OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2025 Annual Report

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MISSION STATEMENT

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PHILOSOPHY

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I am truly blessed to write to you as the pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish and School. This year, our school theme, "Shine with the Light of Grace," reminds us that every student, teacher, and volunteer is called to reflect Christ's love in all that we do. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel continues to stand out as one of the largest Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Phoenix, serving over 530 students from preschool through 8th grade. Despite our size, we maintain excellence in academics, faith formation, and student development. Our students are challenged to grow intellectually, morally, and spiritually, guided by dedicated teachers and staff who pour their hearts into their work every day.

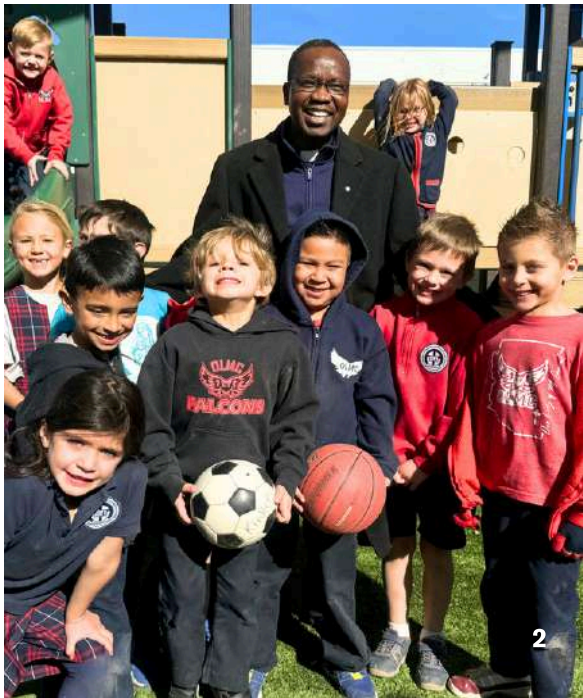
At OLMC, the safety and well-being of our students is a top priority. In light of recent events, we have strengthened our security measures, implemented best practices, and maintained a proactive approach to ensure that every child learns and grows in a safe, nurturing environment. This allows our students to focus fully on their academics, service, and faith formation without distraction or concern.

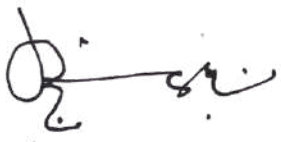
What truly sets OLMC apart is our exceptional community. Our students, staff, families, and volunteers work together to create a vibrant, welcoming, and faith-filled environment. From classroom support to school events, your generosity of time, talent, and prayers allows our students to thrive and experience the joy of learning in a Christ-centered school. Volunteers play a critical role in making OLMC a place where every child feels supported, challenged, and loved.

With the guidance of Principal Dr. Kelly Shewbridge, OLMC continues to grow in size and impact while maintaining our commitment to academic excellence, faith, and service. Each day, I am inspired by the dedication of our teachers, the energy of our students, and the generosity of our volunteers. Together, we create an environment where students can shine with the light of grace, developing the skills, virtues, and faith they will carry throughout their lives.

Parents, thank you for entrusting your children to OLMC. Your support and trust help us continue to provide a safe, nurturing, and academically outstanding environment. Together, as a parish and school community, we are forming students who will lead with faith, serve with love, and reflect Christ in all that they do.

Remember, I love you, I love you, I love you, so, so much!





-Father Robert Aliunzi
OLMC Pastor

STATE OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS

Welcome to the 2nd annual, State of the School Report!

The goal is to keep parents informed of the happenings and changes at the school. The theme of this school year is “Shine with the Light of Grace.” This is more than just our theme. It is how we encourage our students to live each day. It means letting God’s love shine through their words, actions, and choices.

To “shine” means to stand out by doing what’s right. Be kind, honest, respectful, and loving. The “light of grace” is God’s gift to us. His love and guidance helps us grow into the people He created us to be. Jesus says, “You are the light of the world… let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14, 16)

So when we say we want students to “Shine with the Light of Grace,” we’re helping them grow in faith, character, and love. All of this is guided by the example of Jesus and the teachings of the Church.

It is truly a beautiful gift and privilege to teach in a Catholic school, and especially here at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. At OLMC, we are blessed to walk with our students not only academically, but spiritually. Each day, we have the opportunity to share the message of Christ, to pray together, and to witness firsthand how faith transforms hearts and lives. Teaching here means planting seeds of faith and watching them grow. Our children are nurtured by a community deeply rooted in love, service, and grace. It is a calling we embrace with joy, knowing that every lesson, every moment, can reflect God’s light.

Thank you for being a part of our school family and for supporting our mission.

Dr Kelly Shewbridge

-Dr. Kelly Shewbridge
OLMC Principal

SCHOOL STAFF

Pastor
Father Robert Aliunzi

Principal
Dr. Shewbridge

Assistant Principal
Mr. Groseta

Office Manager
Mrs. White

Development Director
Mrs. Hall

Nurse
Mrs. Garcia

Office Secretary
Mrs. Velasquez

Spirituality Teacher
Father Paul Lokunume

Kindergarten
Mrs. Vullo & Miss Makar

First Grade
Mrs. Lee & Mrs. Swan

Second Grade
Mrs. Arnold & Mrs. Lamb

Third Grade
Mrs. Abbott & Mrs. Hartley

Fourth Grade
Mrs. Lengemann & Mrs. Mills

Fifth Grade
Mr. Pezzuto & Mrs. Pichardo

Sixth Grade
Mrs. Evans & Mrs. Hyde

Seventh Grade
Mr. Sanders & Mrs. Knox

Eighth Grade
Mr. Abbott & Mrs. Gjerstad

Special Education Coordinator
Mrs. Washkowiak

Speech & Language Pathologists
Ms. Thornhill

Counselor/Behavioral Intervention
Mrs. Arnold

Math Specialist
Ms. Antone

Reading Specialists
Mrs. Valenzuela & Mrs. Goins

Instructional Aides
Mrs. Cornforth, Mrs. Gass, Mrs. Inzunza, Mrs. Doulos, Mrs. Record, Mrs. Acevedo, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Barrett, Miss Evans, Miss Hayes, Miss Qunlan, Miss Schmidtbauer Mrs. Zazueta-Bonow

