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## 55 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



I graduated OLM in the class of '82 and my son Peter Fauci is currently an 8th grade student at the school. During my first years in Brazil, I went to EARJ middle school and later transferred over to OLM. In high school at OLM, I enjoyed participating in student government and being President of the Senior Class. At the beginning of the school year in 1981, the nuns had gone and Dr. Lyndaker had just arrived to become our new Superintendent.

It's a lot of fun to remember those days. As an alumnus, I am very proud of my school. As a student I felt OLM provided me with an excellent education through a diversified program including a variety of subjects. Today, I see a tremendous difference in the school! Coming back to the school, OLM appears new and improved! It's exciting to see many changes in growth, organization and development mixed with some of the old and familiar. Congratulations OLM and happy 55th Anniversary!

*Peter Fauci - '82*



*Hosting Committee*

OLM's 55th Anniversary was a great evening, one to remember. The front court was beautifully decorated, nice people, some old-timers like myself, dinner and dance. The perfect setting. I had a good time remembering good old times.... It was a great party and I look forward to celebrating OLM's 56th, 57th, 58th ....

*Ana Beatriz Mendonça - '76*



Não faltaram motivos para comemorar: as melhorias ao longo dos anos, os lockers, o lab, o rain free court, entre tantas outras; a medalha Pedro Ernesto, concedida ao Dr. Lyndaker, superintendente da escola há 28 anos; e principalmente o que o OLM representa até hoje na vida de todos os que passam por lá, evidente na presença e no carinho dos pais e também dos antigos pais, que agora são avós, dos alunos e ex-alunos, professores, funcionários e colaboradores. Não faltaram discursos, uma merecida menção em homenagem ao Mr. Cahill e Mr. Hunter, e uma exibição de imagens antigas e atuais, com muita emoção e aplausos. *It is nice to look back and say "good old times", and just as nice to know OLM is still there. HAPPY 55th ANNIVERSARY!* Uma festa e tanto: o court elegantemente transformado num salão em azul e amarelo, as mesas brancas impecáveis; o cocktail, os drinks e o jantar, com um serviço exemplar; e a pista de dança que "bombou", reunindo no Ball Dance quatro gerações. Não faltou absolutamente nada! E como brinde da festa, uma taça com o logotipo da

*escola just to remind us all we do (as always will) have a reason to celebrate!*

*Luciana Mendonça - '79*



## CAUGHT BEING GOOD

OLM x Lions Club x Health Fair *Giuliana Nicolatino ('12)*



The Health Fair was co-sponsored by the Lions Club Fluminense and the Pastoral Health Committee of São Judas Tadeus Parish. (Lions Club Mater together with Escola Vital Brasil also has another Health Fair that happens every third Saturday of a month.)

On October 4 our school was invited to participate in the Health Fair at São Judas Tadeus

Church. In the fair, there were many different booths offering exams of cholesterol, blood pressure, diabetes, visual and oral help, glucose, and dermatology. Also there was a booth offering shiatsu and other kinds of massages. Ms. Souza had a good time taking shiatsu!

Our school sent five 9th grade students - Amanda Esteves, Carlos Alberto Magalhães, Flavia Cavalcanti, Gabriele Ippolito, and Giuliana Nicolatino.

They worked warning the people about the dangers of drugs (ecstasy and cannabis), smoking and domestic violence. We gave out posters and pamphlets, and we called people to come see our presentation. Many of the people present were amazed at it, and we have been invited to future events.

For us, the best part was when we went into the street to give out pamphlets to convince people to attend the fair. We would approach people in three different languages (Spanish, English, and Portuguese) to see where the person was from and talk to him or her. We found very different people, including a man that worked on the trolley car and wore clothes made out of plants! We had a lot of fun at the fair, and still we were helping the others. It was indeed a great opportunity. We look forward to other fairs in the future.



## BIENVENIDO JOÃO VICTOR

*Alejandra Loaiza ('12)*

João Víctor nació el día 2 de Octubre a las ocho y doce de la noche con 3,020kg y 49,5 cm. Un nacimiento representa el principio de todo. Es el milagro del presente y la esperanza del futuro. Es un tesoro único e irrepetible para una mujer. Felicidades y que lo disfrute. Ms. Ghiotti ninguna lengua es capaz de expresar la fuerza, la belleza y la heroicidad de una madre. Cuenta con nuestro apoyo. ¡Te deseamos todo lo mejor!



