

## **From Mr. Gerber, OLC Principal**

**Dear Parents, Grandparents, Students, Parishioners, and Friends of OLC:**

**“We Welcome, Serve, and Celebrate ALL Students by Demonstrating Spiritual Educational Teamwork at OLC.”**

I hope you are well. If any of you could spend a day, week, month, or year quietly observing the endless effort of our OLC staff helping students, you would be amazed. I am confident that many of you already know this, but all of you may not. Our OLC staff does a million little things in order to accomplish our biggest goal of providing an enriching spiritual academic Catholic education based on Catholic integrity, teachings, and practices.

Our staff members are not typical. They come to work early. They stay late. They volunteer to do extra work without batting an eye or expecting any compensation. They put kids first above everything else. If any student needs help, they are the first to show up. The teachers put countless hours into First Communion and Confirmation preparation. They put in extra hours to make sure MAP testing is done correctly. The gym is prepped for OLC games and activities during the week and numerous weekends, and school masses are detailed and complete. Among other important activities are prayer services, rosary, field trips, Grandparents Day, Right-to-Read Week, meals that are wholesome, hearty, and healthy, Mission Fair, classroom plays, school musical concerts, band concerts, Walk-a-thon, Christmas benefit basketball game, Catholic Schools Week, spiritual art, building upgrades, service projects to help the needy during national disasters, server trainings, children’s choir, bakery bingo, athletic banquets, OLC concession stand, pilgrimage concession stand, service projects and fundraisers to send our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to Washington DC and Gettysburg, and the list goes on and on and on. I’m sure I have unintentionally missed some other activities, but you get the point. Our OLC staff members treat their jobs as a ministry and are very dedicated to the value of Catholic education and living a faith-filled life.

I’ve been around many teachers and school staff members in my day. The OLC staff tops them all because of their passion for their ministry in providing a meaningful and spiritual Catholic education for all OLC students. I ask that our parishioners and supporters keep our OLC staff members in their prayers. Please pray that they continue to stay on course with the energy, effort, and passion they display each and every day at OLC.

Again, I welcome all of you to be part of our school community, family, and team. I also want to invite and encourage all of you to attend Our Lady of Consolation Catholic School masses on Wednesday at 8:30 A.M. during the school year. It would be a pleasure to see you during our school masses. Please continue to pray for the vitality and mission of OLC School, our students, our staff, and all those supporters who are behind us. May God, with the intercession of Mary, continue to guide us and bless us.

May God Bless Each of You and Go Trojans!

In Christ and Education,

Mr. Brian Gerber, OLC Principal