

# Cougar Express



## November Highlights

- ... 1: Solemnity of All Saint's
- ... 1: Daylight Savings Time ends
- ... 2: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
- ... 2: Canned Food Drive Begins
- ... 3: Pictures with Santa
- ... 4: Eucharistic Adoration, 9 am, Main Church
- ... 6: 6th Grade Mass, 8 am, Main Church
- ... 6: Edline Grades Updated
- ... 7: OLS Tennis Tournament
- ... 11: Donuts with Dad, 7 am, Gym
- ... 13: 7th Grade San Antonio trip
- ... 18: 7th Grade Retreat
- ... 20: Food Drive Ends
- ... 20: Progress Reports Distributed
- ... 20: All-School Thanksgiving Meal
- ... 23-27: Thanksgiving Break
- ... 27: Memorial of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
- ... 29: 1st Sunday of Advent
- ... 30: Advent Drive Begins

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear OLSS Community,

I give thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed on our school community. In particular, I give thanks for the wonderful weather during Octoberfest 2009 and the many, many happy faces I saw during the festival. Octoberfest was a smashing success that provided all of us an opportunity to be united as a parish community and to share some fun moments with family and friends. I would like to thank all of the volunteers, school faculty and staff, and all of our friends for their contributions of time, talent and treasure. In particular, I would also like to thank the following:

- ... The Octoberfest Steering Committee for the many hours they contributed in organizing the event.
- ... The PTO for their endless hours of service in organizing the silent and live auctions and their diligence in obtaining sponsors for the event.
- ... The sponsors of our event for their contributions of their treasure.
- ... Our parish organizations for their contributions of time, talent and treasure.
- ... The many people who came to support our event.

May God continue to bless our school community.

In Christ,  
Fred Valle

## Scholastic Book Fair

We will hold our Scholastic Book Fair November 2nd—6th. Please support our school and good reading habits through this fair!

## OLSS Website

Please visit our official school website at <http://www.olsschool.org>. You will find important announcements, this newsletter, the lunch schedule, teacher pages (to look up class work & homework) and much more.

## Progress Reports / Grades Online

Progress Reports will be distributed to students on Friday, November 20. Please review your child's academic progress and then sign & return the envelope to their homeroom teacher. Please call the front office if you would like to schedule a conference with your child's teacher(s). You may also access your children's grades online at <https://www.edline.net/Index.page>.

## Project Wisdom

November's Project Wisdom Theme is *Making a Difference*. The daily affirmations throughout the month will address methods that each individual can undertake to make an impact on their family, school, and community. I encourage you to discuss and promote the Project Wisdom theme at home as a family.

Included in this month's newsletter is the November edition of *Home & School Connection*. You'll find some helpful tips for promoting homework success and suggestions to encourage respectful behavior.

I will be visiting the classrooms the first and second week of this month to cover Lesson #1 from the *Protecting God's Children* curriculum. Students in K5 – 8th grade will participate in the lesson.

Individual and group counseling sessions continue to be available to any student in need of services. Please visit my website for a description of the services available. If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

May God bless you!  
Ms. Lucie M. Garcia, M.Ed.  
Guidance Counselor

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## Reading Lab

Congratulations for the students that completed Reader's Workshop and Initial Reading courses in the first quarter.

### Reader's Workshop

*6th Grade*  
Joge Andrade  
Paul Bonilla  
Elise Lopez  
Yuria Paez  
Marla Yanez  
Armis Sunday

*5th Grade*  
Shekar Arush

### Initial Reading

*2nd Grade*  
Huma Ahsan  
Marie Helen Crisostomo  
Daniel Gonzalez-Franco  
Andrea Espinosa  
Madelaine Guerra  
Mario Guerra  
Gianfranco Laddaga  
Javier Mayorga-kintanar  
Jorge Mendez Jr.  
Michael Morales  
Luis Fernando Pacheco

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*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. - Psalm 25:1*

## Glow in the Dark Dance Party



Our Jr. High students had their **Glow In The Dark Dance Party** on Friday, October 9. They enjoyed the music, tasty snacks and drinks and had a lot of fun dancing with their friends. The decorations with glow in the dark items and neon signs gave a special touch of glow to this dance.

On behalf of the Executive Board, Student Council & Camera Crew Members, we would like to express our gratitude to each one of the teachers, administrators and parents who contributed to make the Jr. High dance a big success. **Thank you!**

Ms. Turbay & Mr. O'Brien  
Advisors

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## Campbell's Labels, Box Tops & Cell Phones

We will continue to accept Campbell's Labels and Box Tops for Education this school year. You may send them in a baggy or envelope with your child at any time.

We will also continue to collect empty Inkjet print cartridges and used cell phones (any brand); we continue to reap benefits from these items. However, **we will no longer accept used Laserjet Toner cartridges**; those may be taken to the McAllen recycling center.

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## Internet Resources

### Computational Knowledge Engine

Wolfram|Alpha is the first step in an ambitious, long-term project to make all systematic knowledge immediately computable by anyone. Enter your question or calculation, and Wolfram|Alpha uses its built-in algorithms and a growing collection of data to compute the answer.

<http://homeworkday.wolframalpha.com/>

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### Understanding and Raising Girls

This is an excellent article that discusses brain development, body image, relationships and strategies to help young girls grow up healthy and well adjusted.

