

Everyone gets Magazines and the Magazine Sale is a great opportunity to **RENEW** or extend existing subscriptions. You will also have the opportunity to start new subscriptions at the best prices available. **ONLINE ORDERING AND RENEWAL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

TRICKY TRAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009

Chairperson:

Colleen McDonald (973) 736-2301

Margaret Rego (973) 762-3965

This is a major fundraiser for the school and all parents are expected to support it. This is a fun evening for all as you participate in multiple auctions for goods and services, including theme baskets, gift certificates, tickets to sporting events, services and more. An event not to be missed!

Volunteers needed to set up the evening before, help wrap the baskets and sell tickets on that night.

ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2009

Chairperson:

Jennifer McTernan (973) 763-4893

This year should prove to be an exciting presidential election. All families are asked to donate a main entrée or dessert. Please help to make this a big success.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the lower church and cafeteria for set up and sales

WREATH SALE

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

Chairperson:

Joan Simari (973) 763-1562

Raj Syal (973) 378-2171

Nice quality wreaths and grave covers are available for purchase through Caritas. Orders will be taken in late October with delivery in November.

The wreaths not only look great - they also make a great gift!

Volunteers are needed to sell and distribute wreaths and grave covers after Mass in late November and early December.

SECRET SANTA SHOP

DECEMBER 7, 2009 THRU DECEMBER 11, 2009

Chairperson:

Cathy Rowe (973) 762-0763

Here is a great opportunity for your child to personally select gifts for parents, grandparents, siblings and friends in a chaperoned environment. Parents are welcome to shop during special hours which will be announced closer to the date.

Volunteers are needed to help decorate, do inventory, and assist the children during the day.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

Chairperson:

Melanie Chambers (973) 378-7914

Jennifer McTernan (973) 763-4893

Select one of two seatings for a relaxing delicious breakfast in the OLS cafeteria and have your picture taken with Santa. After breakfast, you can shop in the Gym at the Holiday Fair.

Volunteers are needed to set-up and decorate on Saturday December 3rd, and to serve on Sunday, December 4th.

HOLIDAY FAIR

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6, 2009

Chairperson:

Come and shop for great Christmas gifts from approximately 50 vendors and artisans. You can choose anything from jewelry pieces, holiday crafts and unique items just in time for gift giving or for yourself.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

THIS YEAR'S THEME – Dividends for Life

SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 2010 – SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2010

Chairperson:

Colleen McDonald (973) 736-2301

Marli Craig (973) 313-9699

Catholic Schools' Week is not only a celebration of Catholic education in general, but an opportunity to showcase Our Lady of Sorrows in particular, to the community. It begins on Sunday January 31, 2009 with a School Mass at 9:30AM followed by an Open House in the school and continues through Saturday, February 6, 2009 with events in the school and opportunities for prospective parents to visit classes in session. This year Catholic Schools week will end with a Family fun night. The Book Fair will run concurrently.

Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments, give tours, assist teachers in the classrooms and work at the book fair.

BOOK FAIR

SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 2010 – SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2010

Chairperson:

Lorelee Syal (973) 378-2171

Ania Budzyn (973) 763-1798

Books and assorted supplies are available for students and parents during this week long event. Look for teachers' wish lists if you would like to donate a book to your child's classroom.

Volunteers are needed to help the children make their book selections.

Adult Gym Class Heroes!

SATURDAY MARCH 29, 2009

Chairperson:

Marli Craig (973) 313-9699

Marjorie Cross (973) 373-3866

Remember grade school kickball games, tag and all the fun? Join us for food, drink and fun on a trip back to grade school Gym Class with our very own gym teacher in our gym! Guaranteed fun for all! This is an adult only event!

EASTER CANDY SALE

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED – DELIVERY IN TIME FOR
EASTER

Chocolates and candies will be available just in time for Easter.

SCHOOL PLAY
MAY 6TH AND MAY 7TH, 2010

Chairperson (Play Journal and Tickets) ß:

Colleen McDonald (973) 736-2301

Melanie Chambers (973) 378-7914

Tickets:

The 8th graders may star in the annual play, but it's kindergarten through seventh grade that steal the show! Tickets sold in advance and at the door. A play journal is produced to commemorate this great event.

Volunteers are needed to solicit ads for the play journal, distribute play journals and sell and take tickets at the door.

FIELD DAY
MAY 27, 2010 (Rain Date May 28, 2010)

Chairperson:

Marli Craig (973) 313-9699

Ania Budzyn (973) 763-1798

Colleen McDonald (973) 736-2301

This is a day filled with nothing but fun for the OLS students. Games and activities are scheduled at Cameron Field in South Orange. A DJ is provided for the fun.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, supervise the children, run activities and clean up at the end.

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

General Mills cereals, Yoplait yogurt, Betty Crocker cake and muffin mixes are just a few of the brands that have a Box Tops for Education's coupon that OLS can redeem for school supplies. All you need to do is clip this coupon and send it to school with your child each month.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

DAILY

Jennifer McTernan (973) 763-4893

Delicious and nutritious hot lunches are available to OLS students at a reasonable price, from the school cafeteria. Volunteers are needed to work in the cafeteria to help prepare lunch and serve the children during lunch. This is a great way to meet other OLS parents.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Josephine Giorgio (973) 373-1083

Volunteers are needed to work in the library to assist the students with their book selections and to maintain the library. Volunteers are needed to work in the library during school hours.