

March VILLAGER VIEW

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" Luke 1:45

RING MASS

On Thursday, March 20, the junior class celebrated the beginning of the last chapter of their high school career. A school-wide mass was celebrated by Father Murray with the junior family members and loved ones in attendance. In Father Murray's homily, he emphasized the importance of friendship and spreading our gift of mercy to the world. Each girl enjoyed a special moment with Mrs. Coyle as she placed the class ring on their finger. Following the mass, a light reception was held for the juniors and their families. Many photos were taken, and many smiles were shared. Congratulations to the junior class!

Audrey Loughlin '26



SENIOR TRIP

Over Spring Break, OLMA's Class of 2025 embarked on a magical adventure to Walt Disney World for their senior trip. For many, this trip was the highlight of their high school journey as it provided an opportunity to reflect on their past four years at OLMA and allowed for the creation of new memories under the Florida sun. On their trip, the Class of 2025 enjoyed a magical stay in Disney's Swan Resort along with thrilling attractions, spectacular shows, and amazing food finds throughout the parks Epcot, Animal Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, and Magic Kingdom. The seniors even found time for shopping at Disney Springs!

Evening fireworks at Disney's theme parks added to the excitement of the trip and brought on new memories and feelings of nostalgia for the girls. On their trip, the seniors enjoyed a simple pizza dinner all together at their resort. This dinner gave the seniors a chance to talk about their experiences at OLMA and the bittersweet feeling of soon graduating. The trip proved to be a relaxing getaway before the seniors leave the OLMA student body at graduation and it provided a well-deserved break from academic responsibilities.

Grace Walls '26



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Students in the Law Enforcement Breakout Room

CAREER DAY

Before Spring Break, students at OLMA had a fantastic opportunity to explore a variety of career paths. The day began with an assembly in the gymnasium, where 15 guest speakers were introduced by the Leadership Council members and OLMA Ambassadors, who provided brief backgrounds on each guest. Students were introduced to a diverse range of professions, including fashion design, nurse anesthesiology, social work, detective work, engineering, accounting, and law. Following each introduction, the Political Science and Law speaker, Frank Broomell, shared an insightful speech about his journey, detailing the challenges and steps he took to reach his current position and including his experiences in the military, law school, and service under a state Senator. After his speech, the students participated in three breakout sessions, each providing a more detailed look into specific careers and allowing for questions. Finally, the students reconvened in the gymnasium for a career fair, where each professional had a table set up, offering interactive displays and informative materials. The speakers generously provided complementary items like pens, tote bags, and water bottles. Overall, the day was a success, offering the Villagers an exciting and educational experience in exploring diverse career paths. A sincere thank you to the Guidance Department for organizing this wonderful event!

Juliet Felicetti '28 & Theresa Thomas '28

OLMA WINTER SPORTS

Another sports season for the OLMA Villagers has come and gone, and this was definitely a season to remember. The OLMA swim team had an unforgettable season, finishing 9-0. They ended in first place in the Cape-Atlantic League American Division for the second year in a row and won the NJSIAA Non-Public South Jersey tournament for the second time in three years. Finally, the OLMA Villagers won the NJSIAA New Jersey state championship. This was an incredible season for the Villagers, and they are destined for more spectacular seasons to come.

The basketball team had an incredible season in the Cape-Atlantic League American Division as well. The team made a great run in the playoffs, upsetting Union Catholic 45-40 in the first round, and they gave it their all on the court every game. Sophomore star Khalia Lewis ended her second season with the Villagers with 498 points and has a current career total of 920 points. A freshman star who stood out this season was Muffin Bethea; she ended her rookie season with 269 points. Muffin was also able to use her height in the paint to grab 213 rebounds. The team had a successful year and will continue to grow as a great program. Congrats on a wonderful basketball season, and congratulations to the swim team for bringing a second state championship to OLMA.

Amelia Voronov '27



OLMA
Basketball
Celebrating
after a
Victorious
Playoff Win
Against EHT

OLMA Swim
with Sr.
Margaret and
their State
Championship
Trophy!



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LEGALLY BLONDE

The beginning of this month included OLMA and Prep's Spring Musical, *Legally Blonde!* *Legally Blonde* is a story of an underestimated woman, Elle Woods, who follows her ex-boyfriend to Harvard Law in order to prove herself. Throughout her experience, she grows and eventually discovers the woman she wants to be. It was the perfect choice for OLMA to perform this year! This musical was important to OLMA and the cast as it displays the leadership and growth of women through its main character, Elle Woods, played by Adriana Verrico.

