



## The OLMA Overview -- March 27, 2021

At OLMA, when our students see a need, they do not wait for something to be done about it ... they rally and make something happen! Such is the case with both the DECA school store and the Mental Health Advocacy Club. Both of these initiatives started because students saw a need, took initiative and saw the project through to fruition. I am always so proud when I see our students-- with the support of our faculty and staff -- make bold moves in our community. The girls truly are leaders in the making!

Have a great weekend! -- Mrs. Coyle

## OLMA Ingenuity: The Campus Cart



The members of DECA recently put their energy into creating a school store. The store -- now referred to as the “Campus Cart” -- has made appearances at the recent Shark Tank event and Powder Puff football games. Elisabeth Grant, a member of DECA, explains how the Campus Cart came to be!

*The idea of an OLMA school store is something that students have wanted for a long time. And while we do not have an allocated place within the four walls of OLMA to create an actual walk-in store, we began to explore other ideas. We talked about the idea of a Spirit Wear vending machine, but that idea did not travel very far. We all liked the idea of a mobile school store better as it seemed way more manageable. This is how the idea of the Campus Cart originated.*

*With the help of our DECA advisor Mrs. Revere and the OLMA Facilities Manager Mr. King, the Campus Cart came together. Mr. King actually built it,*

*and seeing the cart pieced together was truly amazing. We had talked about the idea of this school store/campus cart for a while, and it just seemed surreal when it was all put together. It really shows that if you have something you want to bring to OLMA, you have the ability to make your idea into a reality.*

*Some of the goals we have for the Campus Cart are to get some fresh student-made designs and a larger variety of parent Spirit Wear. One of the benefits of having a school store on wheels is that during different OLMA events such as athletics and fundraisers, we can wheel our cart out to the event and make it much easier for people to get some OLMA merch.*

Be sure and look for the Campus Cart at a future OLMA event!

## OLMA Activities: Powder Puff 2021



According to OLMA's Athletic Director Mr. Lenguardo, the annual OLMA Powder Puff football game might be the most competitive event that takes place all year! The Seniors (Bigs) play their Littles (Freshmen) in the first game. Sophomores play Juniors in the second game, and the winners of each play a Championship game. There is an MVP named every year, and this year, the game was live streamed.

The games took place on Thursday, and the juniors were the champions. They beat the seniors 8 to 0 in the finals. Anna Eaise was MVP, and Mrs. Donovan was the winning coach. A special surprise was the presence of Mrs. Mary Duffy (a retired teacher) who returned to honor last year's MVP Hannah McCardell.

'It was an awesome event and great to see everyone back together again,' Mr. Mr. Lenguardo said. "It was really nice that the entire OLMA family observed the social distancing guidelines to enhance the atmosphere."

## OLMA Clubs:

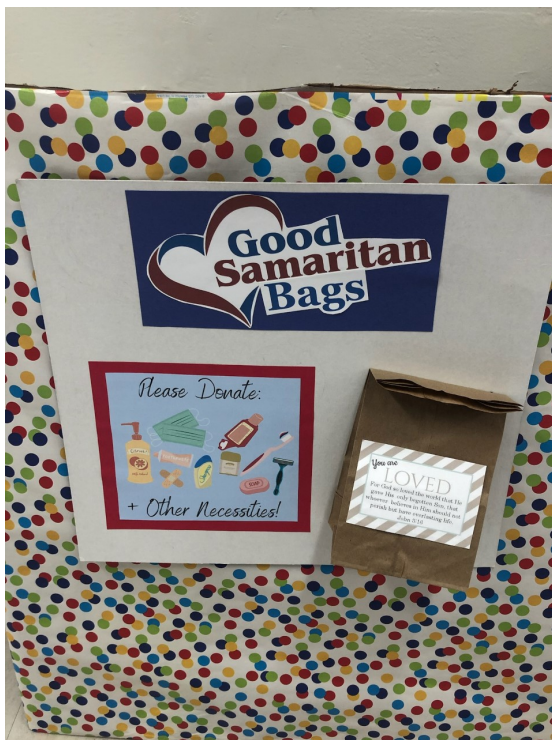


# Mental Health Advocacy



Created by current OLMA students, the Mental Health Advocacy Club was created with the intent to make a difference in the lives of those with mental illness. In it, members work to spread awareness and help others feel less alone. This is accomplished through activities such as creating artwork to raise understanding, discussing important topics, and reaching out to those who are struggling.

## Campus Ministry Club: Good Samaritan Bags



The Campus Ministry Club continues to have an impact on the OLMA community and beyond! The Club's latest project is its "Good Samaritan Bags" program. The members of the Club decorated brown paper bags with Scripture verses and uplifting messages. The bags will be filled with toiletry items and donated to the Atlantic City Rescue Mission.

