



# Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School Alumni Newsletter

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## A Word from Our Pastoral Associate Deb Hamm

Recently, the husband of a former Catholic school classmate of mine posted a first communion picture on Facebook. It was a picture of all the girls in our class. We had a very large class, so they took separate pictures of the girls and the boys. The picture sparked quite a lively exchange for a few days. It was fun to reminisce about our teachers and our days in Catholic school.



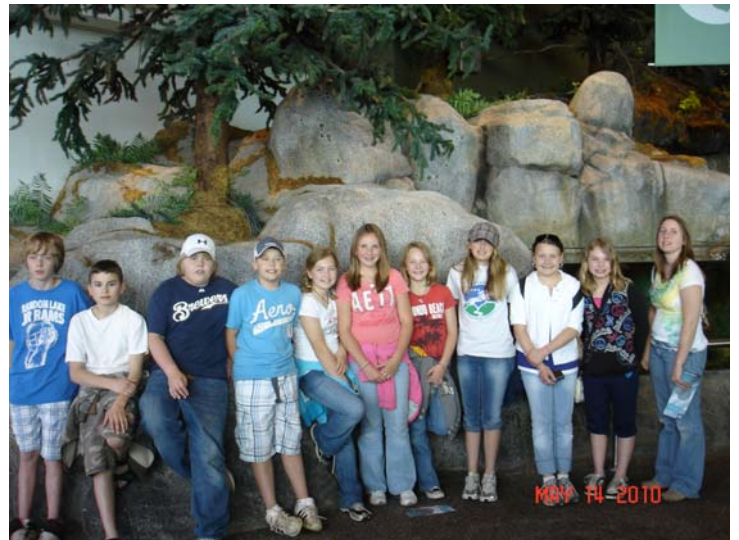
The exchange also reminded me of two other events. Last summer, I was at the wedding of a young woman who graduated from Rosemary School in Fredonia. There were many of her Catholic school classmates in attendance. I was lucky enough to be part of an animated discussion that revolved around favorite memories from their elementary school years. One young man said something like this: "I couldn't wait to get out of there, but it didn't take long before I was wishing I was back at Rosemary School. It was a great place where you knew everyone and everyone had the same values. I loved that little school."

Last year, I had the opportunity to teach several 10<sup>th</sup> graders from Our Lady of the Lakes parish in religious education. These were students who opted for the Wednesday evening program at Holy Rosary. Because they had so many 10<sup>th</sup> graders, I volunteered to teach a section. I ended up with eight Our Lady of the Lakes students and two Holy Rosary students. All of these students were products of Catholic school: eight from OLL and two from Rosemary. I've taught some really good classes in the past, but I had so much fun teaching this class. (I was lucky enough to have them again in Confirmation this year, joined by 23 others.)

These young men and women were quite knowledgeable about their faith, which allowed me to teach them at an advanced level. I created a new curriculum that revolved around what they wanted to learn. They were honest, respectful, value-filled young adults. I have no doubt that their Catholic school background played a huge role in the wonderful human beings they are becoming.

My hope is that this year's OLL graduates (Jenna, Kip, Elizabeth, Jarrett, Lydia, Haley, Logan, Bailey, Chelsea and Andrew) will have similar experiences in the future. I pray they will continue to learn more about their faith and grow closer to God. I hope they will have very fond memories of their years here at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School. Good luck to them in the future. Please keep them in your prayers.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip – Shedd's Aquarium, Chicago



Andrew Wenske, Logan Mueller, Jarrett Hiller, Kip Bichler, Jenna Bares, Lydia Laumann, Chelsea Weiss, Haley Miller, Elizabeth Duschene, Bailey Sanderson, Ms. Brown.

## From the Principal's Desk Dr. Rick Erickson

Dear alumni,  
Did you know your school is 125 years old? According to available research a group of School Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi began "ministering to a school" in 1885. With that milestone in mind I would like to try to do a few 'fun' things as we celebrate our longevity.



Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a list of items about what makes Our Lady's School so special. I call upon all former students to submit suggestions of their own as to what should be included on this list. Hopefully, sometime during next school year I will have a long list of items to share with you.

Also, I am looking for the "senior most" (oldest) living alumnus of this school. I want to put a few qualifiers on who is eligible. The individual must have spent at least three years here in Our Lady's School and that must include the final year this school offered at the time (currently 6<sup>th</sup> grade). The individual(s) who qualify will be known as "Legacy" students.

