

## **From the Athletic Department...**

The Winter Sports Season is coming to an end and it's been a great year for OLMC Basketball!!!

Our CYO 5/6 Grade Junior Lady Comets tied for first place in their division. After a vote by all of the coaches in that division, our girls have been awarded the 2010 Sportsmanship Award and will receive their trophy at Calihan Hall this Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Coaches Tony and Ron Romatowski and the entire team. Winning is nice. However, more importantly, I am proud of the team's consistent show of good sportsmanship both on and off the court.

At this time, I would also like to congratulate Coach Brian Stavola for his outstanding effort with our 7/8 Grade Boys Basketball Team. The progress they made over the course of the season should not go unnoticed and I applaud Coach Brian and the entire team for their guts and gritty determination.

With regard to upper school athletics, our male and female Varsity Basketball Athletes proved time and time again throughout the season that OLMC Athletes never give up despite some very harsh team play from other schools. Thank you to George Benavides, Steve and Gabe Huerta and Mary Cerulla for their hard work and dedication to the High School Basketball Program.

Student athletes John Henry (Grade 8), Thomas deBoves (Grade 12) and Cody Parker (Grade 12) will be formally recognized this Sunday at Calihan Hall, receiving the CYO Scholar Athlete, the Catholic League 'All League' and Catholic League 'All Academic' Awards respectively. Congratulations boys!

And, congratulations to our female varsity athletes who were recognized last weekend with Catholic League accolades of All Academic: Ciara Viola (Grade 12), All Catholic: Colette Cerulla (Grade 12) and All League: Jenny Craft (Grade 10). Hard work and determination do pay off, as does scholastic and athletic effort.

In closing, first and foremost, thank you to Fr. Ptak for his continued support. We are extremely lucky to have a Pastor that so adamantly supports all of our athletic endeavors. Thank you to my coaches, school faculty/staff, parent support group and dedicated parishioners who have helped me throughout the season. Together, we not only made athletics at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School a reality, but successfully sponsored some major fundraising efforts (Christmas Tournament, Catholic League Quarter Final Games, etc.), as well. Believe me when I say that I am most appreciative and am proud to be the Athletic Director at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

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