Donations are welcome and can be deposited in the collection boxes, which are currently in the Cafe. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant and other items are needed. Thank you for your support of this Campus Ministry Club initiative!

## OLMA Leaders: Allisa Orr, Class of 2023



OLMA's DECA team is having quite the inaugural year! Right before Winter Break, we shared that the team was competing in its first District Competition. A total of 21 girls (two teams and 17 individuals) participated in the competition online. Our girls did an outstanding job, and eight students even placed in their respective categories. Students who finished in the "Top 10" moved onto the state-level category. The competition continues, and we are thrilled to share that sophomore Allisa Orr has been invited to compete at an even higher level! DECA's advisor Mrs. Revere shared her thoughts on this accomplishment:

*"I recall approaching Allisa about DECA early in the school year, and with a little hesitation she agreed to "try it out" and see how things go, Mrs. Revere said. "Well, not only is she trying it out, but she is doing very well! She not only received a Mini Award at the DECA state competition in March, but she too brought home some DECA glass at the Grand Awards ceremony, where she placed 4th overall in the Personal Financial Literacy event. That is 4th in the entire state of NJ, where there are 100+ chapters. What an accomplishment?! With this, she has been invited to compete at the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) scheduled to be held in April."*

When Allisa heard that she was headed to the international round of competition, she said that her initial reaction was shock.

"I didn't really know how to feel or the significance of the news," Allisa said. "I just knew that it was a great accomplishment for me and the team as a whole. It means a lot to me because I've never really done anything like this before so it was a new experience, and I'm glad I get to be a part of it."

Allisa said that she is excited to share this milestone with the DECA team and DECA's advisor Mrs. Revere. "Everyone has really worked hard to make the club run smoothly," Allisa said. "The girls who are part of DECA are all so talented. I am just happy to be a part of something so great."

## OLMA Basketball: Team of the Year



Earlier this week, [NJ.com](https://www.nj.com) announced athletic honors for South Jersey high school teams. OLMA basketball was named “Team of the Year!” Here is an excerpt from [the article](#) posted on NJ.com:

### **TEAM OF THE YEAR**

*A golden age of sorts has arrived for Our Lady of Mercy Academy basketball. A year ago, the Villagers went 19-9 and set a program record for victories in a season. For an encore, they went 13-2 in this pandemic-shortened season, earning a share of the Cape-Atlantic League West Division championship with Vineland – the first conference title in program history.*

*That accomplishment for the small all-girls Catholic high school - located in the sleepy Gloucester County town of Newfield - has earned the Villagers recognition as the 2021 South Jersey Times Team of the Year.*

Congratulations to all of the members of the OLMA basketball team as well as the coaches. “I am honored to be part of a wonderful basketball staff and to be surrounded by a devoted administration,” Coach McNelia added. “All the credit should be given to the young ladies that gave it their all.”

## **Support The Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy The 2021 Villa Rossello Raffle**

The Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy are holding their annual 20-Week Raffle. Tickets are \$20 each, and there is a chance to win every Sunday for 20 weeks starting on June 6th. The final grand prizes will be drawn on Sunday, October 17th at a Pasta





Dinner (depending on the appropriate COVID restrictions). The pasta dinner is free for ticket holders!

Tickets may be obtained from Sr. Margaret - sr.margaret@olmanj.org - or from the school office. The Sisters are grateful for your support and assure you of their prayers.

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## Support OLMA: Green & Gold Golf Outing



The Green & Gold Club's Inaugural Golf Outing was moved from October 2020 to May 7, 2021 due to the pandemic. No problem! This club of parents and coaches is looking forward to getting together responsibly on the links to raise funds for equipment, uniforms, facility upgrades and much more to help the growing athletics program at OLMA. If you are a golfer, looking to sponsor this fundraiser, or want to come out and meet the golfers for lunch as part of our non-golfer ticket option, please [click here](#) to RSVP.

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## Support OLMA: AmazonSmile



AmazonSmile is a pretty easy way to give to OLMA! You shop and AmazonSmile donates a percentage back to OLMA. Simply click on [this link](#), and you can choose OLMA as your designated charity. Once you choose OLMA, Amazon will recognize that you want your AmazonSmile donations to go to OLMA.

Thank you for your support and happy shopping!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March:

**3/29 -- All Students on Campus**

**3/30 -- All Students on Campus**

**3/31 -- All Students on Campus**

### April:

**4/1 - 4/11 -- Easter Break**

**4/29 -- OLMA Jr/Sr Prom**

See additional school event dates [HERE](#).  
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