## JUAN CONTINUES HIS STUDIES

Juan Fernando Loaiza was born in June 18, 1988 Quito Ecuador. He lived in his native country until he was 11 years old. Then his family relocated to Brazil. Juan entered in the Brazilian school Veiga de Almeida until his sophomore year when he entered OLM.

Juan's hobbies were always soccer and drums. Since a child he loved soccer. In Ecuador he is fan of LDU and here in Brazil of Vasco da Gama! It is amazing how he knows everything that happens with those soccer teams. He sees all the games and reads all the news on the web. He also played the drums in a band. Even though he is in the US now he continues practicing soccer and playing the drums.



He graduated in the class of 2006 and made his thesis about "The dollarization of Ecuador". He was really nervous on the day of the defense of his thesis. He did a wonderful job and his grade was *Suma cum Laude*. Thanks to his good grades in the ENEM he was accepted in PUC and IBMEC, and then he was accepted into the University of Utah, George Washington University and Michigan State University whose scholarship he accepted.

On August of 2006 he traveled to MSU with his parents. There he met with the International Adviser, and she explained the process. She also said that at first everyone thinks that to live on your own is easy and fun. But in reality is really hard to live alone since all the responsibility is on your shoulders. The most important thing there is to control your emotions and try to overcome the challenges. Freshman year he lived on campus; after that he went to live in an apartment with four roommates.

He is pursuing a double major, bachelor's degree in economics and political science and also works in the MSU Office of Admissions and Police Department. He explains that is hard to combine the studies with work, but it is the best way to get the most out of college.

His accomplishments at MSU include several Dean's List nominations for a GPA of 3.8 and the invitation to become part of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS), one of the largest national honor societies in the US. For Fall 2008 he was accepted into a program that gives him the opportunity to work in IFES (International Foundation for Election System) and have class in Georgetown University. For next year he plans to Study abroad in Japan and hopefully finishes his studies in the summer of 2010. *Alejandra Loaiza ('12)*

"I need y'all to be really, really quiet for this. I need you to really understand what I'm telling you. Rosa Parks sat so Martin Luther King could walk, Martin Luther King walked so Obama could run. Obama's running so we all can fly." **Rapper Jay-Z**



**MS. SANDRA FORTES**, the High School drama teacher chose as the play of this year, the musical *Hairspray*. The decision was made by her,

together with her activity students from the previous semester.

*Hairspray* is a musical, and a book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan, based on the 1988 John Waters movie *Hairspray*. The story is told in 1962 Baltimore, Maryland, about a plump teenager Tracy Turnblad who achieves her dream of becoming a regular on the Corny Collins Dance Show, a local TV dance program based on the real-life *Buddy Deane Show*. Now a teen hero, she starts using her fame to speak out for the causes she believes in and launches a campaign to racially integrate the show. In doing so, she earns the rage of the show's former star, Amber Von Tussle, as well as Amber's manipulative mother. The rivalry comes to a head as Amber and Tracy fight for the title of Miss Teenage Hairspray. *Hairspray* is a social interpretation of the injustices inflicted upon parts of American society in the 1960s. The musical's original Broadway production opened in 2002, and as of April 2008, it played for over 2,300 performances. Because of the immense success of the musical, by 2007 it was later adapted into a musical film.

All cast and production members freely chose to participate in the play, and auditions were held in order to determine each student's character role. Students have been working extra hard due to the many songs and demanding choreography, requiring daily rehearsals, and even occasionally extending to weekends. Get a taste of this delightful musical on December 5 and 6, 2008 in OLM's front court amphitheater at 8:00pm.

*Giovanna Rajão ('10)*

## EU SÓ QUERO SER CRIANÇA

O 6<sup>th</sup> grade debate, reflète e escreve sobre AS CRIANÇAS DO MUNDO.

*Fátima Miranda*

...mas não tem jeito, a vida não deixa! Têm crianças neste mundo que tem casa, família, escola, e uma vida muito boa. Mas para outras crianças, é diferente. Eu, por exemplo, não tenho nada dessas coisas, nem comida eu tenho! Durmo na rua com um cobertor só, enquanto aquelas crianças ricas estão dormindo em suas quentes e confortáveis camas. Eles nem querem saber se estamos com frio durante a noite, ou se passamos fome. Pra eles não significamos nada. Bom... pelo menos pra alguns deles. Uns se importam, porém os pais não os deixam nem chegar perto de crianças como eu. Até parece que eles têm medo de mim, como se eu fosse um cão raivoso! Eles devem achar que eu sou uma ameaça para seus filhos. Mas eu não estou triste com isso, já estou acostumada... É sempre assim! Ser criança de rua é muito difícil, especialmente quando se é menina. De cada cem crianças de rua, só dez são meninas, sabia?

