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OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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**“Since we live by the Spirit,
let us also walk with the Spirit.”**
Gal 5:25

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear OA Family,

One of the great joys of my role at the Academy is the opportunity to witness firsthand the impact an Academy education can have on an individual, a family, a community, and even the planet. **Every day I am inspired by our current students**, their acts of caring for one another and the needs of our local community, and their dedication to excellence in their

studies and their extra-curricular activities. Let me share with you a recent example.

Our National Honor Society has created “Blessing Boxes” by recycling former newsstand containers, filling them with non-perishable household items such as deodorant, toothpaste, and shampoo, and placing these boxes near the local food pantry, thus enabling those in need to obtain these items when the food pantry is closed. A quiet, consistent, compassionate response that can make a tangible impact for an individual or a family in need.

I am also blessed to discover the many ways our graduates continue to embody the strong, clear, Franciscan values that formed the bedrock of their time at the Academy. The three alums honored at our recent Alumni Homecoming, as well as those soon to be inducted into the Ammann-Brinkmoeller Athletic Hall of Fame, **are all incredible examples of spirit-filled and spirit-led people making a difference.** I know you will join me

in being inspired by the other alum reflections featured in these pages as well. You never have to look far to experience our tradition of “virtue, honor, and education”.

And because this magazine also contains the Academy’s 2018-19 Annual Report, it is a powerful testimony by the hundreds of partners who so believe in our mission to empower, evangelize and educate that **they are moved by the Spirit to share their time, talent and treasure.** This level of support is inspiring, encouraging and transformative. It gives our selfless faculty and staff the resources they need to continue to teach as Jesus did. It enables us to extend tuition assistance to over 70% of our student body. And it gives us the courage and vision to expand the footprint of OA and build the first new student focused building in over 50 years.

The Spirit is a’ moving, across campus, the village of Oldenburg, the state of Indiana and beyond!

Thank you for being part of this journey, for walking the Spirit walk with us. In this season of gratitude and grace, be assured of my prayers for each of you, your families, and all you hold dear. May we be open and alert to the surprises and possibilities that only the Spirit can reveal.

Wishing you peace and all good.

Diane Laake

Diane H. Laake

President

WHAT PREPARED ME? AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT WILL PREPARE YOU?

As part of the College to Career Readiness program at Oldenburg Academy, a Career Guest Speaker Week is organized. Over 50 community members, OA alumni, past and present parents came in to share wisdom about their career and opportunities for students during the 30 minute REACH time. Students were exposed to five different career opportunities, paths and stories over the five days. For more information about Career Guest Speaker Week, or to reserve your spot for next November, e-mail Jonathon Maple '07 at jmaple@oldenburgacademy.org.

Theresa Dramann Fullenkamp '95 in full page photo

ACADEMIC

spirit

Over 90%
participate in athletics &
co-curricular activities

Only school in SE Indiana
with a full orchestra

75% of students have
lunch with a Sister during
Adpot-A-Sis

60 hours
of service & volunteer
activities are expected
of all students during
their four years at OA

