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O Manifesto 2000 por uma Cultura de Paz e Não-violência foi esboçado por um grupo de laureados do prêmio Nobel da Paz. Milhões de pessoas em todo o mundo assinaram esse manifesto e se comprometeram a cumprir os seis pontos descritos acima, agindo no espírito da Cultura de Paz dentro de suas famílias, em seu trabalho, em suas cidades. Tornaram-se, assim, mensageiros da tolerância, da solidariedade e do diálogo. A Assembléia Geral das Nações Unidas declarou o período de 2001 a 2010 a 'Década Internacional da Cultura de Paz e Não-violência para as Crianças do Mundo'.

CAMPANHA DA FRATERNIDADE

THEME: Fraternidade e Segurança Pública

SLOGAN: “A Paz é fruto da Justiça”.

(Is 32, 17)

Lent is a forty-day period before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. We skip Sundays when we count the forty days, because Sundays commemorate the Resurrection. Lent begins on 25 February 2009 and ends on 11 April 2009, which is the day before Easter. In the Roman Catholic Church, Lent officially ends at sundown on 9 April (Holy Thursday), with the beginning of the mass of the Lord's Supper. Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for



reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated

themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized, and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles. (www.kencollins.com/holy-04.htm).

With the objective of living out the mysteries of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ and as a full preparation for this time of change and conversion, the Catholic Church in Brazil through the CNBB (the National Conference of Bishops) launches what has become known as the *Campanha da Fraternidade* in order to help in the achievement of spiritual growth. This year's theme is: Solidarity and Public Safety and its motto is: “Peace is the fruit of Justice.” (Is 32, 17)

This is going to be a very good opportunity for the Brazilian society not only to reflect about prejudice and discrimination, but also to come up with concrete gestures of fraternity towards our poor and suffering brothers and sisters. May this inspiring season of preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord enlighten our hearts and minds to fight for a just and healed society.

Peace is in our hands!

Ask Annie

Ask Annie your most personal questions! All letters to Annie are subject to publication in the paper. All names and e-mails of correspondents will be kept confidential. To get in contact with Annie just send her an e-mail: askannie@olmrio.com

Dear Annie,
I've broken up with my boyfriend for months now and still everytime I see him I want to go back with him. I really want to get over him but it just doesn't seem possible! Please tell me how I can do this because I can't stop thinking about him. I know this is not good for me. Help!
Boyfriendless

Dear Boyfriendless,
You said so yourself: there is no point in staying miserable for something that is over. First of all you have to understand that it really is over and stop wishing he show at your doorstep begging you to come back. You'll probably need a big long cry to do this. Get all his things and put them away in a box or in some place else you don't see all the time.
Then take some time for yourself. Take a long bath, relax, have a walk on the beach or anything that makes you happy. Then get yourself pretty again and go out with your friends. Talk, laugh, dance, have fun. This will take your mind off him.
Don't worry! Thousands of other boys will come around and make you just as happy, or more so, than the last one. You're young--enjoy it! **A.A.**

GABRIEL AND NATACHA TIE THE KNOT



Mr. Gabriel Silveira, a former OLM student and basketball player for the Lancers married **Ms. Natacha Martinho** last year in Portugal. They live in Wales where Gabriel is currently working as a psychologist while taking classes for his Masters degree in London. Natacha is studying at the University of Cardiff and wants to become a P.E. teacher. The couple visits Brazil once a year. Both Gabriel and Natacha are active members of their community and often work on weekends as volunteers in projects for the less privileged. Here is a picture taken at the reception they held in Rio in order to celebrate their marriage. All of his OLM friends were there and we all had a wonderful time.
Best wishes for the new couple!

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Every February,

across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? February has long been a month of romance. St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. So, who was Saint Valentine and how did he become associated with this ancient rite? Today, the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl — who may have been his jailor's daughter and was blind— who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' just before he died on February 14. The expression became history and is still in use today.

