



### Message from Mrs. Bogataj

Dear Parents,

Whenever a guest visits, we take time preparing. How much time we spend depends, of course on who is coming. When it's the in-laws, weeks of prep time go into my home. In preparing for next week's Accreditation visit I feel that not only are the in-laws coming, the in-laws are Royalty.

We have worked hard making sure all is in order for the visit and I know that our efforts will be rewarded with an outstanding report. However, it's important that we realize that it's not just about the "visit", it's about the whole process. By identifying our strengths and areas for growth, we were able to create an action plan that provides a focus for our growth in the next 7 years. Working together I know that OLL will continue to grow and excel. The "visit" isn't the end of the process, it really is just the beginning.

Blessings on your upcoming week!

*Kathy J. Bogataj*

### Campus Happenings

**\*\*Sat. Mar. 21st** - Parish Family Retreat

**\*\*Wed. Mar. 25th** - Visiting team arrives

**\*\*Thurs. Mar. 26th** - Presentation for the Accreditation Team Visit at 7:00 p.m. in the Conmy Center. **All are welcome and encouraged to attend!!**

**\*\*Fri. Mar. 27th** - School Liturgy 9:00. Early dismissal 12:00. Accreditation Team reads their report! Report cards distributed.

**\*\*Tues. Mar. 31st** - Penance Services 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.



### This and That

**\*\*We are so excited about our new Smartboards.** 6 new Smartboards were ordered and will be installed over the Easter vacation. This was a result of an outstanding auction at the Saints and Sinners Ball. Stop by after the break, we'd love to show them off!

**\*\*Our Accreditation Presentation will be held on Thursday Mar. 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conmy Center.** We will be presenting a special evening edition of "New Day, Florida". The "live show" will showcase the mission and beliefs of our school. I hope you will be there.

**\*\*Thank you to all who have been so patient as we work out the kinks in the dismissal procedure.** It is running much smoother and is definitely safer. If you feel that you must park, please use the lot on the east side of the Conmy Center and walk to the cross-walk to pick up your child.



**\*\*Please encourage your children to save their change and put it in their Operation Rice Bowl.** The class with the highest dollar amount turned in for their grade level (EC-4-2nd, 3rd -5th, 6th -8th) will receive a dress down day. Come on middle schoolers it's time to step up to the challenge!

### Profile

The middle school students have been involved in a variety of different activities. Our eighth graders have been hard at work developing an invention for science. This project promotes the problem solving and creative-thinking skills they have developed here at OLL. They research an inventor to discover the hard work and life events that lead to inventions and then they create something of their own. The finished projects are quite unique! Who knows we may have our very own Thomas Edison right here in our school!

This year seven of our seventh grade students represented OLL at the annual Brain Bowl held at CCC. This was a change from recent years because our eighth graders were on a field trip to Finance Park. The seventh graders had a great showing winning 6 out of 12 matches and tying 2. We can't wait to see how well they can do next year!

6th grade is working on a joint technology/Spanish project with Mrs. Hong and Mrs. Fonseca to plan a dream trip to three Spanish speaking areas. They are currently researching the countries they plan to visit, and arranging for flights, hotels, and ground transportation. They'll be planning their restaurant orders, working on travel vocabulary, and publishing their itineraries. Finally, they'll write a thank you letter to the "rich uncle" who made the trip possible!

Our middle school always has something important going on!