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CURRENT ENROLLMENT

52% male

48% female

100% graduation rate

12:1
student to teacher

15
average class size

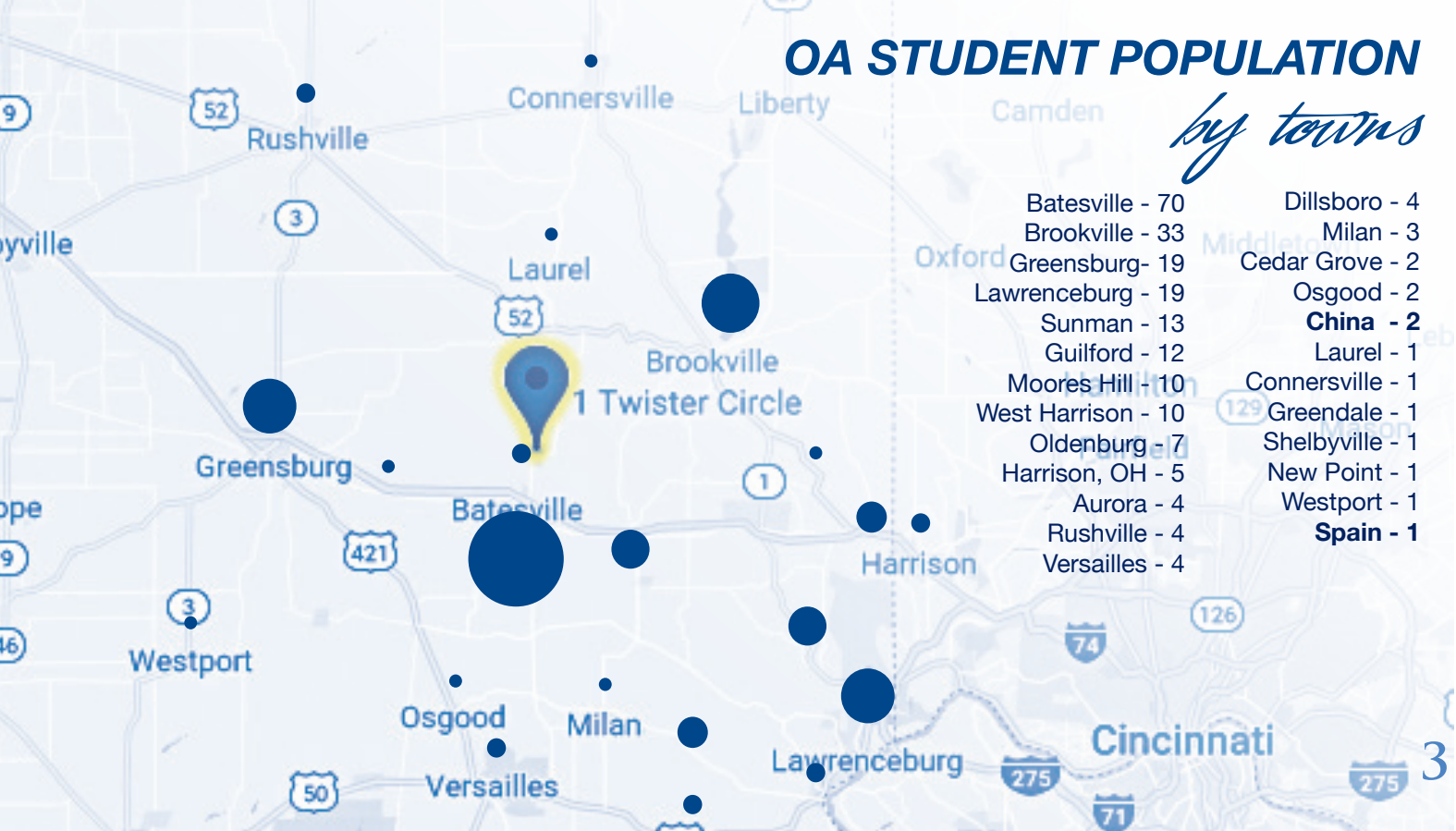
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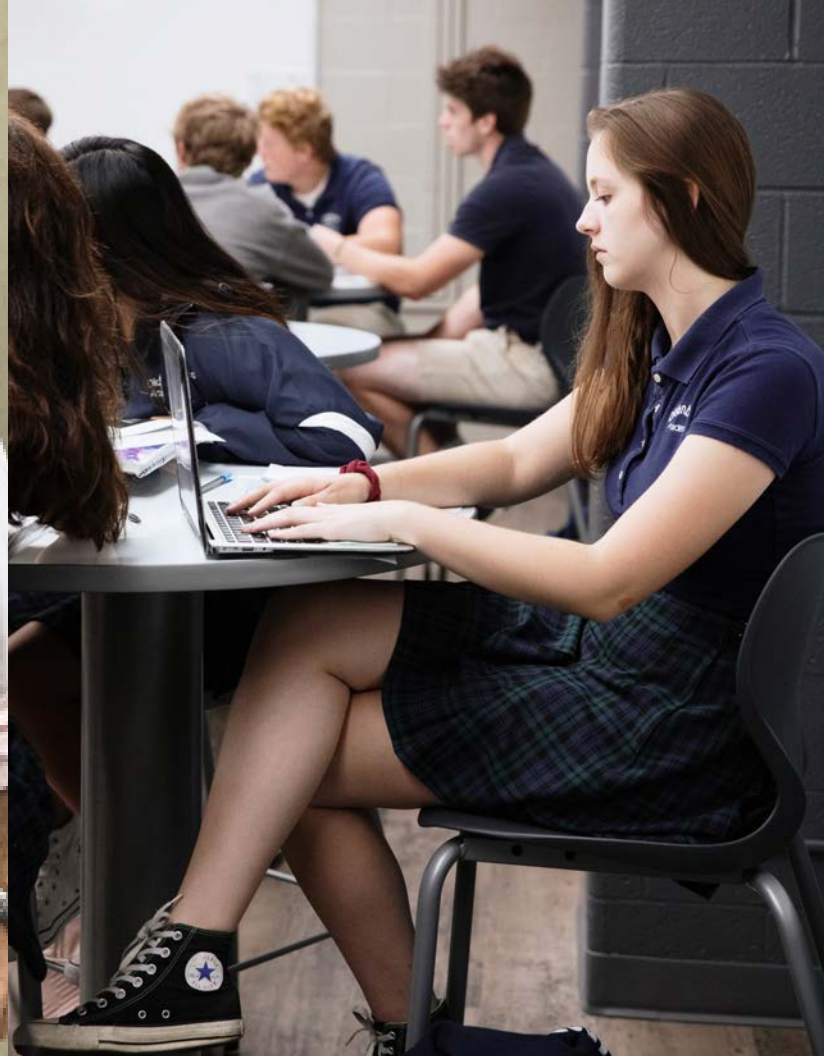
16 different schools in five counties in southeastern Indiana and southwestern Ohio