Athletic Director
Coach Deremiah

Fine Arts
Mrs. Lowe

Spanish Teacher
Señora Perusquia

STEM Teacher
Mrs. Beers

Librarian
Mrs. Cameron

Kids Club Coordinator
Mrs. Perez

Tuition & Scholarships
Ms. Alaska

Maintenance
Mr. Blasko
Mr. Aguilar
Mr. Lemmon

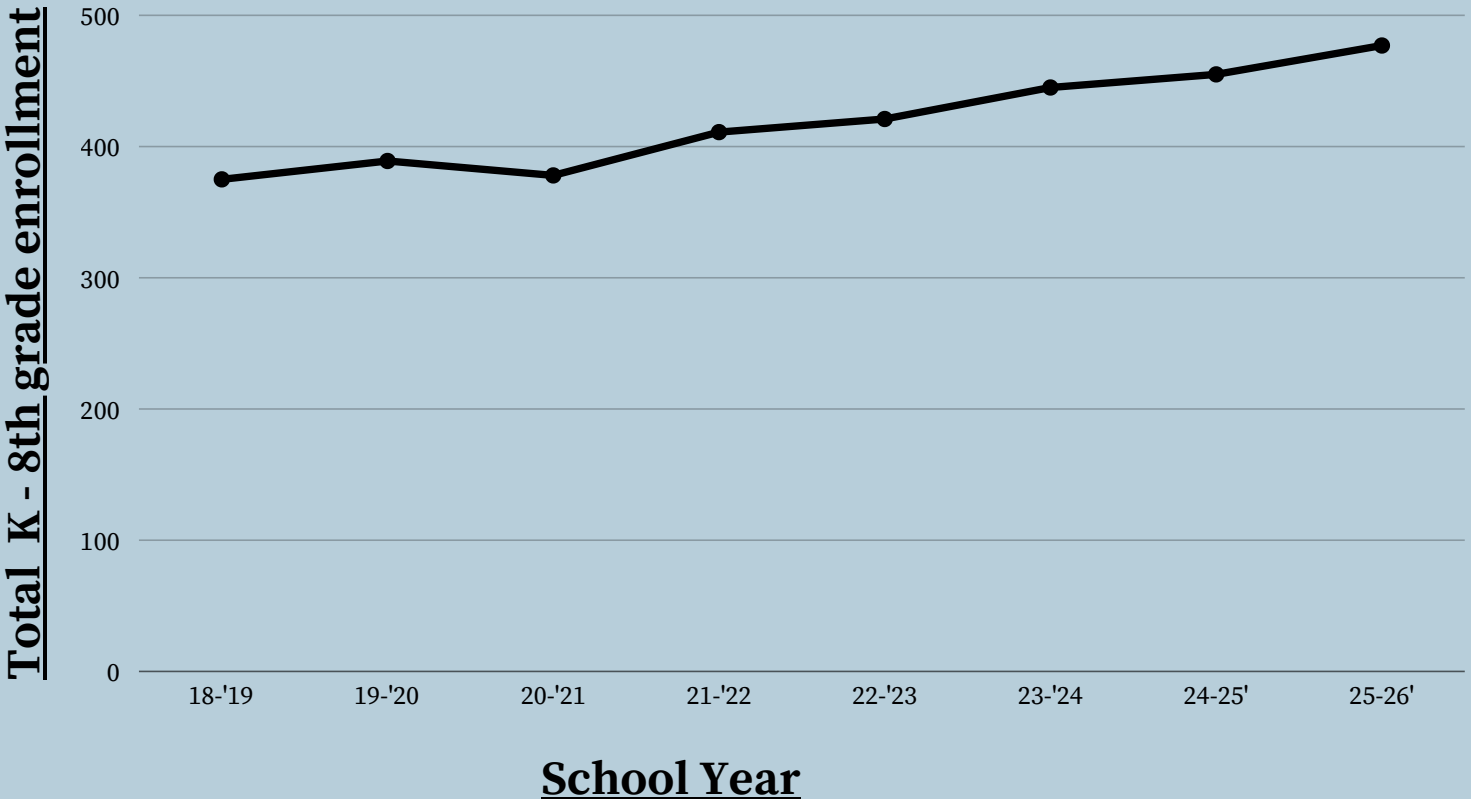
*Click here for full list of contact information

ENROLLMENT (K-8)

In the past decade, enrollment has steadily increased from 340 to 477 students. Over that time, to support the additional students, faculty increased from 31 to 49.

Additions to OLMC Staff:

- Four Instructional Aides in Kindergarten classrooms
- Two Math Specialists
- Two Reading Specialists
- Speech and Language Pathologist
- SPED Coordinator
- Counselor/Behavioral Interventionist
- Seven additional Instructional Aides to support students and teachers
- Front Office Manager



RESOURCE TEAM

At Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, we continue to be able to offer a variety of levels of support to each of our students. Within the classroom, our teachers offer students small and whole group instruction so that they are able to reach each child at their current academic level. We also have instructional assistants for grades K-6 who assist with small groups, and targeted practice of math and reading skills. Through benchmark testing that is conducted at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year, we monitor each student's growth and identify students who require a higher level of intervention with one of our specialists. For students who require that additional level of intervention, we are able to offer push in and pull out services with one of our Reading Specialists, Math Specialists, Speech/Language Pathologist Assistant (SLPA), or Behavioral Specialist/Counselor.