The cast and crew of OLMA & St. Augustine Prep Theatre worked tirelessly from November to February, between learning lines and songs, building sets, and preparing for the show. Some of the cast's favorite memories were trying on costumes for the first time and practicing in the gym on the weekends. A full house awaited them as soon as they stepped on the stage for the first time on Friday. After their weekend performances, they traveled to Olive Garden for dinner and then a gathering at Chutney Windham's house on Sunday to celebrate the amazing performances that were put on after so much work.

Several people's favorite moments in the play were "Whipped into Shape," where Brooke Wyndom, played by Christianna Figurelli, gave us a song of a lifetime with impressive choreography and vocals while jump roping. Another crowd favorite was the song "Ireland," and during the *Legally Blonde* remix, our Irish dancing was led by none other than MJ Howard, who played Paulette Bonafonté. The audience enjoyed the entirety of the show, but these two stood out with their fantastic vocals and complicated dances.

Thank you to the directors, cast, and crew for putting together this play, and thank you to everyone who went to support and watch the actors and actresses shine. OLMA was amazingly supportive as the play was put together, and many people contributed to the cause with all of the fundraisers. Congrats to everyone who was part of the show- it was a huge success!

Abigail Bryson '27 & Harriet Riley '27



CONGRATS TO OUR OLMA STUDENTS IN *LEGALLY BLONDE!*

Adriana Verrico - Olivia Robinson - Meagan Howard - Christianna Figurelli - Marissa Monzo - Kaitlynn Kirk - Mia Mauriello - Abigail Bryson - Camila Andeliz-Bello - Syerra-Lynn Mills - Madison Bullock - Anella Furia - Meghan Maupin - Sadie Seabrook - Kate DeLucca - Harriet Riley - Giana Verrico - Morgan Nichols - Kiley Boyle - Tayla Wakefield - Jacqueline Hooven - Brooke Morey - Natalie Nuss



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MONTHLY SPECIALS

BASEBALL IS BACK

The Phillies' spring training 2025 has been super exciting as the team prepares for the new season. Down in Clearwater, Florida, the players have been working hard to improve and get back into shape. The players focus on staying healthy, while some new guys want to prove themselves. Fans have also gotten a chance to see some of the younger players who are making a name for themselves. With a solid mix of experienced veterans and fresh faces, the Phillies are looking forward to a strong season. Spring training is a great way to get a glimpse of what's to come, and it's clear this team is ready to make some noise this year, starting off the season 7-2.

Katie Capalbo '26

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

OLMA students and staff celebrated St. Patrick's Day in school on March 17. Everyone dressed down in their favorite green attire, and faculty and students went all out with their shamrock headbands and tutus. Mr. Bergholtz won the faculty dress-down competition with his plaid Irish outfit, and Laney Yates won the student competition dressed down in green and shamrocks. Mrs. Stanzione and the cafe staff served Shepherd's pie during lunch, along with shamrock cookies and lucky charm treats.

A little history about St. Patrick's Day is that it honors Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. In the late 4th century, Patrick was kidnapped and enslaved in Ireland before escaping and later returning as a missionary. He is credited with converting the Irish to Christianity, using the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. March 17 became a feast day in the 17th century and has grown into a global celebration of Irish culture, marked by parades, music, and, of course, a lot of green!

Lily Cresci '27

ART THROUGH FILM: *GRAVITY*

The 2013 film *Gravity*, directed by Alfonso Cuarón, is a thriller sci-fi that follows Dr. Ryan Stone, played by Sandra Bullock, and astronaut Matt Kowalsky, played by George Clooney. The two struggle to survive after their space shuttle is destroyed. While on a routine space walk, debris from a satellite crashes into their ship, resulting in them being stranded in orbit. With limited oxygen and no communication with Earth, Stone must rely on her instincts in order to survive and get home. As the film progresses, she faces one challenge after another, surrounded by the vast emptiness of space.