Já é de noite? Eu nem tinha percebido! Acho que me distraí demais conversando com você. É melhor eu dormir agora... Ah... mas tá um calor... é horário de verão, e não sei se vou conseguir dormir...

Olhá lá! Minhas amigas vão tomar banho no chafariz... vou com elas! Tchau...!

*Francesca Cateriano – 6th ('14)*

## WHAT A HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY!

*Christian Pedrosa ('10)*

Part of OLM high school academic program requires students to attend a minimum of 100 hours of community service until their Senior year, of which 60 hours are their personal responsibility. However, OLM's Religion department often offers students some opportunities to catch up on their hours during a holiday. On October 15, Teacher's Day, interested students attended a Children's Day celebration held at a Day Care Center in Botafogo. Between 8:00a.m. and noon participants organized a Children's party for an estimated 70 kids. They organized various entertaining activities on the playground such as soccer, volleyball, painting, and a handful of other events. It turned out to be a great chance to get ahead with required hours (it was worth five community hours) and to get in touch with the children; for some students it was far more than community service; it was a bonding experience.



## THE EARTH IS ROUND

*Bianca Fraga ('13)*

**Christopher Columbus** was born on May 20, 1451 in Genoa, Italy. His father was a wool merchant and weaver and his first meeting with the seas and its wonders was at the age of thirteen, when he got interested in the topic. After trying to persuade many kings and queens to give him money and food for his expeditions, he finally convinced Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand II of Spain. In return for their support, he promised them new lands, spices and new people to be converted to Christianity. The navigator, explorer and colonizer discovered the Americas. Columbus led an expedition with three ships: Niña, Pinta, and Santa Maria. In reality, Columbus did not mean to discover the Americas, but to find a new trade route that would lead him to the West Indies, so that Spain could take control of the profitable spice trade there. Instead, he landed in the Bahamas Archipelago, in an island called Guanahi, later renamed to San Salvador, thinking he had finally reached the East-Asian mainland. After his turning point discovery, he returned to Spain, where he told King Ferdinand II and Queen Isabella of Spain all he had seen: Taino Indians (Native Americans, who were brought by Columbus to Europe to be sold as slaves), different types of fruits, plants, and animals. The Queen and King of Spain, amazed over the variety of animals and resources they could obtain from the Americas, authorized Columbus to lead other expeditions to the New World, giving him many titles. During his second expedition, he established the first Spanish settlement in the Americas, Hispaniola, which is present day Haiti and the Dominican Republic. He also sailed around southern Cuba and discovered the island of Dominica. On the third expedition, he sailed to Venezuela and Trinidad. Finally, on his fourth and last expedition to the Americas, he sailed to Mexico, Honduras and Panama. Settlers in Hispaniola complained of the Italian explorer's harsh rule. He was chained and brought to Spain, where he was forgiven by the King and Queen of Spain for whom he had sailed from 1492-1504, but lost his titles. Christopher Columbus died in 1506 and is buried in Hispaniola. <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/explorers/page/c/columbus.shtml>

## PEACE BEGAN AT OLM WITH FATHER TIBLIER - *Amanda Esteves ('12)*

### THE PEACE PRAYER

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen.

**St. Francis of Assisi** had been a soldier before seeking peace with God. One day, as he was praying, it is said that God spoke to him, telling him to rebuild His church. He took this request literally, and set off to sell his horse and everything he owned to raise money to rebuild the local church, but the money was refused. When he returned to Assisi, his father was furious with him and dragged him home, locking him in the closet. When his mother finally let him out, he declared himself completely disconnected from his father and became a holy man. St. Francis is the patron saint of all living things. People all over the world celebrate his day on October the 4<sup>th</sup> by having their pets blessed in churches.

