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It is the mission of the OLMC Sports Department to provide a Catholic sports environment for the physical, mental, and spiritual growth of those who participate.



### H1N1 Flu Alert!

In light of the upcoming flu season and the fact that there have been confirmed H1N1 flu cases at OLMC Parish, OLMC School, and area public schools, the OLMC Sports Department reminds our parents and players of the importance of following our Health and Safety policy when it comes to illness.

If your child has a fever, please wait 24-48 hours after the last confirmed fever before exposing them to the general public (e.g., school, Church, sporting events).

A student athlete may not attend a practice or game unless they have attended school that day. If your child misses school due to



a fever or illness, there must be a minimum 24-hour window of "no fever", vomiting, or any other illness symptom before they may participate in sports.

A general guideline would be that a player that misses school on Friday due to illness should wait until Sunday to participate in a sport.

There is a high probability that our children will be exposed to the flu this season. Please make

a conscious effort to take all precautions to minimize the spread of germs. In fairness to our coaches, players, and opponents, we must avoid making others sick.

Sharing water bottles and other drinks is not a good idea. We want to minimize the exchange of illness-causing bacteria and viruses.

If you have any questions about the policy on illness, please feel free to contact Tim Fletcher.

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# SPORTS HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHT

## Parents and Fans -

1. Be courteous to the players, coaches, and fans of the opposing team.
2. Cheer a good play by an opponent.
3. Don't applaud opponents' errors or penalties they earn.
4. Respect the property of our facilities and those of our opponents.
5. Serve as a role model for all players.
6. Return uniforms promptly after the last game of the season.
7. Serve your assigned times in the concession stand or at the admissions table.
8. Parents, pick up your children promptly following practice and games.

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# COMING SOON

The OLMC Sports Department is currently developing a comprehensive interactive sports ministry program called [Isportsministries](#).

[Isportsministries](#) will be an interactive web of ministry opportunities that will allow coaches, parents, and athletes to work together to create a sports community that serves our children.

Our goal is to take the next logical step in the development and refinement of the OLMC Sports program by creating a place where coaches, parents, and athletes

can access dynamic resources to promote the best possible Catholic sports environment.

[Isportsministries](#) will be concentrated in six core areas:

- Spirituality
- Sportsmanship
- Stewardship
- Communication
- Coach
- Parent

Our goal is to go live with [Isportsministries](#) by the fall of 2010. Please stay tuned for further developments!

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# A SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to Craig Kantner from Augusta Green, Inc. for servicing our athletic fields. We appreciate your help in making our athletic fields safer to play on!

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## A WORD FROM OUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Thanks be to God! OLMC athletics is so proud to be an integral part of parish life at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. This past year has been both exciting and inspirational. We are very proud of our volunteer base of coaches and commissioners that compose a faith filled sporting experience for our young student athletes. We are celebrating our 20th year as a sports department and have many to thank! Over 500 volunteers have steered the ship of our ministry and have brought the love of sports into the lives of more than 1,000 children. This coming year, please take notice of a new sports ministry initiative called sportsministries. The new name represents the bond between athletics and spirituality. I am pleased to be working with the sports council to develop this new program, which will be launched in the fall of 2010. Sportsministries will contain 6 components that will give direction to our sports families and incorporate our Catholic calling. We are also working to revamp our sports handbook and plan to release it during our parent informational meetings this coming late summer and early fall. Thank you again to all of our volunteers and committed families. May you have a blessed Christmas and New Year! Tim Fletcher

### HIGH FIVES

High Fives for Mike Dial. Mike has served OLMC athletics as a leader on and off the field. Mike donates his time and talents as a football coach, basketball coach, baseball coach, and athletic field manager. His hard work around the baseball and football fields has made OLMC one of the top all-natural athletic playing fields in the area. Along with all of this hard work, Mike takes time to be a Catholic example to other men in the parish. His presence in our ministry is greatly appreciated! Thanks Mike!

### OLMC SPORTS SPONSORS

The following companies have generously sponsored OLMC Sports. Please be certain to thank them and patronize their businesses.