Additionally, I'd like to begin a "Wall of Success" for former students of Our Lady's School. Please send me names of former students who have accomplished something I can use as a 'goal setter' for our current students. I'm thinking of anything that an individual can say 'I want to be like that'. I am thinking of things like doctors, lawyers, clergy, big time athletes, politicians, and so forth.

If you have any insights in any of the above please feel free to email the information to me ([dre@archmil.org](mailto:dre@archmil.org)) or good old fashion U.S. Mail (306 Butler, RL 53075-1712).

I hope each of you has a pleasant summer and I look forward to celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> birthday with you during next school year.

You remain in our prayers,  
Your Servant in Catholic Education,  
Rick Erickson, PhD  
Principal

## Registration for 2010-2011

Registration for the upcoming school year will be on Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. in the school gym. Packets will be available for pick-up in the school office beginning on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are brand new to Our Lady of the Lakes School, please contact the school office at 920-994-9962 for more details.

**Help Wanted:** Our Lady of the Lakes is looking for an individual to serve in the capacity of Development Director for the School and Church. The desired individual should have a comfortable knowledge of computer searches, a willingness to communicate personally with Foundations, and the ability to dedicate a minimum of 20 hours per week. Compensation will be on a commission basis. Interested individuals should contact Dr. Rick Erickson at the school office (920)-994-9962.

## May Crowning – 2010 First Communicants



Emma Wenske, Jacob Spaeth, Madison Bichler, Dylan Weiss, Ethan Mueller, Emily Duschene, Peyton Mueller, Emily Vorpahl

## 15 Things Special about Our Lady of the Lakes School:

- \* 125 years of quality education
- \* Daily, Catholic values are taught & practiced
- \* Feedback from High School personnel on the strong educational foundation of the students from Our Lady of the Lakes School
- \* Small class sizes offer greater opportunity for teacher-student interaction
- \* Religion classes are a part of the regular curriculum
- \* Our Lady of the Lakes School offers a strong academic foundation for higher education success
- \* In the last 20 years Our Lady of the Lakes School has produced one-third of all of the valedictorians or salutatorians for the local public schools
- \* The 'downtown' site of the school campus makes it an integral part of the community
- \* Wonderful parent involvement offers parents a chance to have a voice in student programs
- \* Fundraising programs help to keep tuition costs reasonable
- \* Before and after school care program available
- \* Student participation in Mass begins at an early age enabling students to develop a strong foundation for future involvement in their religion
- \* Service as Lector during Masses assists students in gaining confidence in public speaking
- \* Our Lady of the Lakes School is an educational institution that continuously searches for the best practices in educating our children
- \* Strong Catholic values are practiced daily

### **Needed: Aluminum Cans**

It is time to clean out the garage and donate all your aluminum cans to Our Lady of the Lakes! Jeff and Tracy Hiller volunteered to coordinate this fundraiser year-round. It's a great opportunity to make money for the school! No need to stack them in the garage until you can take them somewhere – drop them off at the Cedar Valley Cheese Store any time!

## Sheboygan County Catholic Schools Speech Contest

Over 180 fifth through eighth graders from the six Catholic Elementary Schools in Sheboygan County competed in a speech contest. Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School had sixteen students participating.

The students chose from among four categories; poetry, prose, group reading and story telling. Our Lady of the Lakes received 7 blue ribbons (first place), 4 red ribbons (second place), and 5 white ribbons (third place).

The blue ribbon winners included Bailey Sanderson in poetry, and Kip Bichler, Lydia Laumann, Haley Miller, Jarrett Hiller, and Jenna Bares all in group reading (an original, student written, material).

Red ribbon winners included Savi Chahal and Elizabeth Duschene for poetry and Mitchell Jacoby and Joshua Entringer for a group reading.

Winning white ribbons were Andrew Wenske for story telling (an original piece). Kimberly Roman and Logan Mueller for story telling, and Wyatt Miller and Cordell Huiras for poetry.

The participants were coached by Ms Heather Brown the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grader teacher. She was assisted by school principal, Dr. Rick Erickson.