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### THE COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF MERCY LOSES ITS LOVING FATHER



*Father Tiblier unveils the Save OLM Campaign plaque recognizing supporters with Stuco President Tom Cabill and Senior Class President Peter Boot*

*Father Tiblier blesses the plaque OLM, Rio Nov 12, 1981*

No one at OLM knows who Father Edgar Tiblier is anymore because he was part of the parish and school many, many years ago, before most of us joined this community. He passed away quietly last week in a nursing home for Jesuit priests in his hometown of New Orleans, Louisiana. His memory at OLM is etched into its walls and shows itself in every successful effort the OLM community has devoted itself to over these years. Father Tiblier's dedication to our children and to the OLM parish members, in addition to the work he did to strengthen our bonds as a foreign community, including the reconstruction of OLM after the infamous crisis of 1980 was nothing if not the most important focus Father had during his time with us. Father Edgar looked and moved like a prophet. He needed only a staff and long robes to match his gray beard, soft tone, and thoughtful, kindly words. Father spoke in poetry and wrote like a literary master. He was loved by all; he was a member of our family. It is more than fitting he should be remembered during the OLM 55th Anniversary 'Peace Begins With Me' Celebration Week, if only to acknowledge his part in what OLM has become and to thank him simply and silently.

*Claire Collins*

**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary** In the XVI century, Europe was at war against the Turkish Empire. Just before the Naval Battle of Lepanto, the Turkish forces greatly outnumbered the Christian troops. The monks and priests aboard each Christian ship prayed the rosary to seek God's help. After the Battle, the main leader of the Turks was dead; they had suffered many more casualties than the Christians and the spirit of the victors was joyful. Don Juan, the head of the Spanish Christian forces, sent a messenger to Rome, so as to advise Pope Pius V of their unlikely triumph. The Pope, and all those who fought in the Battle of Lepanto attributed the defeat of the Turkish forces to Our Lady of The Holy Rosary. As the Venetian Senate wrote: "It was not generals nor battalions nor arms that brought us victory; but it was Our Lady of the Holy Rosary." [www.olrl.org](http://www.olrl.org)

**Our Lady of LOURDES: - Apparition** - The story of Our Lady of Lourdes begins when Bernadette and her friends decided to search for firewood near the Pedra de Masabielle. But to do so, the three friends had to cross an icy little river. Since Bernadette had asthma, she could not swim across and stayed behind, as her companions looked for the wood.

At that moment, Bernadette felt a strong gush of wind that forced her to lift her head and she saw that the branches surrounding the cave of Masabielle were moving! Finally, Our Lady of Lourdes appeared, glorious and beautiful. She was dressed in a long, white dress with a blue sash around her waste, holding a rosary in her hands and, on each foot, a golden rose. Bernadette, lost for words, suddenly knelt down and began to pray her own rosary. Our Lady remained silent, watching and praying only the Our Fathers. When Bernadette finished, the Virgin merely smiled and, gently walking back into the shadows, vanished.

A few days later, the Immaculate Conception showed herself once more to Bernadette in the same cave. When the girl's mother heard about her daughter's seemingly crazy stories about apparitions, however, she was displeased. Some in her neighborhood believed that the spirit was a lost soul from purgatory, and Bernadette was prohibited from visiting the grotto again. Eventually Bernadette was allowed back into the cavern. Only this time, she was accompanied by other people, who hoped to confirm the sightings. When the group was praying the rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes appeared once more. Bernadette asked for a sign, for her to step forward if she came from God. The apparition stepped forward. Then the Virgin told Bernadette and the others to return for 15 days in a row, promising them that if they did they would be extremely happy in the next world. After this intense moment, the news spread through the country and people came from all over to catch a glimpse of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Lourdes. (For more on the story of Lourdes see: <http://www.medjugorjeusa.org/lourdes.htm>)



## OLM & CLEAN UP THE WORLD

**Editorial Note:** Clean Up the World was established in 1993 after Clean Up Australia founder, Ian Kiernan approached the United Nations Environment

Program (UNEP), with an idea to take his Clean Up Australia concept global

(<http://www.cleanuptheworld.org/en/>)

With their support Clean Up the World was launched in 1993. It is an international campaign that encourages communities around the



world to clean up, fix up and conserve their environment through the Clean Up the World Membership program.

Clean Up the World is held on the third weekend in September each year with more than 35 million people from over 120 countries participating each year. Even the weather participated in this campaign, since Sept 20, 2008 was a nice sunny day.