This year we welcome back Mrs. Leah Valenzuela and Mrs. Molly Goins as our Reading Specialists, Mrs. Aiyana Arnold as our Behavioral Specialist/Counselor, Ms. Abbey Thornhill as our Speech/Language Assistant (SLPA), and I am returning as the Student Support Coordinator and SLP. We are so excited to be welcoming a new Math Specialist, Ms. Arianna Antone, to our Intervention Team! Ms. Antone will be working with our students by pushing into the classrooms, as well as running small group intervention groups with the students who qualify. We are excited to have her join us! Additionally, Mrs. Goins will be with us a little more often to work with the students who require additional support with reading comprehension.

We are excited to start a new year and can't wait to see our students continue to grow!

-Mrs. Eryn Washkowiak
OLMC Special Education Coordinator

ACADEMIC DATA & GROWTH

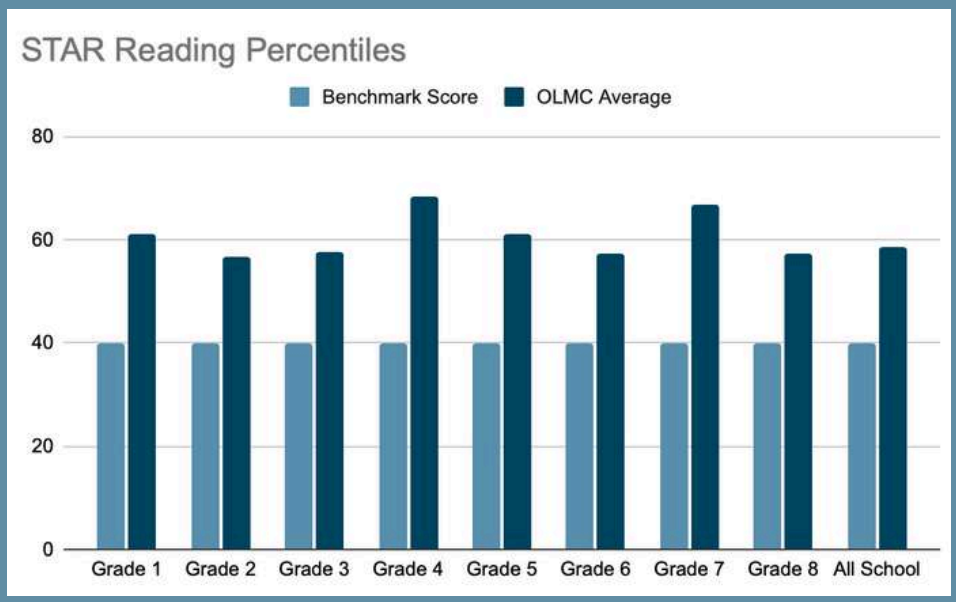
OLMC's goal is to challenge all students academically, while providing the support they need to succeed. Most students receive the proper level of support from their teachers, but some need additional small group or individual interventions. Others need additional challenges through extra enrichment sessions. It is in pushing through academic challenges that students achieve the most growth.

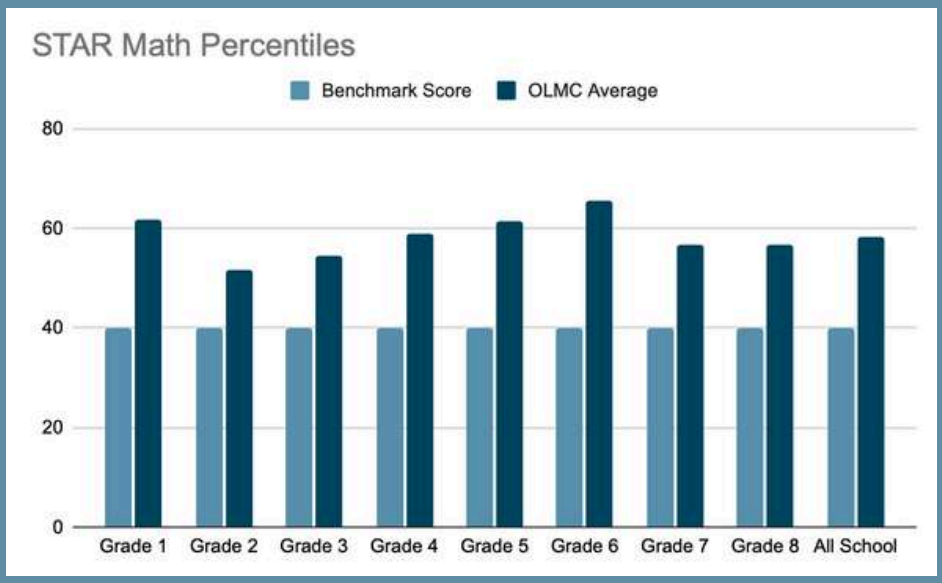
In addition to grades, OLMC uses a variety of assessments to monitor student achievement and growth. The Star Reading and Star Math Assessments are given three times each year: in August for baseline scores, once in December, and again in May.

The Star Assessment program uses the baseline scores to estimate how much progress the students should achieve during the year. With the hard work of the students, their teachers, and all of the support team put in place at our school, OLMC students consistently perform better than their expected scores.

The Dibels Reading assessment is similarly used for Kindergarteners-4th graders to assess their reading progress. It too provides expected progress for the students. OLMC again outperforms those expectations.

-Mrs. Leah Valenzuela
OLMC Reading Specialist





ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel follows the Diocese of Phoenix Curriculum Standards. All the specific standards taught per grade level can be accessed at the Diocese of Phoenix's Curriculum Standards Website.