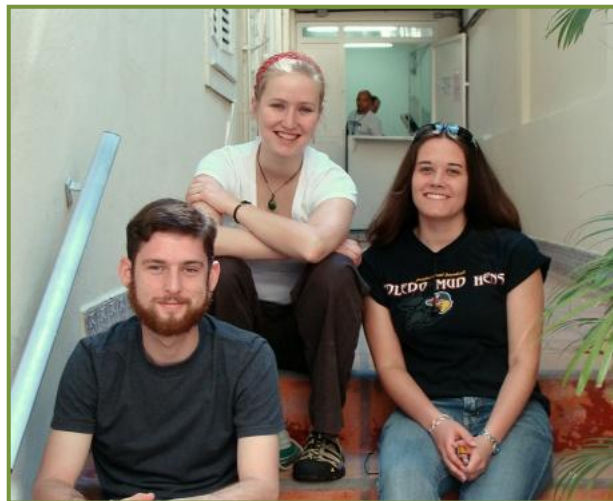
The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately one billion valentines are sent each year worldwide, making the day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year, behind Christmas. The association estimates that, in the US, men spend on the average twice as much money as women. So, **GO LOOK FOR YOUR VALENTINE!**

A CURIOSITY PIECE: In the beginning of Zeffirelli's version of *HAMLET* Ophelia is seen preparing a cloth Valentine as she thinks of her feelings for the Prince.

Traditionally in the United States, affection for friends of both sexes is expressed in the sending of Valentine greetings, including messages of love, for parents, relatives and godparents.



WELCOME NEW STUDENT TEACHERS!



Hello! My name is **Molly Maykut** (top). I am teaching 10th, 11th and 12th grade English this semester. I am working with John Majka and could not be more excited. I have received a wonderful welcome from colleagues and students alike so I am thrilled to be here. I am a senior at Bowling Green State University which is about two hours from where I grew up in Brookpark, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. An industrious neighborhood on the cusp of a metropolis, it is quite a contrast to the farmlands that surround my university. I must admit, I prefer the cityscape to the farmland and that is why I am so happy to be in Rio for these three months; so many places to see, to visit, things to do; I cannot wait to begin exploring! I love to travel and have been to several countries all over the world, although I have never been to Brazil as this is my first time in South America. I have played soccer all my life and love to read: Thus, my love of English. I hope I bring a different dynamic to the school and look forward to this upcoming semester.

Hello... my name is **Monica Schneiderman** (middle right) and I am this semester's math student teacher. Although born and raised in the big city of Los Angeles, California, I have spent the last four years studying in the farm town of Bowling Green, Ohio. Without a doubt, it has been a big change for me but I have enjoyed every minute of it. Besides studying math, I also study Spanish and International Studies, both of which I am passionate about. Someday I hope to teach, travel, and live abroad. I first fell in love with the idea three years ago when I studied and lived in Madrid, Spain. Since then I have also had the opportunity to study in Xalapa, Mexico and now I am here in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. My biggest reasons for coming to Brazil were to 1) get my first real experience teaching abroad, 2) see first-hand how math is taught outside of the United States, 3) familiarize myself with Brazilian culture and its people, 4) travel and finally 5) learn some Portuguese. I am excited for a great semester and I hope to get to know all of you while I am here!

O! My name is **Adam Dunn** (bottom left) and I am from Solon, Ohio. As a senior with just 2 months until I graduate from BGSU, I can't tell you how excited I am to be able to spend my last months of college in Brazil! I will be working with Mrs. Paes in Social Studies, and am quite eager to begin. Beyond Social Studies, I have a minor in Political Science and enjoy a hearty discussion on nearly anything, so please strike me up in conversation. Beyond my love of education I enjoy camping, photography, rock climbing, travel, reading and music. My goals for this trip are always evolving, though I know that sharing my passion for education with you will be unwavering. I hope to grow and learn both about my profession, as well as myself on this trip: feel free to help me out!

Save the Date

MUN New York	Mar 15 – 22	Talent Show	Apr 04	
Science Fair	Mar 27 – 28	Spelling Bee	Apr 17	Inter 8 Apr 5-8

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (NHSMUN) UPDATE



30 Lancers to be in New York City in March 2009

Almost there!
The Model United Nations Students (MUN)

are almost ready! After weeks of research each student was placed into a United Nations Committee in which each one wrote a position paper on a specific topic, based on two African countries: Niger and Burundi. For example, I wrote a position paper on Niger. My Committee was the *Commission on the Status of Women* and my topic was *Women as Peace Keepers*.

We leave on March 15. The group will visit New York City museums, Ground Zero, the Statue of Liberty, 5th Avenue and Broadway. For two days we will go to the United Nations building for the NHSMUN Conference, where we will present the papers we have been developing. The following two days we will continue our discussions in the Hilton Hotel. We return on March 23.

*Gabriella Lopes (*10)*

ELE 'ATACA' NOVAMENTE!