Gravity is an intense and visually pleasing film that keeps the audience on edge from beginning to end. The director uses different techniques and angles in his cinematography to capture the loneliness and danger of space with realistic detail. Sandra Bullock provides a powerful performance as always and makes the audience feel her fear, pain, and determination. The film explores deep themes such as resilience and the human will to survive. While some moments might feel unrealistic, the emotional impact and suspense make *Gravity* an unforgettable watch.

Art through Film iBlock Rating: 7/10

Jenna Callan '26 & Lauren King '26



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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Sports:

Gretchen Walsh– Gretchen Walsh is a highly decorated American Olympic swimmer and holder of 11 world records, including 9 individual and 2 relay records. She currently holds 4 NCAA records, representing the University of Virginia, who just recently won the meet for their fifth year in a row. Her popularity has recently spiked due to her outstanding and record-breaking performances at the 2024 World Aquatics Swimming Championships in Budapest. Walsh surpassed Mark Spitz and Michael Phelps's record for the most world records set at one swim meet, and she earned a total of \$290,416.67 in prize money from her 7 gold medals and 11 world records.

Priscilla Frederick– Priscilla Frederick is an elite high jumper who was born in Winslow, New Jersey but competes for Antigua and Barbuda. She has made a name for herself by supporting Antigua and Barbuda and competing in the Pan-American Games and the Olympics. OLMA had the pleasure of welcoming Priscilla to speak in front of the school, and through sharing her journey and obstacles, Priscilla Frederick serves as a role model for many aspiring athletes.

Women in STEM:

Rosalind Franklin– Rosalind Franklin was a British chemist and X-ray crystallographer who is known for her discovery of the density of DNA and its double-helix structure. Franklin's photograph of DNA, labeled 51, taken of B-DNA in 1952, was the first established proof of the double helical structure of DNA. This photograph taken by Franklin provided data for future scientific discoveries, such as Crick and Watson's building of their DNA double helix model. Franklin's crucial contributions to scientific discovery were overlooked and overshadowed by her male counterparts Crick and Watson, who used her work without her knowledge. Today, she must be given the proper recognition for her findings.

Mae C. Jemison– Dr. Mae Jemison is the first African-American woman to travel into space. Growing up, she always had her sights set on being a biomedical engineer and graduated from Stanford as one in 1977. From there, she continued her studies at Cornell and studied abroad in Cuba, Kenya, and Thailand, earning her M.D. in 1981. She then began working as a medical officer for the Peace Corps in Liberia and Sierra Leone. She returned to the United States and applied to the NASA Astronaut Training Program, where she was one of 15 out of 2,000 people chosen. After working hard for years as a science mission specialist, on September 12, 1992, she became the first African-American woman to visit space.

Women in Literature:

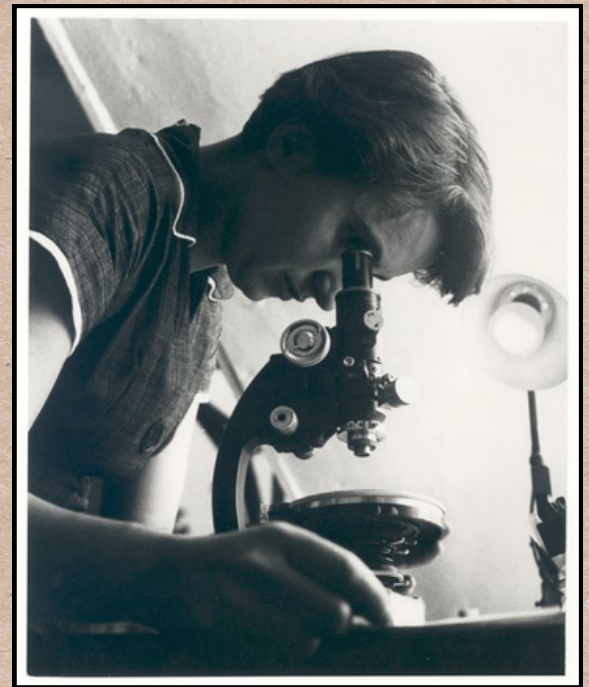
Jhumpa Lahiri– Jhumpa Lahiri is a British-American author and winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 2000 for her short story collection, *Interpreter of Maladies*, and her renowned novel *The Namesake*. She is known for her portrayals of the immigrant experience, specifically through her book *The Namesake*. Her stories capture themes of longing and loneliness and her depiction of her life as an Indian-American.