In Brazil, it has been going on for 6 years, and with every new year the amount of volunteers for the job has grown. The objective is to collect the smallest forms of



garbage such as cigarettes butts, straws and other left behind materials. However, the movement seeks to spread awareness of the project through the people on the beach who come from all over the city. On Saturday the 20th of September, a group of OLM high school

students went to the Marriot Hotel in Copacabana Beach in order to join the project for the first time. The day



started with a delicious breakfast at the hotel, followed by a small speech from the organizing group **Aqualung**. They distributed biodegradable bags and gloves and off we went for two hours in search of everything we found in the sand. It was

very tiring, since it was in the middle of the day and the sun was extremely hot. Despite the physical exhaustion the students had a nice time. We walked around, answered questions from people that had no clue about why we were cleaning the beaches. We were a number of individuals, who together with thousands of others changed the world for better, if only for just one day. It was extremely rewarding.

We will be back next year!

*Amanda Brasil ('11)*

*Nicole Cabrera ('12)* - I think that in some way it might help people reflect about what they're doing. Seeing us collect the garbage, might have helped them realize that people shouldn't pollute the beach so much. It'll only work if everyone helps. I had a lot of fun during the event, even though I burned my feet!



*Amanda Esteves ('12)* - I found the event very nice. I think that if everyone did their part, even if it begins on the beaches, we can make our present situation better.

*Giovanna Miranda ('11)* - I liked going to the event and really liked helping

*Juliano Carvalho ('09)* - I liked it a lot. I found it a very valid experience, because if we can make it go on, the world's situation can get better, If we can make other people see this situation it will probably be good too.

*Eric Figueiredo ('10)* - It was very good because it helped people to see the world's present situation and to make a move to transform it, to undo it.

## A MULTICULTURAL FAMILY!

*Alejandra Loaiza ('12)*

Itizaina's family is kind of different.

Fernando and Angelina have four children: a boy and girl that were born in Uruguay and two little Brazilian girls. They have lived here for 7 years. At the beginning it was hard to adapt to a new culture,



especially the language but as the time passed, they became part of the Brazilian culture. What led them to have four children was that they always wanted a big family and here in Brazil they had the opportunity to make this dream true. Angelina says that they fight a

lot but in general they help each other and are very united. She told us that the littlest ones require more physical work and the big ones need more emotional support. Here in Brazil they do not have immediate family so she receives the help of a babysitter to take care of the four. The children are taught how to be respectful, how to help each other, and how to be united as a family. The children interchange speaking Spanish and Portuguese between them. Juan Ignacio, who is 11 years old, plays basketball when he is not protecting and defending the girls! Ten-year-old Maria Pia says that her hobby is to play with Ds and with her sisters. Five-year-old Marina loves to eat candies, while little three-year-old Paula likes to play with her bear. All agree that most of the time Paula gives the most trouble and Pia is the most well behaved. They are always fighting, playing, jumping and singing, bringing a lot of happiness to each other. They are a wonderful and different family!

## ONGOING NEWS FROM JUDY DE PERLA

In 1982, when I returned here from Brazil, I tried out a sample new toilet bowl cleaner for a marketing company. It was just one of those things where I was walking out of a supermarket and a lady asked me if I would try this new product. I did and she called later, took my picture for the advertising agency in New York, and I did a short T.V. commercial along with several other women. The commercial aired for about six months in early 1983. I had a Screen Actors Guild card and membership which they had required so I received payment for this "work". The actual payments helped support my children and me during those stressful, job-seeking months.

Just recently, my dear friend, Laura, tracked down a copy of the commercial so I now have one. We got a good laugh out of it. Then, at a business get together, I learned that my oil company is doing another commercial and that they've been running T.V. commercials for several months now. Half-jokingly, I told the guy I know that I love doing that sort of thing and if they needed a happy customer, I'd love to do it. Result? They chose me and I filmed it two days ago. It's short, but was great fun to do.

I'd also done one day of work as a movie extra for a show called "The Brotherhood" which is now in its third year. I've just received notification from the local casting company that they are checking to see if folks are still interested and available. Of course, I e-mailed back immediately to let them know that I definitely am.

It's all the result of being in the right place at the right time and, in addition, being willing to try something new like the open casting call for "The Brotherhood" that I attended three years ago. So, that's my story, Ma'am, and I'm sticking to it.