O professor Marco Teixeira é vice-campeão no torneio (1ª Etapa) do Circuito **Volleyhouse** de Vôlei de Praia 2008/2009. A competição foi realizada nos dias



Marco Teixeira e Daniel Minc

8 e 9 de novembro passado. Com isso, *Mr. Teixeira* se tornou o 2º colocado no **ranking** de duplas e o 4o no **ranking** individual. Maiores detalhes em: <http://www.volleyhouse.com.br/atletas/ranking.php>

OLM'S P.E. PROGRAM IN U.S.A.



In February, Ms. Katia Valente, P.E. Coordinator presented O.L.M.'s physical education program and new ideas to students at the University of South Florida's College of Physical Education in Tampa, Florida.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

(Editor's note: thanks to a generous donation from *Agência Riff*, a book importer in downtown Rio, there are many new and interesting books being processed in the library. (Further donations are to come.) *OLMatters* will present reading suggestions from library users. All are welcome to submit. The 10th Grade English class will be researching some of the titles to offer some background to potential readers. Reminder: the library is open for use by parents as well.)

The novel, *True Evil*, by Greg Iles involves husbands and wives that want to get rich from the death of their spouses. It is full of suspense and deals with FBI agents and doctors. It is an intriguing novel of murder and mayhem. Once you start reading this book, you won't want to let it go. I highly recommend it! (by Monica Dreifus)

ANNUAL CONVENTION

(February 27-March 1, 2009)

National Association of Secondary School Principals

For we dare not stand idly by

Claire Collins

This was the title and theme of 2009's most important conference on education for American schools. During Carnival Week, the elementary, middle and high school supervisors, Dulce Silveira and Claire Collins, had the unique opportunity to attend this historic National Association of Secondary School Principals Conference hosted in San Diego, California.

The theme addressed responsibility for survival and reconstruction in the current global economic crisis, front and center. It emphasized the responsibility of educators to prepare students for an uncertain world where all previous points of reference have changed forever. Money, jobs, and power have been lost by the tens of thousands worldwide and the worst is yet to come.

Schools need to get students to think outside the box; to empower them with creative thinking skills so they can navigate not only this moment as young adults, but to develop abilities needed to rebuild during the next twenty years.

As old paradigms no longer have meaning, new ones give us hope. The answers to the questions rest with teachers and schools in every corner of the globe. Our work has never been so daunting, or so important.

"Crisis creates opportunity."

Let's make it happen for our students at Our Lady of Mercy School!

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!

Anna Luiza Souza - Law: IBMEC, FGV

Barbara Barata - Psychology: Waiting list PUC

Barbara Gomes - Vest for Medicine dec 2009

Bruno Boller Pinto - Waiting list IBMEC

Carolina Vaz Moreira - Vest for Medicine dec 2009

Danilo Cunha - Administration: IBMEC or Engineering: Rensaeleer Polytechnic Institute (50% scholarship)

David Volkman - Administration: FGV

Enrique Hardtmann - Vest in dec 2009

Gabriela Cunha - Engineering: PUC

José Miguel Bucarito - Vest in dec 2009

Juliano Carvalho - Law: IBMEC

Laymê Pedrosa - Administration: Barry University



Leon Freire - Vest in dec 2009 for public university

Leonardo Santos - Law: PUC or IBMEC

Leonardo Magalhães - Economics: IBMEC

Luca Panajotti - Economics: IBMEC

Maria Antonia Gonçalves - Vest in dec 2009

Maria Carolina Telles - Vest in dec 2009 for public university (Brasilia)

Maria Julia Argollo - Law: IBMEC

Mara Julia Judson - Veterinary medicine: PUC Paraná

Nicole Peinado - Veterinary medicine, vest dec 2009

Pedro Henrique Galhego - Engineering: PUC or Economics: IBMEC

Rafael Pachá Ferraz - Economics: IBMEC

Renan Vidal - Vest in dec 2009 for public university

Yongxin Chen - Business Administration: Applied to US colleges

HEARTY WELCOME TO NEW STAFF!

Amanda Esteves ('12)

OLM students and Staff Members are pleased to welcome with open arms our new community members this semester! We hope they enjoy this school as much as we have! We wish all the best to: Christiane Telles Couto, who is now a helper at Pre-Nursery; Gabriela Barreto Aranda, who is Ms. Silveira's new helper; and Luiz Fernando Freire, the 3rd grade helper. Our best wishes also to those who have changed their functions, including: Ms. Monica Tinoco – now in the Transition Class; Dr. Ana Teresa Lehmann, now helping with the yearbook; Ms. Luciana Guimarães who is teaching Computer classes (**see interview**); and Gedelando Gabriel da Silva, the new audiovisual/computer assistant. **Good Luck to you all!**

A NEW COMPUTER TEACHER!