Teachers use a variety of resources to teach these standards, including textbooks, online subscriptions, novels, and teacher created activities and projects. Below are some of the resources that teachers use:

Math

MyMath and Glencoe Math curriculum is built around the Standards for Mathematical Practices. It inspires the students to embrace math through real world applications. The MyMath Curriculum is comprehensive in its content and includes several key features designed to enhance mathematics learning, including interactive learning and real-world applications.

5-8th graders also work within the Building Thinking Classrooms framework that focuses on students' problem solving in groups within a supportive classroom environment.

Language Arts

Superkids:
The Superkids Reading Program is designed to enhance early literacy skills for young children, typically in Kindergarten and 1st grade. It emphasizes phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency through a systematic, engaging curriculum. SuperKids reinforces Catholic Identity through their Connections which include virtues, values, and other Catholic teachings. Key features of the program include: structured lessons, interactive materials and characters that the students follow from kindergarten to 1st grade.

Journeys:
The Journeys reading program focuses on literacy skills for elementary students. It is an anthology of various genres and encompasses phonics instruction, vocabulary development and writing opportunities, along with comprehension strategies.

A wide variety of novel studies are completed throughout the grades.
In grades 5-8, students begin to analyze themes and are taught to write analytical essays about novels and other topics.
Writing is developed across the curriculum.

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

Science

For Science standards, teachers use online textbooks, current articles, Mystery Science, and experiments to help students develop interest, wonder, and curiosity about the study of the universe while recognizing the objective nature of science as created by God. They learn to understand the scientific method along with scientific processes which include organizing data. Students explore how science integrates mathematics, reading, and oral and written communication, which are influenced by religious beliefs.

Science teachers place a strong focus on investigation and experiments to develop this sense of wonder.

Social Studies

Teachers incorporate a variety of materials throughout Kindergarten to eighth grade. The social studies curriculum standards focus on Catholic Identity, History, Geography, Government, and Economics. These standards aim to nurture well-developed values based on Catholic teachings and democratic principles. It develops an awareness of how people throughout history have solved social, economic, and global problems. It fosters moral Catholic leaders who are well versed in contemporary issues and are critical thinkers who make unbiased decisions based on facts.

*Daniel Brennan:
OLMC Class of 2021 - St. Mary's Salutatorian
& St. Catherine of Alexandria Humanities Award

*Connor Byrne:
OLMC Class of 2021-Seton Valedictorian

2024-8TH GRADE GRADUATING STATISTICS

100% of OLMC students who applied to one of the Diocese of Phoenix Catholic High Schools were accepted this year.

Seton Catholic Preparatory-23 students
Brophy College Preparatory-4 students
Xavier College Preparatory-1 student
St. Mary's Catholic Preparatory-5 students
Public High School-7 students

STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

An Our Lady of Mt. Carmel student is wrapped in the A.R.M.S. of the Church by being:

A

Accountable
- Takes responsibility for words and actions and the impact they have on self and others
- Respects rules and demonstrates qualities of a faith-filled citizen

R

Respectful
- Displays an understanding of social, cultural and economic differences
- Demonstrates care and compassion for others and self

M

Merciful
- Shows compassion for and is generous to those in need
- Relates to peers and demonstrates forgiveness and support when necessary

S

Spiritual
- Develops morality based on Catholic values
- Demonstrates knowledge of Catholic teachings and traditions through worship and stewardship.

FAITH FORMATION

Daily:

- All school morning prayers- Two prayers are recited during the Morning Announcements, along with The Pledge of Allegiance.
- Meal time prayer- each class prays in their classroom before they go to lunch.
- Classroom prayer- Integrated throughout the day at OLMC, classes are often started in prayer.

Weekly:

- Adoration
- School Mass
- Rosary

Yearly:

- Eucharistic Procession- All school procession through the OLMC Campus.
- Pet Blessing- On the Feast of St. Francis.
- Advent Prayers- All school Advent prayers in the Prayer Garden. The 7th grade leads us in Advent prayer where we light the Advent wreath, pray and sing.
- Stations of the Cross- All school, weekly during Lent.
- Living Stations of the Cross- 8th grade performs the living stations of the cross.
- Trek through Salvation History- All school reenactment of Biblical stories from the Israelites' trek through the desert through Jesus' resurrection.
- Morning Rosary- All school morning rosary for Mary, in the Prayer Garden. The 5th grade leads us in a decade of the rosary for Mary, our Mother, during the month of May.
- May Crowning- Special Mass where our 8th grade students crown Mary and consecrate themselves to Mary before they graduate and leave OLMC.
- Confession Retreats- All school annual retreat, as well as 7th and 8th grade retreats.
- Marian Feast Day Celebrations- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Fatima, Feast of the Assumption, Our Lady of the Rosary

Sacraments:

- Baptism- if needed we can assist you with OLMC Parish Religious Education program.
- Reconciliation- Students prepare for First Reconciliation during 2nd Grade class time.
- First Communion & Confirmation- Students prepare for first Communion and Confirmation during 3rd Grade class time.

DEVELOPMENT & FUNDRAISING

Dear OLMC Community,

This report reflects the heart of our school family—539 students from 328 families—who, through their faith, service, and commitment, make a lasting difference in the lives of our children and our parish.

As a lifelong parishioner and alumna of OLMC, I know firsthand how special this community is. OLMC has always embraced the sacred responsibility of forming the next generation of leaders in faith and in life. This is no small task, yet time and again our community rises to the challenge with dedication, love, and perseverance.

Educating a child at a Catholic school is both a gift and an investment. While tuition helps sustain daily operations—teachers, books, maintenance, and more—it does not cover the full cost of education. The Universal Empowerment Scholarship has been a tremendous blessing to families, but it is through your generosity at events like the annual Night to Soar Gala, Casino Night, Falcon Fun Run, and other fundraisers that we truly bridge the gap. These gifts allow us to keep our school strong, enhance our campus, and provide opportunities that enrich the lives of our children.