Jane Austen– Jane Austen was a revolutionary woman in the history of literature. Her works, such as *Pride and Prejudice*, *Mansfield Park*, and *Emma*, have continued to captivate readers even today. Her works have caught the attention of many due to her fierce characters and fascinating storylines. Jane Austen often depicts women challenging typical roles in society, and her powerful writings came at a time when women had few rights and liberties. Jane Austen's bravery continues to pave the way for women aspiring to become writers today.

Ella Cummins '27 & Samantha Juarez '27



Priscilla Frederick Loomis



Rosalind Franklin



Jhumpa Lahiri

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LITTLE SISTER DAY

On March 28, 2025, OLMA hosted its annual Little Sister Day, where students were invited to bring in a little sister, cousin, friend, or neighbor to experience a day at OLMA. The day began with icebreaker activities, warming up the girls for the exciting day to come. They then went to the chapel for a prayer service, and the students introduced their Little Sisters. Next, they went to two class periods, getting the full effect of what OLMA is like in the classroom. Soon after was lunch, and the Littles unintentionally experienced what it was like to have a fire drill at OLMA! After the fire drill, the girls got to work on arts and crafts, bonding and getting to know the other Littles while the big sisters went to H period. Once H period ended, the Little Sisters got to play *Just Dance* with the Dance iBlock to finish off the day. Overall, the Littles had an amazing time here at OLMA, experiencing the sisterhood, the food, and what their "Big Sisters" do every day at school.

Ava-Jo Driscoll '27 & Adriana Gomez-Pertierra '27



Riley Storms ('26) & her Little Sister



Little Sisters Excited for Their Day Ahead!

WHAT IS OLMA JOURNALISM GIVING UP FOR LENT?

CAFETERIA COOKIES - SODA -
COMPLAINING - DESSERT - BUYING
COFFEE - SAYING GOD'S NAME IN VAIN
- RED MEAT - CHOCOLATE - SOCIAL
MEDIA - GOSSIP - FAST FOOD

WHAT IS OLMA JOURNALISM DOING MORE FOR LENT?

HELPING AROUND THE HOUSE -
GIVING ONE COMPLIMENT EVERY DAY
- EATING HEALTHIER - READING -
STUDYING - GETTING OUTSIDE -
RUNNING - POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS -
THINKING BEFORE I SPEAK

WHAT IS OLMA JOURNALISM LOOKING FORWARD TO IN SPRING?

FLOWERS - OPENING UP THE WINDOWS -
WARM WEATHER - EASTER - SAM'S
BIRTHDAY - TANNING - THE SMELL AFTER A
RAIN WHEN IT IS WARM OUTSIDE -
SEASONAL STARBUCKS DRINKS - EASTER
BREAK - BASEBALL - NAT'S BIRTHDAY -
HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS - PEAK
SOFTBALL SEASON - EASTER BUNNY -
SISTERHOOD DAY - HIGH UV - CUTE
CLOTHES - LACROSSE - PROM - RIPE FRUIT

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WOMEN ON THE RISE PANEL

The OLMA community recently celebrated Women's History Month with an empowering "Women on the Rise" panel, featuring a group of five inspiring women who shared their personal stories, experiences, and advice with students. Among the speakers were Quincy Wansel, a youth programs assistant manager at the Alice Paul Center for Gender Justice; Dr. Mary McGonigle, the director of Villanova University Health Center; Rebecca Seabrook, an Atlantic City police officer; Michelle Leyman, a licensed marriage and family therapist; and Lexi Scaffidi, an entrepreneur and social media influencer.

Their diverse experiences reminded students that they, too, are capable of creating change in their communities and others' lives. The event focused on important life lessons, such as not being afraid to fail, saying no when necessary, and embracing what makes each person unique. The panelists encouraged everyone to prioritize self-care and reminded students that trying their best is always good enough. The speakers also spoke about the importance of avoiding self-comparison, which many young women struggle with. The event was a meaningful reminder that every student has the potential to lead and make a difference when they put their mind to it.



