

Our Lady's Catholic Academy

Striving to Magnify and Radiate Love for God

Now entering its 10th year of proudly serving South Ozone Park and its surrounding communities, Our Lady's Catholic Academy has become a cornerstone for Catholic Education in southern Queens.

Established under the leadership of founding board of directors chairwoman, Katherine Loughran, the academy has continued to grow and flourish under the direction of its current chairman, Bruno Bianchi. Productive partnerships with St. Teresa of Avila-St. Anthony of Padua parish and St. Clement Pope parish help create a vibrant Catholic environment in the classrooms and meaningful liturgical celebrations and activities throughout the year.

Our Lady's Catholic Academy recently completed a major transitional year, consolidating to one building during the 2017-18 school year. Being at one site has made it possible for OLCA to launch an accelerated program for its students in grades five through eight, and to open a dedicated early childhood center for the youngest students.

OLCA also earned accreditation from AdvancED International Registry for Accreditation, following months of in-

depth preparation and an onsite visit from educational experts from across the nation. The visiting team noted in their final report that "the leadership, faculty, and staff have created and maintain a safe, culturally diverse and responsive learning community. Mutual respect permeates the entire atmosphere and is highly praised by all members of the school community."

New Investments, New Upgrades

This summer, new investments have included security upgrades throughout the building, including a new alarm system and safety locks for every classroom; air conditioning in the first floor classrooms; renovations of the lower playground and the auditorium bathrooms; and a new robotics program that will launch during the first trimester of the school year.

The leadership committee of the Home Academy Association is now available to meet the needs of new and returning families, and are working to secure additional funding for OLCA programs and activities, with special events for students in all grades and an after-school



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karate program currently in the works. Parent workshops will also be made available for free throughout the year, including an evening focused on helping junior high students with anxiety and depression.

Meanwhile, the programs students and parents depend on the most will continue, including the free early drop off program which begins at 6 a.m. every day; the extended day program, which provides homework help, snack and activities for a small fee and ends at 7 p.m.; and all sup-

port services to meet the individual needs of all of our children, including speech therapy, SETSS, ESL and counseling.

OLCA is proud to meet the needs of all of its children while keeping tuition and fees lower than most Catholic elementary schools in the New York City area. Scholarship application assistance to families to reduce out of pocket costs is made available when possible. This year, families have already been awarded more than \$125,000 in scholarship assistance.



OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY

"From Many, We are One"

**CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF
SERVING SOUTH OZONE PARK
AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES**

*Fully accredited by AdvancED
International Registry for Accreditation*

- Accelerated Program For Students in Grades 5-8
- Early Childhood Center (Full Day for 3 & 4 year olds)
- Free Early Drop Off Beginning at 6 AM
- Extended Day Program Until 7 PM



**Limited Seating Available
for 2018-2019**



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