Ms. Luciana Guimarães, now teaching computer classes to Middle School and 9th grade, gave us the following interview:

What did you do before coming to OLM?

I spent 17 years in Portugal working with computers, but before that I went to UERJ to graduate in Mathematics. I taught classes in computer for kids from 4 to 12 years old.

How did you come to our school?

I came at first, as a helper to substitute Ms. Zaluski, while she was on a medical leave.

Is working with us very different from working in Portugal?

Yes, it's different. First of all, because it's an American school, and it's also bigger than the school in Portugal. But it's nice working with older students, because they are more independent and mature.

Why did you decide to major in computer courses?

I was studying Mathematics first, but then each of the students had to choose between computer courses and others. Since everyone was going to the computer classes, I went along. After I completed them, I decided to get a college degree to teach, because I love working with children. ***We wish her success in all her efforts at OLM!***

Amanda Esteves ('12)

SHE HAS DONE IT ALL

An Interview by Marina Meyers ('12)



Ms. Monica Tinoco has 23 years of experience with children and knows OLM school very well. She has degrees in teaching and law and taught herself computer technology. She began her career with pre-school and elementary children. Then, for some years, she taught computers to the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades and was in charge of producing the yearbook with the 12th grade. A highlight of those years was instructing some OLM teachers in the use of the Smart Board for which the school won individual awards in 2006 and 2007



from *Scheiner Smart Board* in a worldwide competition. Now she has been asked to teach the Transition class—an adaptation class for 2 and 3-year-olds. Thank you, Ms. Tinoco, for your astounding flexibility and loyal dedication.

A 'REMARKABLE EXPERIENCE'



No dia 10 de março de 2009, o **8th grade** visitou a Fundação Oswaldo Cruz. Lá, fomos divididos em pequenos grupos para conhecer diferentes

espaços. Participamos de atividades que envolvem as ciências. Os monitores mostraram-nos vídeos, experiências e jogos sensacionais. Para terminar o passeio, assistimos a uma representação teatral: "Lição de Botânica", 1906, de Machado de Assis. Os atores fizeram um debate com a plateia, aceitando sugestões e críticas. Curtimos muito a nossa manhã! *Julie Medeiros e Larissa Freire ('13)*

Our trip to the *Fundação Oswaldo Cruz* was a remarkable experience that I will never forget, especially since it was my first field trip at OLM in quite a long time. There were numerous amounts of scientific experiments and many tour guides willing to help.

We began our tour in an area with many different experiments ranging in size. Some were solar-powered and others used

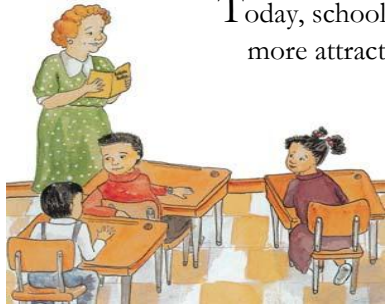


manual power to light up a light bulb. After exploring the experiments we went into a building where the guides showed us a slideshow of how light rays work: how the eye interprets the image it sees. After this we went into another room that showed us many smaller experiments and lastly we watched a small film about a mosquito that gives a disease called **Dengue**. After that we went to another building to watch a small play about botanic science. It was an experiment that I will not soon forget.

Mitchell Ellis ('13)

CAN SCHOOL SUPPLIES BE BAD?

Alejandra Delgado ('12)



Today, school supplies are more attractive than ever: full

of glitter, colorful, tricky; they catch the children's attention, but they are not always the best

option. Specialists say that if you choose school supplies improperly; it can cause difficulty in learning, because the children will prefer to play rather than pay attention. The best supplies are simple; colorful, certainly, but not exaggerated. A pencil case with a light, a sharpener that turns into a car can be nice but they will probably affect the grades. Buy them with the child's best interests in mind and, above all, set limits. This will help in making the child more interested in school, while keeping down costs, especially during this time of crisis.

INTERVIEW WITH A PRAYER

(JJM)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you

To see in all the power of God

Blessed are you among women

Those considered the least are the greatest

And Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

I accept to be a channel of peace and love

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Holy are they who do the Father's will

Pray for us sinners, now,

Help me say "I'm sorry, forgive me"

And at the hour of our death.

In the Lord's house I will live forever

Amen

And so it is.