Natalie D'Ottovio '27

MARCH MADNESS

Every March, the basketball world is consumed by the madness, passion, and unpredictability of the NCAA March Madness tournament. The 68-team bracket was set, and it proved a competitive time as each team fought for the national championship. There were many big names in the spotlight, such as Paige Bueckers, a 5th-year senior who finally took home the title for the University of Connecticut. Another incredible player this year from the University of Southern California is sophomore standout Juju Watkins. Although she is only a sophomore, she is putting up big numbers and will continue to improve over the next two years. This team had a lot of momentum coming into the tournament, and with their stacked roster and incredible coaching from Dawn Staley, there is no doubt this squad has a remarkable future ahead of them.

For the first time in Women's March Madness history, six teams scored 100+ points in the first round. The first 100-point game came during Notre Dame vs Stephen F. Austin State University. The Fighting Irish's sophomore guard, New Jersey native Hannah Hidalgo, put up 24 points and had 5 assists. The Irish ran with the lead and won the game 106-54. Not long after this game, the #1 seed South Carolina Gamecocks took on the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles. The Gamecocks won by 60 points in a 108-48 win.

The Huskies Sweet Sixteen game presented sharpshooter, Paige Bueckers, with a career high of 40 points against the Oklahoma Sooners. Both Final Four games were exciting, with the Gamecock's decisive win over Texas 74-47, defeating the Longhorns chance at a national championship. The UConn Huskies took on UCLA and won in a landslide, taking the game by 34 in an 85-51 win. This was the largest deficit in Final Four history.

Finally, the highly anticipated national championship game was between the reigning champions- South Carolina Gamecocks- and the UConn Huskies, who had not won the tournament since 2016. The game started close, but the Huskies popped off and ran with the lead, eventually winning by 23 points. The Huskies won 82-59, the 12th national championship win for the Huskies as well as the 12th national championship for Head Coach Geno Auriemma, which secured his position as the coach with the most championship wins in NCAA basketball history.



Amelia Voronov '27

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Sophomores Mia Muriello & Sadie Seabrook at Spring Fling



Nora Sandy ('27) & Izzy Quinlan ('27) at Spring Fling

SPRING FLING

The 2025 Spring Fling was a fantastic night for both the freshmen, who got to experience the fun-filled dance for the first time, and the sophomores, who enjoyed their last Spring Fling at OLMA. The dance was held at Scarpinato's Cucina, and everyone looked great in their fancy floral dresses and flawless hair! There was exciting music and great food such as pasta, french fries, and mac and cheese. The DJ truly brought the house down with amazing moments, and the girls could not resist dancing to all the bangers he played throughout the night! Songs such as "Cupid Shuffle" really got the place jumping and had everyone on their feet! The girls shared fun laughs and giggles and even busted out some creative dance moves, including The Worm! Not only did the girls let their hair down, but so did all the teachers who helped chaperone the dance (a big thank you to all of them). Students had time to catch up and form new friendships outside of school. The night was perfect, ending with delicious ice cream, and everyone had a wonderful time.

Sophia Corridori '28 & Francesca LaGuarina '28

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Last year, Isabel Quinlan made a tremendous impact on the OLMA community as a freshman. She has taken part in many service and leadership projects, has a stellar academic record, and has excelled on the softball field, not only pushing herself but also others around her. Last year, she finished with Head of School Honors alongside a small group of students in her class. She has kept straight A's throughout both semesters in the 2023-24 school year, and she has continued her streak of straight A's in the first semester of the 2024-25 school year. She has taken all honors courses during both years at OLMA with her sophomore year including Honors Pre-Calculus and AP US History. On top of making sure her grades are high, she has helped tutor some of her Chemistry classmates to help push them to the best of their abilities.

Isabel has completed many service hours and leadership projects during her time at OLMA. Recently, she and five other sophomores took part in the Duquesne University Leadership Academy (DULA), an experience focused on leadership, faith, and service! Throughout the program, they engaged in meaningful dialogue, participated in workshops, and strengthened their leadership skills while embracing the values of servant leadership. From projects that impacted local communities to team-building activities and personal growth opportunities, the students made the most of every moment. Isabel has also been taking part in the Service 365 Mini-Mester. Students have learned to give back to the community and those less fortunate. On top of all of her outstanding service, she's an OLMA Ambassador who helps take part in many OLMA events and is willing to help anyone in the OLMA community.