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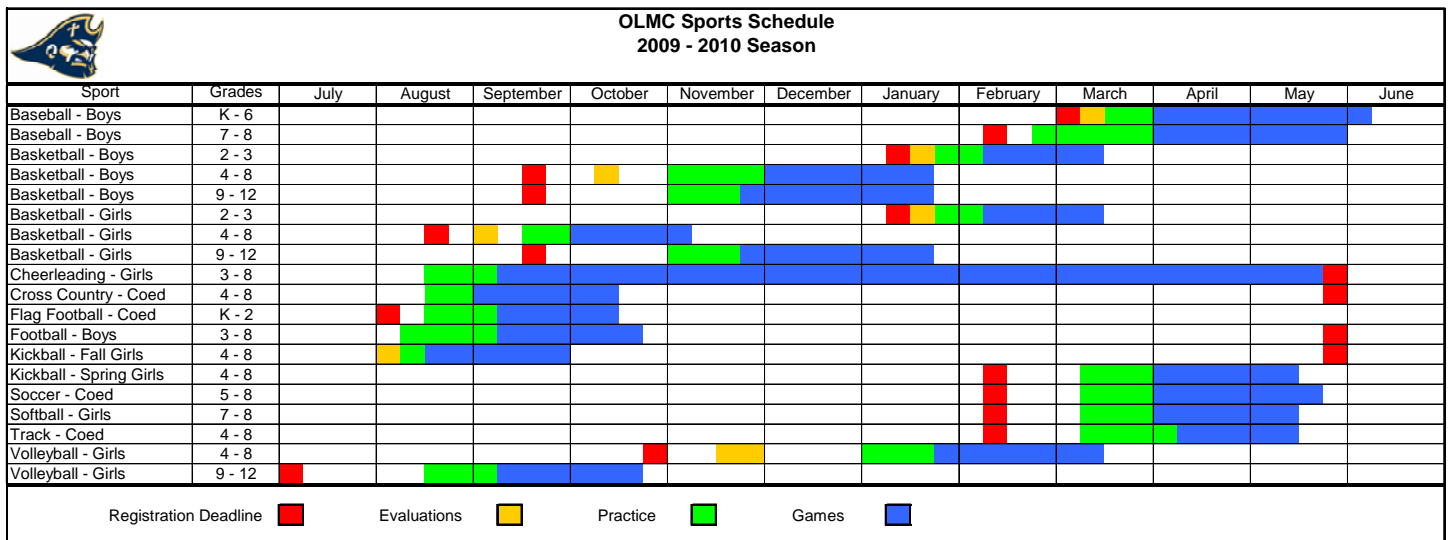
# NOTES

Check out the OLMC Sports Department website at [www.olmcsports.com](http://www.olmcsports.com) for details on all of our activities, including:

- Our in house basketball program for boys and girls will expand to include 1<sup>st</sup>-graders along with the 2<sup>nd</sup>- and 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade children. We anticipate grouping the 1<sup>st</sup>-graders with the 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade children and having the 3<sup>rd</sup>-graders play alone. Details will be announced soon on our website.
- We are trying to determine if there is sufficient interest among our 4<sup>th</sup>-grade through 8<sup>th</sup>- grade girls to start a spring flag football program. Please see our website for details.

# CALENDAR

 <b>OLMC Sports Calendar 2009 - 2010 Season</b>						
Sport	Grades	Registration Deadline	Evaluations	First Day of Practice	First Game	End of Season
Baseball - Boys	K - 6	03/09/10	Early March	Mid/Late March	04/05/10	Early June
Baseball - Boys	7 - 8	02/08/10	NA	Late February	04/05/10	Mid/Late May
Basketball - Boys	2 - 3	01/11/10	Mid January	Mid January	Early February	Mid March
Basketball - Boys	4 - 8	09/21/09	Mid October	Early November	12/05/09	Mid/Late January
Basketball - Boys	9 - 12	09/21/09	NA	Early November	11/30/09	Mid/Late January
Basketball - Girls	2 - 3	01/11/10	Mid January	Mid January	Early February	Mid March
Basketball - Girls	4 - 8	08/17/09	Early September	Late September	10/04/09	Mid November
Basketball - Girls	9 - 12	08/17/09	NA	Early November	11/30/09	Mid/Late January
Cheerleading - Girls	3 - 8	05/25/09	NA	Mid August	09/12/09	Mid/Late May
Cross Country - Coed	4 - 8	05/25/09	NA	Mid August	09/12/09	Mid October
Flag Football - Coed	K - 2	08/01/09	NA	Mid August	09/12/09	Late October
Football - Boys	3 - 8	05/25/09	NA	Mid August	09/12/09	Late October
Kickball - Fall Girls	4 - 8	05/25/09	Early August	Mid August	08/20/09	Late September
Kickball - Spring Girls	4 - 8	02/08/10	NA	Mid/Late March	04/05/10	Mid/Late May
Soccer - Coed	5 - 8	02/08/10	NA	Mid/Late March	04/05/10	Mid/Late May
Softball - Girls	7 - 8	02/08/10	NA	Mid/Late March	04/05/10	Mid/Late May
Track - Coed	4 - 8	02/08/10	NA	Mid/Late March	04/11/10	Mid/Late May
Volleyball - Girls	4 - 8	10/26/09	Mid/Late November	Early January	01/30/10	Mid March
Volleyball - Girls	9 - 12	07/06/09	NA	Mid August	09/09/09	Late October