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/raisinggirls/index.html>

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## AR Awards • 1st Quarter • October 26, 2009

**5 Point Club**  
**(1st-3rd Grade)**

Nathaniel Sanford  
Valeria Gracia  
Devin Daley  
Luis Pacheco  
Paolo Penick  
Madelaine Guerra  
Jhonier Marin  
Alexa Ramirez  
Jorge Mendez  
Arturo Fuentes  
Huma Ahsan  
Marcelo Guerra  
Andrea Espinosa  
Francesca Turgeon  
Joseph Seiba  
Gabriel Tamez  
Guido Herrera  
Isabella Moreno  
Alejandro Cardenas  
Sofia Gonzalez  
Ileana Vela  
Carlos Galvan  
Marcela Jarvis  
Arjun Koolwal  
Edessa Reyes  
Raphael Boek  
Hanna Ahumada  
Lillian Honrubia

**10 Point Club**  
**(1st-5th Grade)**

Brittany Hernandez  
Eduardo Suarez  
Cody Garr  
Marie Helen Crisotomo  
Madison Slavin  
Gianfranco Laddaga  
Mario Guerra  
Roberto Garcia  
Valeria Arguelles  
Sabrina Ochoa  
Montserrat Longoria  
Theodore Morales  
Ellie Jo Cisneros  
Alfredo Perez  
Mia Quintanilla  
Adriana Marin

Sarah Margo  
Juan Carlos Lozano  
Alma Vaca  
Daniela Garza  
Adrian Benitez  
Daniela Paez  
Andrea Martinez  
Palmer Yarto  
Elsa Zamora

**15 Point Club**  
**(1st – 8th Grade)**

Alvaro Mayorga-Kintanar  
Rajiv Swarup  
Daniel Gonzalez-Franco  
Juliana Morales  
John Graham  
Kristen Morales  
Andres Tamez  
Teresita Renteria  
Roberta Gutierrez  
Jack Wang  
Miguel Del Rio  
Yuria Paez  
Kiara Olmeda  
Helena Manrique  
Ma. Victoria Garza  
Valeria Laddaga  
Etienne Sunday  
Gerardo Martinez  
Mariajose Ochoa  
Marcela Trevino  
Ariana Pearson  
Marijose Garza

**20 Point Club**

Michael Morales  
Cody Castillo  
Regina Meade  
Luis Salinas  
Nicholas Villarreal  
Maheen Khizar  
Mariana Lozano  
Brittany Hausbeck  
Danielle Bassetti  
Caleb Ayala  
Silvia Camara  
Anagretel Lozano

Caroline Harms

**25 Point Club**

Javier Mayorga-Kintara  
Luciano Farias  
Phillip Garcia  
Luis Cardenas  
Norisha Quaicoe  
Sara Vann  
Alejandro Arango  
Kayla Hickle  
Marian Guerra  
Pablo Herrera  
Gabriel Ramirez  
Arush Shekar  
Jose Antonio Lopez-Villegas  
Jorge Andrade  
Marla Yanez  
Paul Bonilla  
Esmeralda Mendez  
Armis Sunday  
Kathleen Guerra  
Luis Fernanda Gutierrez  
Roberto Yarto  
Christopher De La Rosa  
Victoria Quiacoe  
Ryan Henry  
Shelseah Leal  
Brittany Garza  
Ailyn Barragan  
Aurelinda Ortega  
Natalia Meade  
Alec Padron  
Valeria Reza

**50 Point Club**

Francisco Salinas  
Paulina Camara  
Gerardo Kamel  
Javier Holguin  
Madelyn Guerra  
Diana Moreno  
Mariana Rojas  
Yaelis Avila  
Alex Cisneros  
Victor Jaramillo

**100 Point Club**

Luis Gutierrez

**Top Readers**  
**(by grade level)***1st Grade*

Kamila Quintanilla 3.8  
Nathaniel Sanford 7.7  
Alvaro Mayorga-kintanar 17.3

*2nd Grade*

Michael Morales 22.3  
Cody Castillo 23.5  
Javier Mayorga-kintanar 25.3

*3rd Grade*

Valeria Arguelles 10.3  
Juliana Morales 15.9  
John Graham 19.1

*4th Grade*

Kristen Morales 16.2  
Luciano Farias 25.2  
Phillip Garcia 32.0

*5th Grade*

Francisco Salinas 51.1  
Paulina Camara 89.7  
Luis Gutierrez 144.1

*6th Grade*

Javier Holguin 56.2  
Madelyn Guerra 56.9  
Diana Moreno 68.7

*7th Grade*

Victoria Quiacoe 42.6  
Mariana Rojas 60.7  
Yaelis Avila 71.0

*8th Grade*

Valeria Reza 45.6  
Alex Cisneros 68.4  
Victor Jaramillo 84.7

# Congratulations!

**Dear Parents,**

**How would you like to see your child's name  
in lights?**

**Well now you can!**

**For \$10, you can have your child's name  
on the school marquee for their birthday!**

**Just fill out the attached Birthday Order  
Form with your child's name and birthday  
and turn it in to their homeroom teacher.**

**More order forms are available at the office.**

**Thank you,  
Student Council**



# Birthday Order Form

**Have your name on the school marquee  
on your special day!**



Children's Names

Birthdays

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