OA STUDENT POPULATION

by towns




1 Twister Circle



enburg Academy





Congratulations to OA Senior Elizabeth (Biz) Mullen '20 who was recently recognized as a National Merit Commended student and Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Languages Award of Excellence (photo 1).

Congratulations to Sophie Wesseler '20 who is a Ripley County Lilly Scholarship Finalist. (photo 2)

Girls Soccer won the Sectional Title for the 3rd consecutive year and made it to the Regional finals, losing a heartbreaker in the closing minutes. (photo 3)

Tyler Kuntz '22 and Dylan Fledderman '20 qualified for semi-state in Cross Country. (photo 4)

Allison Storms '20 is the first female kicker on an OA football team. While soccer is Allison's first love, she has channeled her ball-kicking skills in a new direction. Her family and friends, including mom Diana '87, sisters Caroline '16 and Evelyn '23 have come to every game to cheer her and the rest of the team on. It must have worked. They finished their season with a 4 - 4 record, one of the best in years! (full page photo)

Through the collaboration of the Ripley County Community Foundation's Ripley Youth Outreach- OA's Group and the Red Ribbon committees, students knew they wanted to do a service project, specifically within the community of Oldenburg. As leaves were falling in the village, OA embarked on their first village-wide service project by raking leaves and beautifying the local community. Senior GiGi Dreyer (photo 1) helped lead this project and said, "We hope this is just the beginning in our continued partnership and volunteering in the community of Oldenburg - we look forward to many more opportunities to volunteer and give back. It was so much fun showing the positive impact that being involved in the community can make."



...we look forward to many more opportunities to volunteer and give back...!

GiGi Dreyer '20



THIS PROJECT WAS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE BEST IN THE NATION

Senior Justine Stenger '20 (photo below pictured with her mom) led the Junior class through a financial literacy simulation during which they were challenged to manage their money through all life's expected and unexpected needs. Justine created this program she called the "Reality Store" as part of her requirements to receive the Girl Scout Gold Award. This project was recognized as one of the best in the nation last year. Justine has also served on the Western Ohio Regional Scout Council, one of only two students selected to serve in this role.



OA students had a rare opportunity to experience the virtuosity of an international violinist. Richard Lin, 2018 winner of the prestigious International Violin Competition, spent the day at OA. He gave Master Classes to the orchestra and strings students and delighted the entire student body with a concert later in the day. He then performed for the larger Oldenburg community that evening. Richard and his accompanist Chih-Yi Chen who is on the faculty at Indiana University School of Music commented on the excellent facilities at OA, including the incredible Steinway grand piano she played as part of the concert. Thanks to Batesville Area Arts Council for their underwriting support.

These performances were also the "grand opening" for the updated lighting project in the auditorium, funded by generous donors at last years' Dinner Auction, the estate of Louis and Viola Moorman Simmermeyer '39, their daughter Mary Beth Simmermeyer Welsh '75, and the Marissa Hormel '83 Trust. What a difference! Thanks to all who made this transformation possible!

(Donor names listed in Annual Report section)



spirit
OF LEARNING



What is your *spirit* of GIVING?

The 2018-19 academic year was another very successful and record-breaking one for Oldenburg Academy!