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# OLMC Fall Sports Wrap-Up

## Football

By Tim Ludlam, OLMC Raider Football Commissioner

First let me give a big OLMC welcome and thank you to Coach Ricker and Coach Boyer. They headed up our 3rd grade team this year, and the staff they assembled to guide the young men was absolutely outstanding. I had a blast watching the staff and the kids' progress this year and both coaches set a fine example for our program.

Secondly, I saw our teams play with a lot of HEART this year. If you are not familiar with this acronym, you better get used to it. It stands for hustle, execution, attitude, respect, and technique and it is the cornerstone of Coach Blackburn's philosophy.

I am convinced that OLMC has some of the absolute best fan support in all of CYO. Our parents and cheerleaders are second to none, and I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate all you do to support our boys.

Thank you to all the coaches that volunteer so much time to help develop our young men.

Finally, I am sad to say good-bye to Coach Ted Gelov. He is an outstanding Christian, coach, and friend and he will be missed on our sidelines. I hope that he will not be a stranger to the program. He is always welcome.

Now on to the re-cap. We did not get any City Championships this year, but we do not judge the success of our program on wins or losses. OLMC is about development and HEART. If we take care of those aspects, City Championships will follow as they always have. As my favorite coach and philosopher, Lou Holtz, once said, "I can't believe that God put us on Earth to be ordinary".

I can't wait for next year.

### 3rd Grade Results:

A – Gold (3 – 2) lost in the quarter-finals to St. Pius (runner-up CYO City Championship)

AA – Blue (4 – 1) lost in the semi-finals to SLDM (runner-up CYO City Championship)

### 4th Grade Results:

A – Blue (4 – 1) lost in the quarter finals to SMG (runner-up CYO City Championship)

AA – Gold (4 – 1) second straight year in the CYO Championship Game – finished runner-up to St. Michael

### 5th Grade Results:

Blue (2 – 4) lost to SLDM in the 1st round

Gold (5 – 1) lost in the quarter finals to St. Simon (CYO City Champions)

### 6th Grade Results:

(4 – 2) Lost in the quarter finals to St. Simon

### Cadet:

7th Grade – A (5 – 1) lost in the semi-finals to SLDM (runner up CYO City Championship)

8th Grade - AA (6 – 0) lost in the 1st round to St. Michael (CYO City Champions)

**One TEAM – all of our boys should be proud of their efforts!**

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# OLMC Fall Sports Wrap-Up (cont'd)

## Kickball

By Marilee Cech, OLMC Raider Kickball Commissioner

Our 8<sup>th</sup>-grade girls finished out their kickball time here at OLMC with flair. This group of girls has been together for 9 years at OLMC and their spirit shone brightly throughout as represented by these pictures taken when they decorated their kickball shorts and socks! Our prayers and best wishes go out to these young ladies as they move on to high school next year!



Marilee Cech and Lisa Adams coached a group of 7<sup>th</sup>-grade girls that were outstanding. The 7<sup>th</sup>-graders finished their season with a winning record of 7 wins and 2 losses and tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in the City Championship. They worked extremely well as a team and not much got past them. Also, these girls demonstrated what it means to live like Catholics. At one of their games, our OLMC team learned that the father of an opposing player was killed in a motorcycle accident 3 days prior. Our girls gave all of their Ices to the opposing team and offered their condolences. At our next practice, the girls signed sympathy cards and offered prayers for the girl and the entire opposing team. This team has a lot to be proud of because they exemplified the highest principles of OLMC Sports both on and off the field.

