

# The Cougar Print

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## Lent

By Alora Marquard, 7th grade

On March 2nd (Wednesday) of 2022, we celebrated Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God. It marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. Many people may recognize what the Lenten season is because of fasting. Ms. Rezzano says, *"It's the beginning of a cleansing. 40 days of trying to give up something that we enjoy, as a sacrifice. I think it's important."* Ms. Rezzano has strong feelings about Lent, as does every student here. During Lent, we don't just have Ash Wednesday, we have Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross has been gone for quite some time and is finally starting up in our school again. Every Friday, we meet in the church to participate in the Stations. Though I have been at OLA for many years, I don't think I have ever seen a student run the Stations. A special thanks to Samuel Cruickshank who read the stations for the first time this year. Thankfully, we now have the choice to wear our masks, making the stations more comfortable and giving us an overall feeling that nothing has changed. I am glad that the new students were able to experience Stations of the Cross with or without masks. 🐾

## First Reconciliation

By Corinne Collins, 6th Grade

On March 5, 2022, the second graders made their First Reconciliation. When you make your first reconciliation, you go into a confessional and confess to the priest your sins. I asked Miss Pohorence how the second graders prepared and did at confession and this is what she told me. They started practicing by talking about parables like the Parable of Yeast. Then they talked about forgiveness and how to understand sin. They practice the Act of Contrition before lunch every day and how to walk up to the Confessional and what to say. Miss Pohorence said they did very well and it all went beautifully. The 2nd graders did have a small prayer service and they held up Our Father posters to help them examine their consciences at the prayer service. It took them a couple months to understand what to do for Confession and how God forgives you. 🐾

"It was nice to see how excited the whole family was when they made their reconciliation." – Miss Pohorence 🐾

Confirmation Photos ~ Congrats to our 8th graders!!!! 🐾



## Women's History Month

By Mya Marquard, 8th Grade

March is National Women's Month, which is a time where we appreciate women and the hard work they put in to gain their rightfully earned respect in society. In Ohio, women didn't get the right to vote until June 16 of 1916, which is the day Ohio voted to ratify the 19th amendment! Now, women are bosses, business owners, police, nurses, doctors, and teachers! Women can choose what they want to do!

The Cougar Print is interviewing two female staffers at OLA who work so hard everyday to make our school what it is! First up is Mrs. Garmback, our known and beloved secretary down in the main office! Mrs. Garmback started at OLA four years ago. As a working woman, something that inspires her is that she's independent and doesn't need to rely on her husband. Her favorite thing about OLA is the staff that she works with, and in the future she's looking forward to spending time with her new grandson! Thank you for taking the time to speak with us Mrs. Garmback, and congratulations!

We also got in touch with Miss Rosenbaum, our creative and sweet fifth grade teacher! She's been teaching at OLA since 2015 (that's 7 years)! Her favorite part about teaching is coming to school and seeing all of the students she loves. "My favorite thing about OLA is the people and children I work with." she says. Miss Rosenbaum's plans for the future include a nice vacation this summer in Florida! Thank you for speaking with us Miss Rosenbaum, and we love you too!

Women's History month is a month where young girls and women learn that their existence makes a difference, and that they are all history in the making. So students, go home and thank your mothers, grandmothers, aunts, or whoever is in your life for everything they do! 🐾

## Teacher Spotlight on Mrs. Garmback!

By Adley Mack, 8th Grade

This month our teacher spotlight is on our school's secretary, Ms. Garmback. Because of national women's history month, we chose a female teacher to spotlight. Although many people have known Ms. Garmback for many years she only came to OLA 4 years ago. In her opinion, working for a man is different than working with women. To her, Mr. Falk is very computer savvy compared to the other principles that she has worked with. As if right now, she lives with her husband, Frank, and her daughter, Hailey. She has two dogs, Penny and Maya, as well as her daughter's dog. When Ms. Garmback was younger, she went to Glenville High School and actually graduated early. Ms. Garmback is a huge help to school, if you ever see her in the halls be sure to thank her for what she does! 🐾

## Morning Announcement Improvements By Addison Spohn, 6th Grade

Hopefully you've noticed that there have been some changes to the morning announcements. The *Weird, but True* segment was chosen to be included in the announcements because it was a way to add quick and interesting facts to the morning announcements. Mrs. Verlie has changed other things about how the morning announcements are done. Instead of doing it through the speaker, she does it by video. Mrs. Verlie says that she believes pre-recorded announcements were a good way to build up the school community. Students in the 5th through 8th graders host the announcements. This helps the younger kids connect to more of us in the main building. Mrs. Verlie, along with many other teachers agreed that the students are the star of the show. The teachers wanted to add things that would appeal to the students. Most of the teachers agreed that a good majority of the OLA students enjoy jokes and like to see people be more animated and overall just having fun while recording. They decided that they should add those to the announcements. Mrs. Verlie and other students are still coming up with new ideas for the announcements; for example, the students always create new backgrounds, scripts, jokes, and even mini-comic slides for the people of OLA to enjoy. 🐾