We remain profoundly grateful for the unwavering commitment of OLMC families. Your financial support, your countless volunteer hours, and your faithful prayers ensure that our students receive not only a high-quality education but also a formation rooted in faith, compassion, and service. This report is both a celebration of what we have accomplished together and a hopeful vision of what lies ahead.

Most importantly, I want to thank you—our parents, parishioners, alumni, and friends. Your sacrifices, whether through gifts of treasure, time, or prayer, never go unnoticed. Time and again, when there is a need, this community responds with generosity and heart. Together, we are building something beautiful for our children, for our parish, and for the future of our Church.

With deepest gratitude,

Ashley Hall
Director of Stewardship & Development

Night to Soar Income:

The school's main fundraiser

- 2019: $35,000
- 2020: $103,145
- 2021: $146,497
- 2022: $127,476
- 2023: $115,653
- 2024: $137,650

Grants:

- Matthew Project,3 yr Partnership Grant: approx. $30,000
- SRP: $2,500

Home & School:

- Falcon fun Run: $17,268.31

Dads' Club Fundraisers

- Casino Night: $8,638
- Food Fundraisers:
  2024/2025: $2,192
- Father/Daughter Dance: $5,358

FINANCIAL UPDATE- SCHOOL

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School is proud to be financially independent—one of the few Catholic schools that does not rely on parish subsidies. More than 90% of the school's income comes directly from tuition supported by the Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) and School Tuition Organizations (STOs). Additional income is generated through fundraisers, grants, and other generous contributions.

Approximately 85% of our expenses are dedicated to salaries and benefits, ensuring that our faculty and staff are supported in providing the highest quality Catholic education. To be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us, the school conducts regular needs assessments to strategically plan how funds are used for the greatest impact. Larger projects are carefully reviewed and approved by the Pastor and the OLMC Finance Council, then sent out for competitive bids to ensure fiscal responsibility.

Through your generosity, OLMC continues to flourish! We remain committed to being good stewards of every gift entrusted to us, always keeping our mission at the heart of every decision. Thank you for partnering with us in this important work of forming faithful, capable, and compassionate young people who will shine with the light of grace for years to come.

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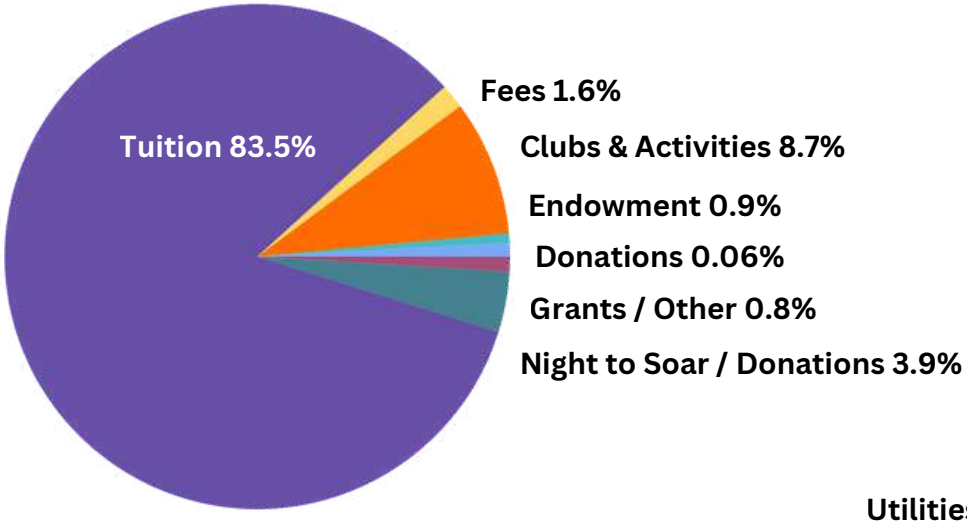

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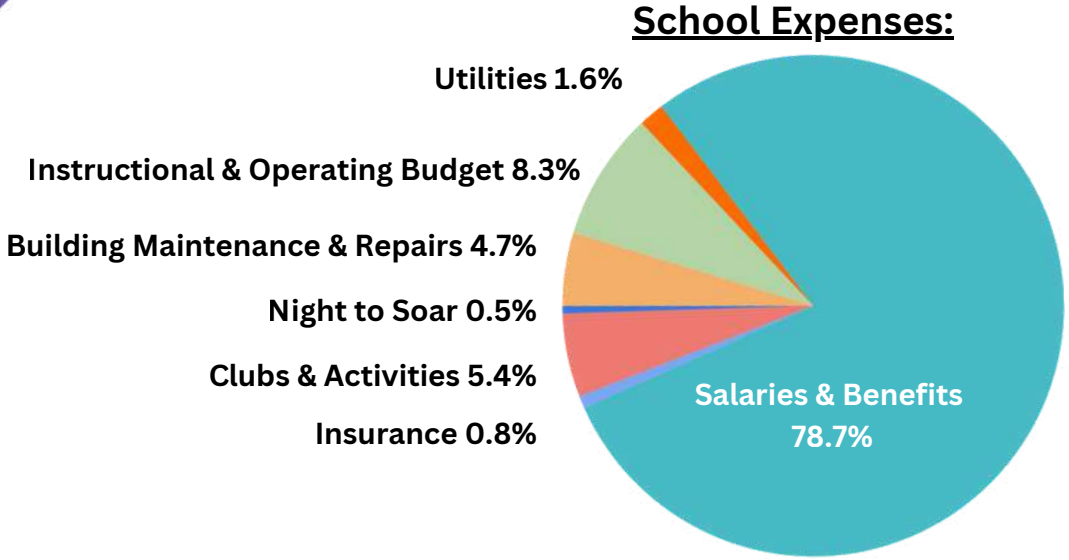

SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

School safety and security is coordinated between school administration and retired police commander, Hugh White. Since 2007, Mr. White has revised and updated the school's critical incident policies and procedures to enhance the school's overall security posture to conform with industry best practices.