### Preschool 2009-2010



Standing: Halle Bichler, Samantha Koepp, Kayleigh Baumann, Emily Huston, Noah Chamness  
Seated: Gracey Strack, Kailey Bair

## Home and School Update

This school year is behind us and even though we had some challenges to overcome, with a tremendous amount of support and hard work we had a great year. A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who planned, participated and supported our events this year. Our children and their families are truly grateful.

Our annual School Auction was held in April at the school. From everyone at OLL we would like to extend a truly heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our sponsors who so generously donated items and to all of our great attendees.

We recently kicked off a new fundraiser for next year which is our 2011 calendar booklet and raffle. There are 365 chances to win prizes that range from \$20 to \$250. Please contact any OLL family if you are interested in purchasing calendars. They make great gifts and will be only be available until December.

We are also busily working on our Home and School events for next year.

- \*Golf Outing – August 28<sup>th</sup>
- \*Brat Fry and Bake Sale @ The Cheese Store – Friday September 3<sup>th</sup>
- \*Packer Tailgate Party – September (TBD)
- \*Wine and Cheese Tasting – October (TBD)
- \*Ice Bowling – January / February 2011 (TBD)
- \*Shake the Flakes – February 2011 (TBD)
- \*Auction – April 9, 2011

Please check out our website for more information on these and other school events.

During the summer please remember to:

- \*Continue to purchase (or start to purchase) and use Scrip which now can be purchased at the Cedar Valley Cheese Store.
- \*Save aluminum cans for us to recycle for cash. You can drop the cans off at The Cheese Store anytime.
- \*Save Box Tops for Education, Campbell Soup Labels as well as ink and toner cartridges.
- \*Use GoodSearch for internet searches and most importantly for internet shopping.
- \*Please join us and eat at the Five Pillars OLL Family Nights, which will be held on July 26<sup>th</sup>, and August 30<sup>th</sup> (more dates on OLL website).

Thank you for your continued support and have a great summer,

Curt Blaszczyk  
Home & School President  
262.692.3521

## Alumni Search

We continue to work on putting all of our alumni into a computer database. If you know any alumni of our school who are not currently receiving our newsletter, please share this with them, or send us their address and we will make sure they receive a copy of our newsletter. It is really great to hear from past students, especially when they share some of their favorite memories and interesting stories of St. Mary's in years past. Also we love to hear about what you are doing and about your families. Please send us a note!

We've made it easy for you to contact us, just mail in the Alumni Update Form found on the back page of our newsletter. Feel free to attach a separate piece of paper with any additional stories you might have.

You can also reach us by e-mail at [ourladyrls@archmil.org](mailto:ourladyrls@archmil.org)

Current information is available on our website: [www.ourladylakes.org](http://www.ourladylakes.org)

### School Address:

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Grade School  
306 Butler Street, Random Lake, WI 53075  
920-994-9962

### Parish Address:

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Congregation  
230 Butler Street, Random Lake, WI 53075  
920-994-4380

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Our Lady of the Lakes School  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing  
Saturday, August 28, 2010

Registration forms can be found in the back of church or at Burmesch Variety Store.





## Catholic Schools Week All School Field Trip

### OLL School Wish List

Thank you for your interest in donating money or items to Our Lady of the Lakes School. If you would like to make a donation toward one of the items on the wish list, please contact the school office at 920-994-9962 or Marilynn in the parish office at 920-994-4380. The following is some of the items on the list:

#### Computer wishes:

- SmartBoards for 4 more classrooms, Netbooks for grades 3 and up.
- “Hot Wiring” the school (or campus) for wireless computer access
- New computer for school office

#### School wishes:

- Improvements to our outside play area
- Added storage area
- A paper cutter that actually cuts paper
- A school mascot to go along with our nickname
- Financial security

#### Child Care Center wishes

- An age appropriate playground with age appropriate P.E. equipment
- ‘Oodles’ & ‘oodles’ of washable markers and glue sticks/bottles
- An entrance security/communication system – mostly needed during non-school hours.
- Ethnic dolls and other ethnic toys
- Double stroller
- New microwave
- Computer & printer
- ‘Toddler’ dinnerware
- Financial security

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**Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School Alumni Update  
(formerly St. Mary's Catholic School)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Attended from 19\_\_ to 19\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Here's my update: \_\_\_\_\_

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Can we use this information in our school newsletter? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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Alumni Approval