For the sixth year in a row, we finished with a cash positive position, while funding 71% of our students with tuition assistance, our teachers a much deserved raise, and several major capital expenditures (new air conditioning unit for main Academic Building, innovative learning furniture in several classrooms, a new dishwasher and refrigerator in the cafeteria, and refurbishments in the weight room to name a few highlights).

How did this happen?

The powerful spirit of generosity and dedicated sweat-equity of the many partners and volunteers identified in the following pages generated over 20% of our operational budget helping to “fund the gap” of the full cost to educate and keeping OA’s tuition one of the lowest in the tri-state.

As always, we could not do it without each of YOU.

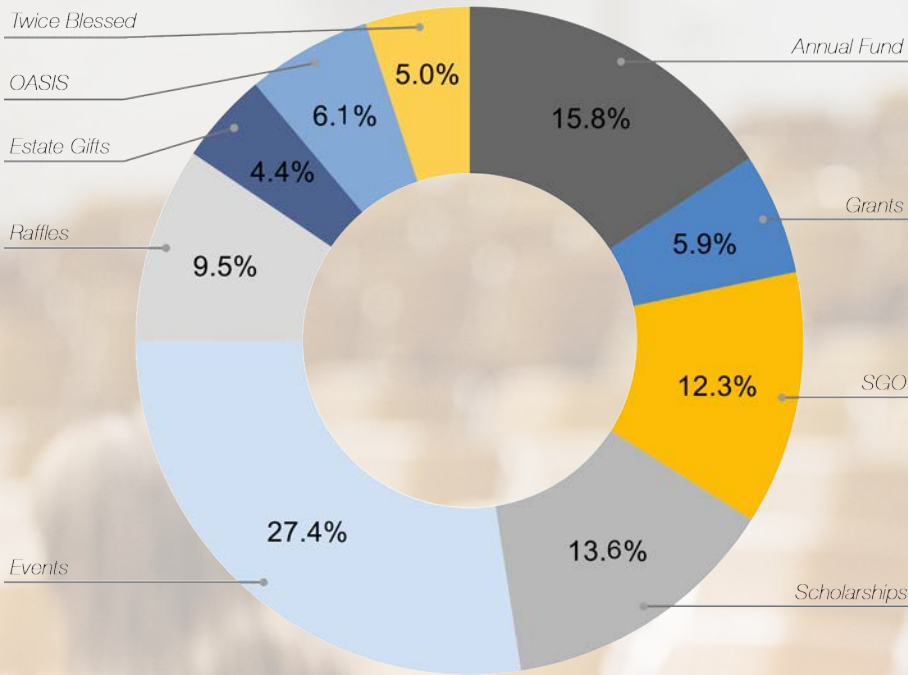
For your ongoing prayers and financial support, we are so very grateful!!! As we begin another school year – our 168th year of fulfilling the founding mission of the Sisters of St.

Francis – I ask you to prayerfully consider ...

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GIVING

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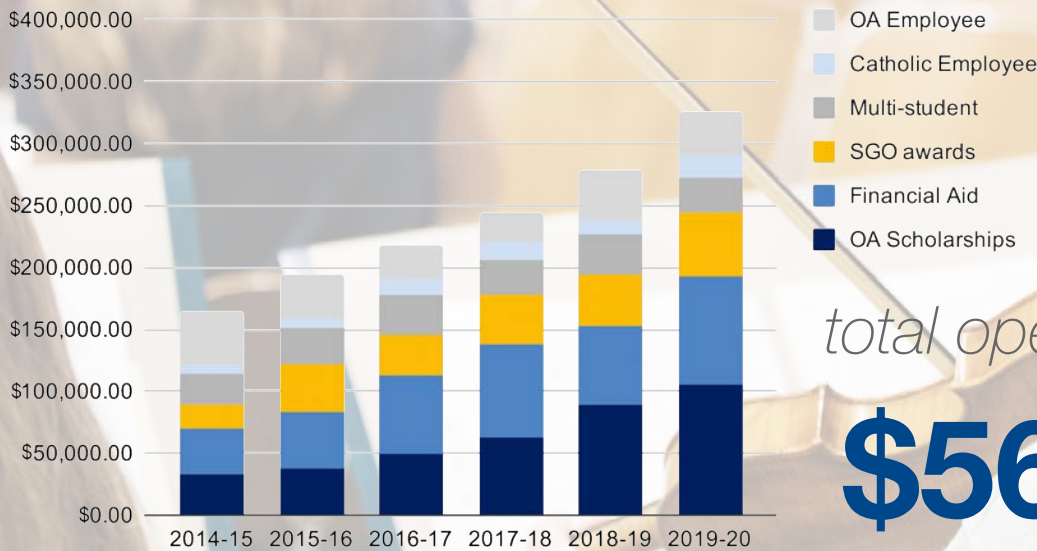