Mr. White trains the school staff annually at the beginning of the school year. The Critical Incident Policy, is also reviewed and revised with school administration. Dr. Shewbridge and Mr. Groseta meet with Mr. White regularly regarding security and safety related issues throughout the school year, addressing concerns as they arise. We are very proud of the many safety and security enhancements made over the last several years, to include both physical security barriers and updated camera systems.

In June 2025, the Tempe Police Department Threat Mitigation Unit, including several School Resource Officers, conducted an on-site walkthrough of the entire school and preschool campus with School and Parish leaders. The detective indicated our overall security posture was "excellent" and made a few recommendations to enhance our already secure campus. Those recommendations were implemented throughout the summer before the beginning of the school year.

In August 2025, Mr. White trained Parish staff, as well as weekend Mass ushers. The parish training is in accordance with Fr. Robert's vision that the parish and school operate as one team to ensure safety and security throughout the entire OLMC campus.

Some notable security enhancements this year include the deployment of two-way radios for key staff to communicate quickly with each other during an emergency situation, a scheduled school lockdown drill, and security volunteers at school mass. The safety and security of our school and parish remain the top priority for our school and parish leaders.

*safety & security walk with Tempe PD this summer, where we recieved an excellent safety rating.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

OLMC school is a vibrant and active community with many clubs available to our students.

Catholic Youth Athletics- 5th-8th grade boys can play Flag Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track & Soccer. 5th-8th grade girls can play Volleyball, Softball, Basketball, Cross Country & Soccer.

Little Flowers & Little Women- K-3rd & 4th-5th grade girls learn virtues through scripture, saints' biographies, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and fun crafts and projects.

Young Men for Christ- 1st-8th grade young men work to enhance and develop their relationship with Christ and incorporate God's spiritual works on Earth through Fellowship, Prayer, Reflection, and Adoration.

Choir- 2nd-8th-grade students develop their singing abilities and sing at school and some Sunday Masses.

Chess Club- Kindergarten-8th graders learn and play chess! We partner with Chess Emporium to give students the opportunity to learn chess and improve their skills.

Spanish Art Club- 3rd-5th grade students develop their art skills with a little Spanish sprinkled in with professional artist and OLMC Spanish teacher.

Craft Club- 5th-8th grade students create fun crafts including jewelry, canvas art, hand lettering, flower crafts, and sewing.

Catholic Academic Jr. High Decathlon- 6th-8th grade students compete against other Catholic schools' teams knowledge of Roman Catholic doctrine, English, Literature, Science, Mathematics, Current Events, Social Studies, and Fine Arts (Art and Music).

Math Club- 6th-8th grade students expand their math skills and participate in math competitions against other schools.

Battle of the Books- **5th&** 6th grade students participate in reading competitions where they work in teams to read books and answer comprehension questions.

Guitar Club- 4th-8th grade students learn the basics of guitar. There is a beginner and intermediate class.

Running Club- 1st-8th grade students run once a week during their lunch recess and can run in various fun runs and races around the Valley.

Scouts- Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, & Girl Scouts- Kindergarten-5th grade students join OLMC Scout packs and foster character building, citizenship training, and teamwork through safe and family-oriented programs.

Student Leadership- Student leadership opportunities help develop our junior high students into well-rounded, faith-filled leaders who help promote school pride and build community at OLMC. All 7th and 8th graders are eligible to participate in these opportunities by completing the Junior High Leadership Application.

Orchestra- OLMC partners with TOPNA to teach orchestra to 2nd-8th grade students. Students learn high-quality classical music with professional instructors.

OLMC Cheer- 2nd -8th grade cheer club meets once a week and performs at one home game a season.

Speech & Debate- For 5th–8th grade students who want to boost their confidence, sharpen their speaking skills, and have fun with friends!

Imprints of Honor- Imprints of Honor is an after-school Jr. High program where students honor veterans by conducting interviews and preserving their stories. Students will research, write about, and document the veterans they interview.

Junior Engineering- 7th-8th grade students receive an introduction to electrical, Ohm's law, electrical meters, solar panels, wiring and setup, hands-on labs with actual electrical control and components.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SPOTLIGHT

SPANISH ART CLUB

*Spanish Art Club students proudly pose with the mural they created and installed in the front office.

The Spanish Art Club invites students to explore the beauty of the Spanish language, culture, and Catholic faith through creativity and expression. Meetings combine hands-on art projects, guided opportunities to practice Spanish vocabulary and conversation.

Students learn artistic techniques but also deepen their appreciation of art. This year, students' final project was proudly installed in the school front office, allowing the entire school community to enjoy and be inspired by their work.

This club is open to 3rd-5th grade students—whether studnets are new to Spanish or fluent, a budding artist or simply curious. Together, we will grow in creativity, language, and faith while discovering how art and words can inspire a closer relationship with God.

-Mrs. Perusquia

CHEER CLUB

At Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, school spirit is alive and well thanks to the Cheer Club, a group of energetic students in grades 2–8 who bring joy and encouragement to our community. Meeting once a week on Thursdays, the club gathers to practice cheers, chants, and simple routines that highlight teamwork and positivity.

Each season, the club has a chance to showcase their hard work by performing at two home games. More than just cheers and chants, the club reflects the spirit of OLMC: joy, community, and faith expressed through teamwork. Whether it's learning a new routine or simply celebrating each other's efforts, the Cheer Club is a reminder that school spirit is best shared together.