7th GRADE BROTHERHOOD DAY

edited by Rita Niederer

Sítio Santo Agostinho, in *Vargem Grande*, was the perfect choice for the 7th Grade Brotherhood



Day. The nature, the pool, the soccer field and everything else helped the students to have a great day with God. The objective of this day was to create bonds among the students and encourage team work.

Due to a car accident, the bus that would take the group to *Vargem Grande* was delayed, so the students were engaged in doing group dynamics as their first activity, at school. When the bus arrived they were ready to enjoy the rest of the day at the country site.

It was lunch time when they got to *Sítio Santo Agostinho*. As soon as they had eaten, most of the boys spent their free time playing soccer while



the girls chose to go to the swimming pool. Everyone had lots of fun. Before coming back, the students had a snack and then gathered for closing prayer, thankful for the wonderful day they had. Luckily, there was no traffic jam on their way back to school, so the students arrived at the planned time. The whole class had a great time and the students can hardly wait for next year's Brotherhood Day.

By Isabella Nothhaft / Carol Minb Cabral, Natalia Levy/ Ana Elisa Azevedo / Brenno Mello/ Victor Perez, Jessica Marrucho/ Leonardo Mattos/ Alessandra Sabra, Ana Luíza Ferrer/ Nathalia Crespo/ Paulo Henrique Fegbali, Luiz Henrique Jannuzzi/ Oscar Sweet/ Vitória Silva/ Maria Pia Bertin, Kushagra Bosamia/ Joana Page/ Priscilla Ribeiro/ William Santos ('14)

MARY'S CORNER

Amanda Esteves ('12)

Our Lady of Lourdes

The Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in southern France is the most visited pilgrimage site in the world -- principally because of the apparent healing properties of the waters of the spring that appeared during the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin



Mary to a poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Bernadette Soubirous.

The first apparition occurred February 11, 1858. There were eighteen in all; the last took place July 16, of the same year. Bernadette often fell into an ecstasy during these apparitions, as was witnessed by the hundreds who attended the later visions, though no one except Bernadette ever saw or heard the apparition.

The mysterious vision Bernadette saw in the hollow of the rock Massabielle, where she and friends had gone to gather firewood, was that of a young and beautiful lady. "Lovelier than I have ever seen" said the child. She described the Lady as clothed in white, with a blue ribbon sash and a Rosary hanging from her right arm. Now and then the apparition spoke to Bernadette. In 1907 Pius X extended the observance of this feast to the entire Church; it is now observed on February 11.

(For more information check: <http://www.medjugorjeusa.org/lourdes.htm>)

THE OLM SCHOOL SONG

A Question of Spirit and Mission

By Molly Maykut

OLM values her students and the education she offers. Student spirit, student involvement and student success are all main components of Our Lady of Mercy School. This past month, the 10th grade class learned various poetic devices and then connected poetry to song lyrics. This was a great exercise to bridge curriculum and students' everyday lives of *ipod* wearing and *mp3* downloading. The culmination of this lesson was a challenge to the students to update the OLM anthem with new lyrics that better reflect the school's spirit and mission. OLM's mission is to educate the whole child towards global understanding and as the world changes, perhaps so should our OLM song.

We had great success and all our students enjoyed sharing their new songs at our poetry reading which concluded the poetry unit. Here are a few samples from which a great new song may one day replace the old. Mr. Camera has been working on the music as well.



Song 1

by Joao Victor Galhego, Matheus Laranjeiras

OLM is a treasure
For making studying a pleasure
Teachers in their own way
Make us feel like staying all day
Although with time the will to study starts to disappear
Our friends get funnier every year
Time passes and things just get harder
But as we reflect we see we are getting smarter
As we look at the road behind
We are able to find some peace of mind

Song 2

by Helena Machado, Barbara Padovano and Sondre Nielsen

early in the morning
we will go to school
have our wonderful homeroom
to hear Melania's never ending rules
one minute and we're in the hall
playing games and throwing ball
because we are all family
and we are as close as we need to be
we wish we had time to talk some more
although we leave almost at four
teachers don't understand
keep wasting their breath just to give a command
however we cant explain
the value that this school contains
its our second family
its our own community
a place we learn our ABCs
a place where we learn our needs
we have our lancer spirit
no other team comes near it
OLM is the best