### A TOAST TO LUIZA (’96)

Luiza Lucy Delma Lindly Hunter began studying at OLM during middle school, after studying with her older siblings Maria and Tony Hunter at the British School. Daughter of the late Michael Hunter, who was for many years the President of the Board at OLM, Luiza was known for her academic skills and dedication towards the school. During her years at OLM she was chosen member of the National Honor Society, elected President of Student Council and participated in various sports activities as a basketball player. She finished high school in 1996 and moved to England where she graduated in architecture a few years later. There she met Timothy E. Dawson, whom she married this past August in the beautiful city of Cascais, Portugal. Her friends and the entire OLM community remember her fondly as we celebrate her marriage and wish her continued happiness and success.



Ana Teresa Lehmann

## AUXILIADORA É O NOME DELA!

O transporte escolar – um serviço regulamentado – é uma das melhores opções quando os pais não podem, por qualquer motivo, levar seus filhos ao colégio ou às atividades extra-escolares por falta de tempo ou por qualquer outro motivo.

Na época em que suas filhas estudavam na OLM, Auxiliadora começou a fazer o transporte escolar com intenção de ajudar as mães dos amigos de suas filhas. Era difícil para elas pegar as crianças no meio da tarde e levá-las para outras atividades. Essas mães confiavam na Auxiliadora, pois já a conheciam. Então, logo que se aposentou fez das 'caronas' sua ocupação em tempo integral. Há 12 anos esse é o seu novo trabalho.



Ela fica sempre no portão da escola, com olhos e ouvidos atentos, cuidando como uma verdadeira leoa de seus filhotes. Auxiliadora diz que trabalhar com crianças é muito bom, porque são super sinceras. Quando estão satisfeitas agradecem, e sempre que há algo errado, reclamam e pedem solução.

Ela procura despertar a idéia de grupo nas crianças quando respeita o horário de todos. Se, por exemplo, um aluno tem uma urgência e precisa chegar mais cedo ao seu compromisso, ela discute com o grupo e imediatamente tem um amigo que cede a sua vez. Em um outro dia, o amigo, que teve a urgência, cede a sua vez; dessa forma todos são beneficiados. Também faz parte de seu trabalho deixá-las tranquilas ao estarem, pontualmente, em suas atividades. A situação mais difícil de gerenciar é quando chega para pegar um aluno e não o encontra. Este 'pequeno' atraso causa um grande transtorno, afetando, naturalmente, todo o grupo.

Felizmente, Auxiliadora e suas crianças nunca viveram uma situação de risco (assalto ou acidente) e ela agradece sempre a Deus. Ela sabe como ninguém da responsabilidade que tem ao transportar esses jovens.

Escolas e pais têm muito a agradecer a esse serviço prestado. O tratamento carinhoso e o caráter solidário fazem o diferencial. Para Auxiliadora, receber o sorriso das crianças e ouvir de um ex-aluno: "*Você fez parte de minha vida*" são momentos de grande felicidade!

### OLM & LIONS CLUB

OLMatters is proud to present the finalists:  
**Maria Hanyia and  
Raphaella Barreto** for  
the '*Peace Begins With Me*'  
Poster Contest.  
**Congratulations!**





## IT WAS REALLY FUN!

In 55 years, much has changed at OLM, but our ambiance, and our philosophy is still the same.

On September 24<sup>th</sup> we celebrated another OLM Anniversary with a series of significant events, and one of them was our "Special Snack". Pre School sang "Happy Birthday to OLM" and they ate a delicious cake. *Pre Nursery – Ms. Vidal*



We have planned special events to celebrate Children´s Week that includes a Magician, Mr. Drakyni, Pula-pula, and many outside games.. ... It was really fun!!  
**The memories we enjoy in childhood can last a lifetime**



## A VERY SPECIAL VISIT

During the months of August and September, First Graders learned all about "Plants" from OLM's nutritionist, Giovanna. She showed them different kinds of roots, such as beets, potatoes, carrots, yams, and others. They learned how good they are for them and how important it was to always eat a colorful meal, filled with different kinds of vegetables. For many of the children it was the first time they tasted the veggies and a delicious carrot and beet juice! *Ms. Souza and Ms. Weber*



**RENAN LOURENÇO VIDAL ('09)** foi medalha de Bronze no CAMPEONATO ESTADUAL DE JUDÔ em 18/10/2008. – Sucesso Renan!

On September 29, 2008, the First, Second and Third Grade teachers and students celebrated OLM's Anniversary. The event was made even more beautiful with the help of Ms. Izecksohn: the students all sang wonderfully as they prayed and thanked God for their school. Thanks to Ms. Nogueira they choreographed a presentation centered around the OLM logo. The celebration itself was the best gift the children could have given to the school. *Ms. Duniec*