-Mrs. Connor

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parents are required to complete 6 hours of volunteering per school year.

HOME & SCHOOL

Acting as a liaison between our administration and families, Home & School enriches our school by encouraging family involvement and communication.

DADS' CLUB

The mission of the OLMC Dads' Club is to build better relationships with our fellow OLMC families and to help improve OLMC for our children.

ST. THÉRÈSE

The St. Thérèse Group aims to work closely with parish leaders and school administration to identify opportunities to strengthen and promote our Catholic identity throughout the parish and school.

COACHING

OLMC offers after school athletics for 5th -8th grade students. The athletic teams are coached by parent volunteers and coordinated by our Athletic Director.

ROOM PARENTS

Room Parents help with activities and class parties and assist with communication between the Home & School board and our families.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- After School Clubs
- Art Masterpiece
- Auction Committee
- Events Committee
- Festival Committee
- Library Assistance
- Playground Monitors
- School Advisory Board

DADS' CLUB

Mission Statement and Purpose

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One way the Dads' Club helps build relationships at OLMC is by putting on several fun community events each year. These events give our school families a place to interact with each other in a different setting. These events also help raise money for the Dads' Club, which enables us to fund some of the many needs at OLMC.

The Dads' Club has five board members consisting of president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and communications. We currently have about 30 active members that regularly attend meetings and volunteer their time at our events. It is easy to get involved as the Dads' Club does not have a specified time commitment. We typically meet on the second Monday of every month for about an hour to discuss upcoming events and recap the prior month's events.

For more information on how to get involved, email dadsclub@olmcschool.info

Our Events

- Welcome Back BBQ
- Monthly food fundraisers at different restaurants around the Tempe area
- Cornhole Tournament
- Family Movie Night
- Casino Night
- Father/Daughter Dance
- OLMC Festival (Burger & Hot Dog Stand)
- Trivia Night

All event fundraising goes right back to OLMC School to benefit our children!

Recent contributions:

- OLMC Benches
- New Picnic Tables
- Addition of two outdoor sheds

HOME & SCHOOL

Our Events:
- Family Bingo
- Saint Nicholas Breakfast & Feast Day Celebration
- Falcon Fun Run
- Field Day
- Mother/Son Kickball
- Staff Appreciation Week

Mission Statement and Purpose:
Made up of OLMC Families, Home & School is a service ministry devoted to organizing the school community through governing administrative efforts for its teachers, parents, volunteers, staff, and administration.

- Supports programs that enrich our students academically, socially, and spiritually.
- Coordinates all volunteer committees by establishing strong community connections
- Encourages regular parent involvement and sponsors school hospitality.
- Promotes strong communication within the school community.

What We Do:
Home& School serves as a bridge between the school administration and families, working to strengthen our community through communication and active family involvement.

- Host events for community building
- Provide lunches and lounge treats for staff throughout the school year
- Coordinate homeroom parents and school-wide communication
- Host Teacher Christmas celebration
- Provide Used Uniform and Spirit Store sales
- Facilitate Lost & Found
- Organize collections for staff at Christmas and the end of the school year
- Hold Monthly meetings that all parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend
- Host two parent Coffrees during the school year

For more information about Home & School, contact homeandschool@olmcschool.info

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

Kindergarten is a big step in a young child's life. Our preschool breaks it all down into smaller steps to help make the transition easier. Our daily curriculum covers faith formation, social and emotional skills, and academic foundation.

Our preschool is a Christ-centered, play-based, learning environment. We learn about the Holy Family, saints, feast days and prayers. On our Blessed Mother's feast days, the children and staff process around the elementary school campus with music and ribbons or flowers to honor her. In addition, the children participate in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, attend weekly Adoration, and we incorporate the Baltimore Catechism.

We believe that in a caring and positive atmosphere a child will develop at his/her own pace and to his/her fullest potential. Part of our curriculum engages students in large or small group activities that facilitate respect, sharing, listening, cooperation and problem solving. Also, our preschoolers are paired with OLMC 4th graders as "buddies" and attend Mass with them on occasion. As our preschoolers enter kindergarten, they have friends in the upper classes as well as in their own grade. Our curriculum covers ages 3s, young 4s, and pre-K. We provide age appropriate activities to develop Kindergarten readiness. Activities include listening, language development, problem solving, group interaction, letter and sound recognition, counting and number recognition along with small and large motor activities, dramatic play, creative art, literature, and music. In conclusion, our preschool is unique due to our faith formation, social and emotional positive environment and kindergarten readiness academic foundation. We are a ministry to families of young children and are dedicated to providing a quality Catholic preschool program to meet the needs of our community.

God love you,
Monica Ferrance
OLMC Preschool Director

Please visit our website:
olmclittlelambs.org or
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for more information.

Preschool Staff

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Mrs. Monica Ferrance

Lead Pre-K Teachers
Mrs. Anna Aguilera
Mrs. Ashley Perez

Young 4s Lead Teacher
Miss Grace Matuszak

Lead 3s Teachers
Miss Naomi Bridges
Miss Annabella Davidson

Teaching Aides
Miss Emma Zavala
Mrs. Cali Corbett
Mrs. Nicole Montes
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Miss MaKenna Boyle
Miss Brooklynn Gerdes
Miss Madilynn Perez
Miss Ashley Picazo-Enriquiz
Miss Kayla Ramos
Miss Teresita Rodriguez

Atrium
Mrs. Katie Pabst

OLMC Preschool to Kindergarten Transition

Here at Little Lambs Preschool, we have a strong relationship with the Kindergarten teachers for a smooth transition into elementary school. This relationship fosters better communication between teachers to identify potential areas of concern or strengths early on.