The 6<sup>th</sup>-grade team was coached by Shelda Balcer and Kathleen Zachary. We had a very large team of 18 girls. While that could have become a "playing time" nightmare for the coaches, they did a great job alternating two "teams" of girls throughout each game. The girls had tremendous support for each other during each and every game. While we faced some tough teams at the beginning, but everything was "clicking" by mid-season and we started to enjoy the winning side. We had many of our "veteran" players move into the "homerun kicker" category, but had some "first time" players this season as well.

Gertrude Huster and Allison Swanton coached eleven very talented 5<sup>th</sup>-grade girls. The girls finished the season with a winning record (5 – 4) losing three games by only one or two runs. The coaches saw great progress in the skills of each of the girls during the season. The coaches were also very pleased with the positive attitude and encouragement the girls provided to one another.

The 4<sup>th</sup>-grade team was coached by Shelda Balcer and Angi Dunlavy. We had a great group of 10 girls on the team. 4<sup>th</sup>-grade is a total learning year for kickball, but the girls improved as the season went on. The coaches tried to give each girl an opportunity at every position, but yet still remain competitive. They all had fun and did a great job cheering...and that is really what 4<sup>th</sup>-grade kickball is all about!

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# OLMC Fall Sports Wrap-Up (cont'd)

## Cross-Country

By Renee Anderson, OLMC Raider Cross Country Commissioner

We run better when we run together!

The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cross Country Team finished an extremely successful season by winning the first CYO Cross Country City Championship in school history! The team continues to grow and consisted of over 50 runners this season.

The Running Raiders competed in 8 competitions and our runners earned a total of 126 individual medals and ribbons! Highlights of the season included a hokum karem race at Brebeuf High School, a meet hosted by U.S. Senator Dick Lugar at Butler University, and a cadet girl's team win at the Guerin Invitational. In addition to our 4th-6th grade girls winning the CYO City Championship and all divisions being in the top 5, our girls team finished 6th and our boys team finished 12th at the Indiana Middle School Cross Country Championship. This is a very large meet open to ALL public and private schools in the state and a tremendous accomplishment for a school of our size.

The team was led this year by 16 eighth-graders. We thank them for the work they have done over the last few years to build the program. We also look forward to next year when our many experienced runners hope to welcome a number of new runners to the team and continue the momentum. It is fun to run!



**The OLMC 2009 XC Team**

**We do all for the glory of God!**

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# OLMC Fall Sports Wrap-Up (cont'd)

## Flag Football

By Mark Bobilya, OLMC Raider Flag Football Commissioner

The second year of flag football for K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders at OLMC was a complete success! Thanks to the efforts of Harry Owens to get the program off the ground in 2008, much of the foundation was laid to build an annual program that introduces many OLMC families to the athletic program.

As with any league at OLMC for younger kids, the #1 goal of the coaches and organizers is TO GET THEM TO WANT TO PLAY NEXT YEAR. If we accomplish this, then the kids will have had fun, learned about the game, enjoyed some success, and experienced some challenges with a team along the way.

This year there were 6 teams with 10-12 players per team – Vikings, Packers, Colts, Giants, Browns, and Bears. Through the efforts of the head coaches, the boys and girls were able to learn the fundamental concepts of football, while having fun along the way. Thanks to this year's outstanding head coaches – Jay Fistek, Matt McGreal, Jeff Scariano, Marv Hau, Mark Bobilya, and Jon Dorsey.

The year was capped off with the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual ProBowl. Two teams were created from all of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade participants. Using Official Flag Football rules, the gold team ended up with a victory. Some might have called it the OLMC "Ice Bowl" with a game time temperature of a chilly 45 degrees. This allowed for the ground attack to dominate and lead the gold team to victory.

No league at OLMC is possible without the involvement of the many volunteers needed to make it a success! Thanks to the dozens of assistant coaches concession stand volunteers, field set up and tear down crews, and last but not least...the party planning committee.

