



OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL: Grand Opening

On Tuesday, December 4, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence that serves students in Pre-K through eighth grade in Atlanta, Georgia, celebrated the Grand Opening of their new campus building. The building represents the largest expansion and enhancement to the school since opening in 1952. Atlanta Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Principal Lisa Cordell and Father Jim Duffy, S.M., pastor of OLA Catholic Church, were joined by community leaders, faculty, alumni and church and school members to celebrate the completion of the long-awaited expansion.



OLA new building

The new, state of the art, two-story building replaced an aging one-story facility. It provides a distinct, central location for the school's main entrance and includes a STEM lab, computer lab, three Pre-K classrooms, a middle school wing and two music rooms.



From the left: Brookhaven Chief of Police Gary Yandura, Principal Lisa Cordell, Pastor Jim Duffy, SM, Archbishop Wilton Gregory, OLA Student Leader and Brookhaven Mayor (and OLA Parishioner) John Ernst.

The new facility also includes an industrial kitchen and cafeteria to allow for onsite meal service and catering for both school and parish events. This expansion allows for much needed additional classrooms in grades kindergarten through five in the existing building.

“For decades to come, our school will serve the needs of our students by providing them with a twenty-first century learning environment that will allow them to excel in all aspects of academics while continuing our mission: to create a nurturing environment grounded in the Catholic faith, which provides for the spiritual and academic development of each child,” said Principal Lisa Cordell. “The new structure and enhancements will enhance our students, benefit our community and represent the committed values of OLA Catholic School. We are grateful for the generous support of our community.”

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