Song 3

by Manuela Almeida & Nathalie Haddad

Our Family
Our mother
Our strength
and our home,

Our valley of light
and oursacred dome

awake in our mind
beside us through time
our pride and our glory
we're drawing our story

you gave us the pen
the paper you've laid
the dreams that you've saved
the futures you've paved

as a lancer i'll fight
as a student i'll shine

as a human i'll bow
to your colors divine

with your wisdom we could make it
and the effort was worthy
we're singing with all our love
our invisible jersey
our lady of mercy



Song 4

by Clara Freitas

We came apart and got together
 through laughs and cries we are certain it's
 forever
 we found a strength in each one
 and then became a family of one
 our friendships grew
 each day it's bigger
 our time is getting shorter
 and we know we are gonna miss it
 cause there is no place as good as our school
 we stand for our lancers
 yellow and blue are gold
 we know school will end
 but will be lancers till the end
 cause once you were a lancer
 forever you'll be
 we began as friends by chance
 and became family by choice
 forever we will remember
 our glorious moments of joy
 we are lancers, couldn't be prouder
 if you can't hear it, we will shout a little louder.



Song 5

OLM WILL ALWAYS BE HOME (jjm)

What we learn will make us true
 There's nothing we can't be or do
 To care enough to comfort and console
 Include, encourage, build up, cajole
 No matter where we'll roam
 OLM will always be home.
 Our Lady of Mercy is our Model.
 Empower the powerless, protect the vulnerable
 Each in our way, at eternity's pace
 We dare to make the world a better place
 No matter where we'll roam
 OLM will always be home.
 OLM is close to our hearts
 It's where we first got our start
 We became family and friends
 Brothers and sisters to the end
 No matter where we'll roam
 OLM will always be home.



Song 6

by Rafael Patrocinio, Luigi Soares, Rafael Moreira

One time OLM
 Always OLM
 Lancers I always be
 It is the best thing
 see you shine
 see you win, OLM, OLM
 Lancers!
 One time OLM
 always OLM
 I would be very sad
 if OLM did not exist
 Win, win, win, win, win
 One time OLM
 always OLM
 Participating in championships
 and winning medals
 is our goal
 Lancers, Lancers
 We are the god knights
 One time OLM - always OLM



Song 7

by Giorgio Rajao,
Eduarda Ferraz, Antonia Teixeira

It all began in '53
 When we were a Society
 Then priests and nuns came to agree
 That OLM was meant to be

Times have changed and we have grown
 And our resistance we have shown
 Lancers! Lancers! Sing along,
 To honor the school that we belong

OLM's our second home,
 as cozy as can be
 OLM's a place
 where you can thrive and succeed

Our tradition still lives
 and our spirit still endures
 And with God by our side
 We blossom and mature
 OLM's our second home,
 as cozy as can be
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Coming Soon!

Student Opinion Column

In the World Right Now!

One student from each High School Class will be chosen to write his or her opinion about a subject relating to the world.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

Tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow....

Life is but a walking shadow....

Next month's topic is ►



How would the world be without Shakespeare?

SHAKESPEARE DAY

APRIL 29, 2009

(Look for further details in next month's edition.)

BARACK OBAMA: *my opinion*

Alejandra Delgado ('12)

Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th president of the United States on Jan 20, 2009. The son of a black man from Kenya and a white woman from Kansas, he is the first African-American to ascend to the highest office in the land. Obama's acceptance speech focused on the historic division between black and white Americans; it also showed the discrimination suffered by the Latin people. The Latinos in the US confront a contradiction, much discrimination and no respect. Obama argued that this anger between nations and races must be abolished and that the Latinos documented and undocumented have become a scapegoat for the resentment of many Americans, especially as the state of the economy grows ever more tenuously. He promises to move toward what was sometimes called a post-partisan landscape, appealing to voters of all stripes to come together

The pressure on leaders of the Latino community to accept free trade orthodoxy is intense. Those who question why we should trust market forces to solve every problem we confront are quickly branded as irresponsible and politically unrealistic "protectionists." Nevertheless, acknowledging and honestly confronting the widening chasm of inequality that is the product of our current trade policies is the path of brave leadership and key to unlocking the psychology of prejudice that is so basic to all our efforts to "form a more perfect union".

"You can see it in the faces here tonight. There are young and old, rich and poor. They are black and white, Latino and Asian and Native American. They are Democrats from Des Moines and independents from Concord and, yes, some Republicans from rural Nevada. And we've got young people all across this country who have never had a reason to participate until now. And in nine days, in nine short days, nearly half the nation will have the chance to join us in saying that we are tired of business as usual in Washington. We are hungry for change and we are ready to believe again. There must be a change!"

Those words the President of the U.S. said in order to call for a new and better world.