### Save the Date

Children's Day	Oct. 12 <sup>th</sup>
Teacher's Day	Oct. 15 <sup>th</sup>
Halloween Party	Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm
Halloween	Oct. 31 <sup>th</sup>
Pep Rally	Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>
Republic Day	Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>
Big 8 Tournament	Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> at NR
Thanksgiving Celebration	Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00am
Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner	Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup>
Hairspray	Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm

## MIENTRAS QUE EL BEBE CRECE

*Giovanna Rajão & Gabriela Planchart ('10)*



**Juan Francisco Jiménez**, nacido en la ciudad de Terrasa ubicada a 20km de la ciudad de Barcelona, España, es el nuevo profesor de español mientras Ms. Ghiotti está a la espera de su nuevo hijo. Licenciado en filología hispánica, llegó a Brasil hace 12 años con su esposa brasileña junto a la cual vivía en España. Tiene dos hijos y familia establecida por lo que de momento no tiene intención de volver a su país. Algunos de sus familiares son profesores, esto le influenció en su decisión. En su tiempo libre se dedica a la pintura, sin duda Rio de Janeiro ha ayudado con esta actividad, porque según él afirma, los paisajes de Rio son incomparables. Apuntó como mayor diferencia entre España y Brasil, la diferencia de clases sociales, la alimentación, y por supuesto la lengua, la cual no es tan difícil de aprender debido al receptismo de todos los brasileiros. ¡Esperamos que disfrute esta experiencia y que aproveche nuestra escuela!

## BATE PAPO - THIAGO & FLÁVIO AZEVEDO

Ele nos conta que Flávio é professor de Educação Física do *After School*, casado e tem uma filha. Ficamos sabendo alguns fatos e curiosidades sobre esse professor. Flávio ensina há 8 anos e 6 anos na OLM (futebol, basquete e vôlei). Ele é treinador de futsal no *Middle School*, árbitro em jogos e dá aulas em condomínios particulares.

No PAN/2007 trabalhou como árbitro no vôlei de praia. Em 2008, foi árbitro no Campeonato Mundial Estudantil em Cagliari, Itália e também nas finais da Liga Mundial de Vôlei no Rio de Janeiro.

Na sua profissão, até agora, só teve alegrias, especialmente quando um de seus alunos executa muito bem tudo que aprendeu.

É um prazer tê-lo em nossa Escola!



*Thiago Fabri ('17)*

## FAZENDA PONTE ALTA

*Maria Paula Alberti & Bianca Fraga ('13)*

No dia 22/10, nós, *8th grade*, visitamos a fazenda Ponte Alta, no Vale do Paraíba. Lá, tivemos a chance de conhecer mais a fundo a história do café, de um jeito divertido em um ambiente bem agradável. Tudo que aprendemos no passeio será aplicado no **Projeto Café** das disciplinas BSS & Português & *AmSS*.



**OUR LADY OF MERCY SOCIETY** announces that on September 29, 2008 at its Annual General Meeting, Society members approved the previous year's Reports and Financial Results for the year ending on June 30, 2008 - audited by "Deloitte Tomatsu". The associates also elected the following Board Candidates of Our Lady of Mercy Society:

Re-elected for the next two year period: Ms. Mary Mendes Dreifus, Ms. Andrea Abregu de Figueiredo, Ms. Inez B. Correia, Mr. José Marcos Ammirabile, Mr. Ricardo L. Ottati, and Mr. Conrado Henrique de Niemeyer.

New candidate elected to the Board: Mr. Anthony Allan D. L. Hunter. These recently elected Board Members will join the current Board Members that were elected at last year's Annual General Meeting and will be up for re-election in August 2009: Ms. Maria da Aparecida G. Pacheco, Ms. Mary Elizabeth L. Murchie, Ms. Eliane Mesquita L. de Mello, Ms. Leila Sodero L. de Rezende and Mr. Bernardo Ferrer.

THE NEW **BOARD OFFICERS** FOR THE 2008/2009 TERM ARE:

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Ms. Maria da Aparecida G. Pacheco – President  
Ms. Mary Mendes Dreifus – 1st Vice-President  
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Mr. Bernardo Ferrer – Financial Director Assistant  
Mrs. Andrea Abregu de Figueiredo – Secretary  
Ms. Leila Sodero L. de Rezende – Assistant Secretary

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