average aid award covers
29% OF TUITION

SGO has increased
181%
in 5 years

percent of students
receiving tuition assistance
58% in 2014
71% in 2019

TOTAL AID FROM OA



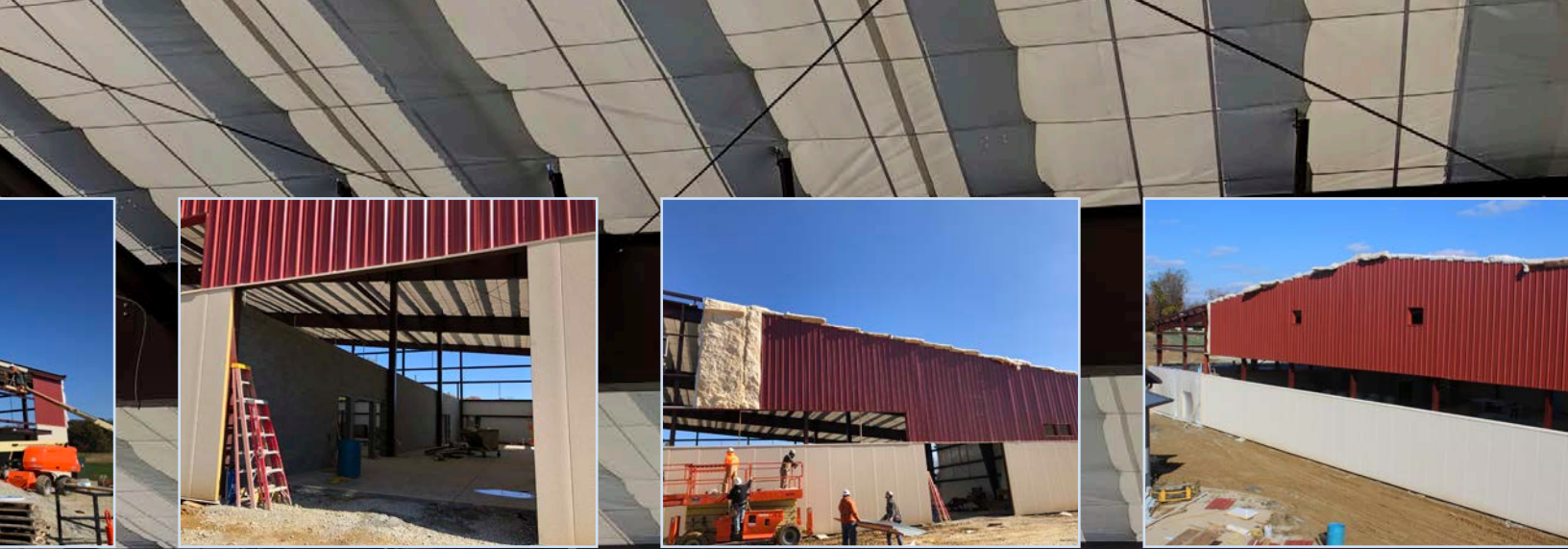
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Can't find your name? Call us and we can make that happen!

A few sponsorships still remain and we are designing an expandable donor board, holding a spot just for you. The impact of this facility for the Academy and the entire town of Oldenburg is clear and already being witnessed. Our current and future students are counting on you!

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spirit on May 1st

Be ready to give what you can
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- Senior Blocks
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- Spring Concert
- Freshman Picnic
- Prom
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Most of the time, when we meet someone who has gone to the Academy at Oldenburg, a couple of things happen. First, we feel immediately connected. And secondly, we look for that common thread that connects us. “What year did you graduate?” “Who were your teachers?” “Were you a resident or day student?” “Were you in theater, the orchestra, or choir?” “Did you play sports?” “What’s your maiden name?” (If you were from Cincinnati, it would be “What Parish did you grow up in?”)