We share curriculum to get our pre-K students prepared for the following year. Our teachers create a cohesive learning environment that builds upon concepts introduced in preschool and prepares children for Kindergarten expectations. For example, we use Happily Ever After, a reading readiness program, which is the introduction to SuperKids that is used in Kindergarten. We work with the Kindergarten teachers to ensure that the preschool and Kindergarten curriculums seamlessly connect and make it fun for our students to learn.

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ADMISSION PROCESS K-8TH GRADE

- Parents fill out Inquiry/Application online
  - Online application requires families to upload- report card, IEP, 504, MET or SSP if they have one.Development Director responds with an email or call
- Tours - Wednesdays and Fridays
- AFTER APPLICATION-
  - New student testing-Reading & Math. During testing the Special Education team evaluates students' academic ability and behaviors.
  - Religious Education- has the potential new student received sacraments, or do they need to receive them?
  - Has the student been asked to leave a school before? If the student is coming from another Catholic school, Dr. Shewbridge calls the principal to discuss the student.
  - Two recommendation letters required for all applicants.
  - Family and student interview with Dr. Shewbridge.
- Administrative team meets to discuss family, testing, report cards, behaviors and make a decision on acceptance.

ADMISSION PROCESS PRESCHOOL

- Parents fill out Inquiry/Application online
  - Online application requires families to upload- IEP, 504, MET or SSP if they have one.
- Tours - Mondays - Thursdays
- New student evaluation on preschool readiness. Preschool Director responds with an email or call
- Religious Education- has the potential new student received the sacrament of Baptism?
- Preschool Administrative team meets to discuss and make a decision based on class size, potty training, and preschool readiness for acceptance.

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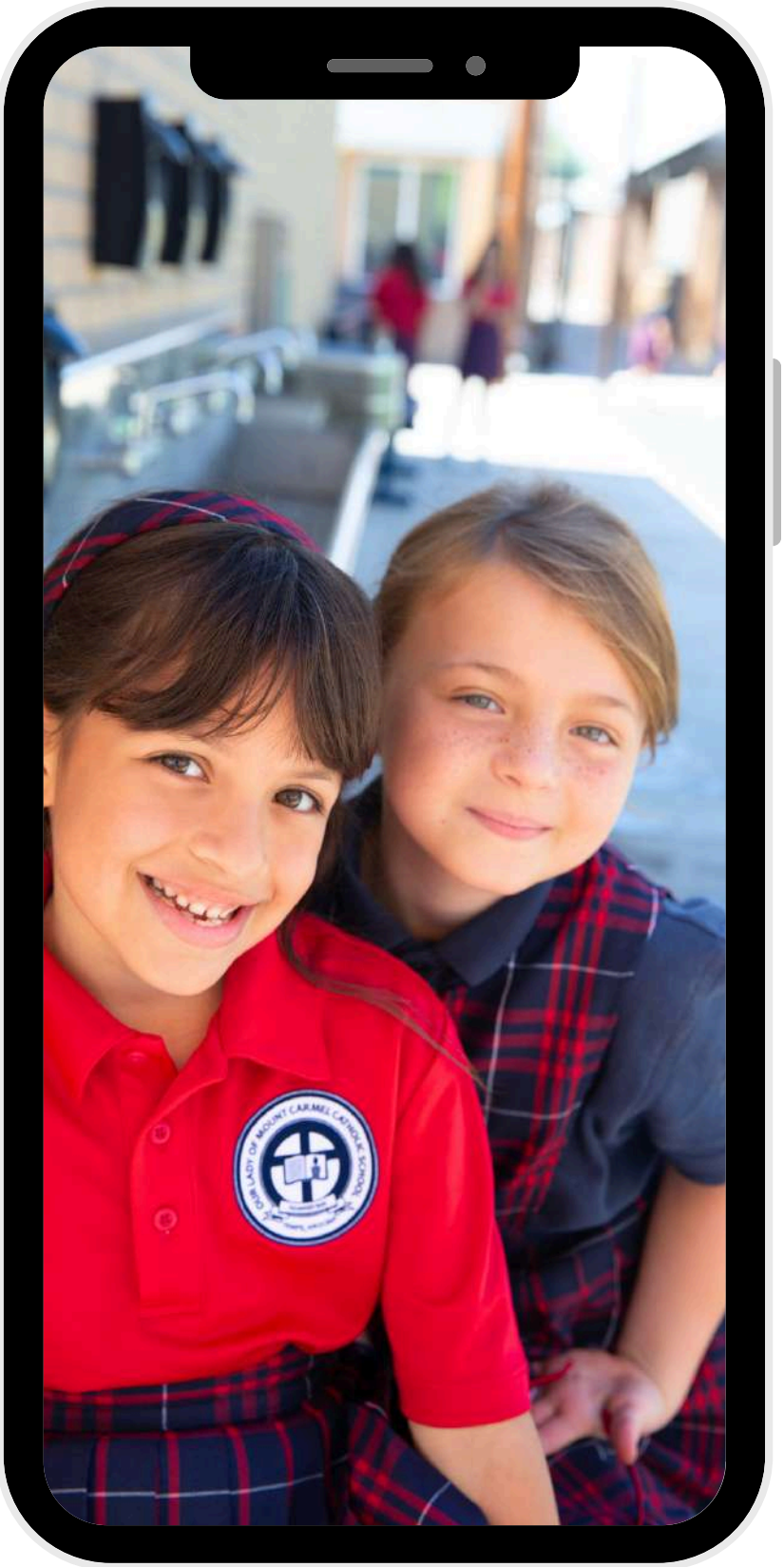

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The Falcon Flyer

- Our weekly school newsletter is sent out on Fridays at 5:00pm.
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Room Parent emails:
Monthly or more!

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