It takes more than a single experience or moment to shape who we have become. And, at any given moment, it is our past that shapes who we are today. So, I’m a Mauer, but I’m also a, Schroeder, Stier, and Berkemier. Those bloodlines run deep in my veins. And, so does being a graduate of Oldenburg Academy/ICA. This community of students, the faculty, my family, friends and relatives helped shape me, they are my village. And as we know, it takes a village to raise a child. I say this because we are all apart of someone’s village, sometimes whether we realize it or not. We have the power to inspire and influence others. That’s part of what we celebrate today by awarding The Distinguished Alumni Award, The Virtue Honor and Education Award and The Arts Award. We also celebrate our Village, our classmates, our teachers, the entire Oldenburg Community; those that supported and helped shape us. It is our hope that this “Homecoming” gives the opportunity to help you celebrate.

Nita Mauer '82 Retiring OAICAA President

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ALUMNI spirit

REFLECTIONS



"Home is where the heart is" as cliché as it sounds that's how I feel about OA. It's where I feel at home. As a student here at the Academy it's a place that I loved to

be and wanted to be a part of the rich tradition. From the family atmosphere to the Franciscan values. Everywhere you look at OA there is history and I wanted to be a part of that history and help make history. **-Patrick Kolks '10, New Athletic Director**



My years at the Academy were absolutely fundamental in my development. High school years are truly transitional; you're learning what kind of adult you want to become, what things you value, and how decisions you make at that age impact later life. In my perfect world, I would love to provide the OA experience to anyone that really wants it and is willing to do his/her part. The Sisters and the caring atmosphere they've created and nurtured are unmatched anywhere. No student will be overlooked at the same time that students will be expected to work to their potential. It's a combination of guidance and high expectations. That's true preparation for life and I feel an obligation to "give back."

I am honored to support OA financially and I have chosen to serve on the Board of Trustees as a token of my support. OA is always in my prayers and in my heart. **- Doris Hirt McKee '70**

A Peaceful Soul with A Musical Heart

Sr. Mary Ann Miles, OSF was just that, a peaceful and compassionate soul with a heart full of music. She loved music at an early age by playing the violin and piano. As she grew older she began to play the Baritone Horn also. She loved the band program at St. Clements and OLA in Cincinnati, Ohio. She carried all of this musical background into her teaching years at many grade schools, OLA and Oldenburg Academy. She taught every instrument, plus organ and piano. She loved to teach and she helped to instill her love of music in all of her students.

I met Sr. Mary Ann when I came to teach at Oldenburg Academy in 2002. She was still at OA teaching piano lessons. Sr. Mary Ann was kind, generous and helpful to me all of the time as she was to many of you who had her as your music teacher.

I am sure you remember all the good times you had with her as a student as I do as a colleague. Before our concert last spring, Sr. Mary Ann asked me what we (the orchestra) were playing and when I told her our last selection was Washington Post (Sousa) her eyes lit up with a twinkle. One of her favorite pieces!

Thank you Sister Mary Ann for all you did for your students. I am so very grateful that our paths crossed in Oldenburg. I thank you also! **- Kris Wampler, Instrumental Music Teacher**



We love to see alumni and future Twisters showing their SPIRIT at events like Alumni Homecoming, OASIS Draw Down, OA sporting events, and from afar in their OA SPIRIT wear, whether it is on a Friday or Halloween!



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Senior Retreat

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OA Night at The Sherman

December 7

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December 9

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Liturgy

December 17 – 20

First Semester Exams

December 20

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December 23 – January 6

Christmas Break

January 28

Catholic Schools Week Mass

February 1

Class of 2024 Registration

February 26

Ash Wednesday Mass

February 29

Dinner Auction

March 6 & 7

Spring Musical

March 7

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March 12 & 13

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March 19 – 27

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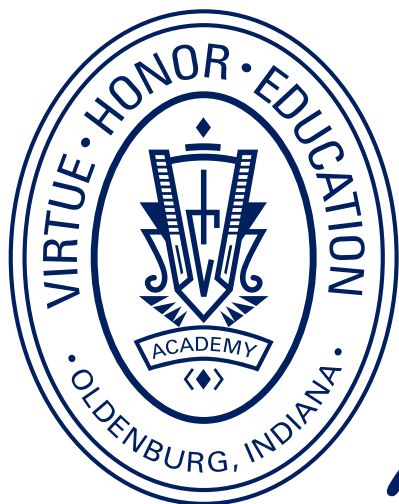
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