Not only has Isabel exceeded the expectations in service projects and academics, but she is also an active member of the softball team. Isabel is on the varsity team for the second year in a row. She competes with her club team, the South Jersey Heat, all year round, which is the same club team that OLMA Alumni Emma Douglass played for. She is on the starting lineup at shortstop. Even though she had never played in that position before last year, she continues to work hard to the best of her ability to help her fellow teammates. She pitched and won her first game last year. Then this year, she pitched four innings of the first game of the season- the home opener- with five strikeouts, only allowing three hits. We are so proud of all of Isabel's accomplishments in the OLMA family.

Gianna Cook '27 & Rhiannon Stanker '28

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CAMPUS MINISTRY PERIOD PROJECT

During March, Campus Ministry ran its annual Period Project drive. The student body worked to collect donations of pads, tampons, and liners. These donations are given to the Cumberland Family Shelter to benefit the struggling women's community. The donations are vital in ensuring access to proper feminine hygiene products and supporting the well-being of women who may otherwise go without them. It is crucial to remember that helping those who have less than you goes beyond the product you bought. Remember to keep your eye out for future drives, do your part, and most importantly: DONATE!!

Audrey Loughlin '26



UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

April 14-16 - Spirit Week!

April 16 - Sisterhood Day! (12:15pm dismissal)

April 17-21 - Easter Break

April 29 - OLMA Arts Showcase

May 1 - Junior/Senior Prom (12:15 pm dismissal)

May 2 - Green & Gold Golf Outing (12:15 pm Dismissal for Freshmen & Sophomores; No School for Juniors & Seniors)

May 5-16 AP Exams

May 19 - Senior Day

May 21 - OLMA Baccalaureate & Commencement

May 22 - 12:15 pm dismissal

May 23 - No school - study day

May 26 - Memorial Day - No School

May 27-29 - Final Exams

May 30 - Makeup exams

LENT

The OLMA community held Mass on Ash Wednesday to celebrate the season of Lent. Each student was marked with the Sign of the Cross in ashes and wore it on their head throughout the day. This Mass was a great way to start the Lenten season and help the students decide what to give up or make time for during this season. Students reflected on what they would sacrifice and deepened their relationship with God.

Ava Monzo '28

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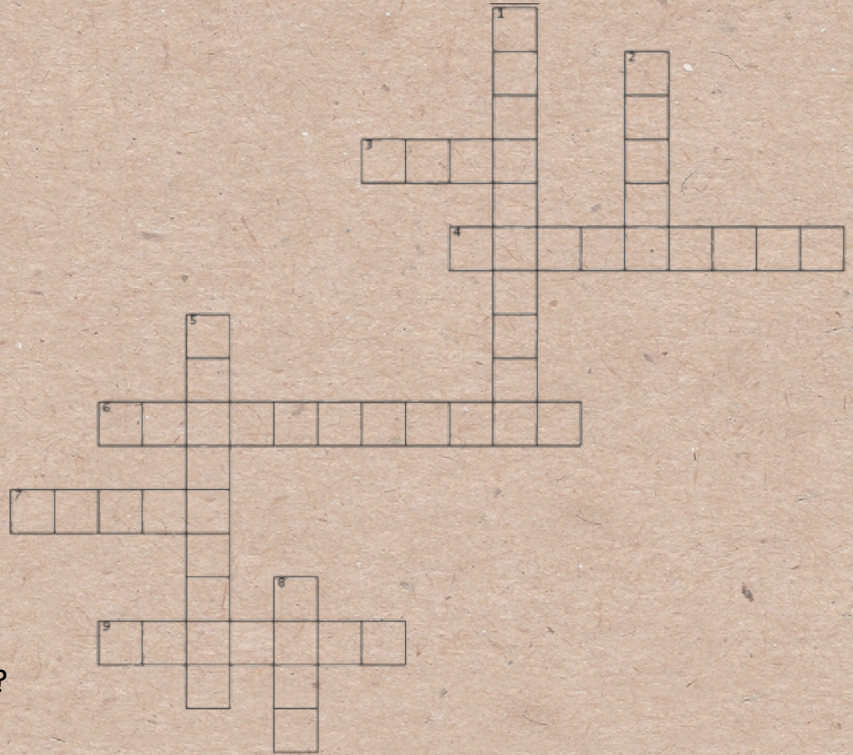
OLMA TRIVIA

ACROSS

3. How many leaves does a unique clover have on it?
4. What fast food chain sells Shamrock Shakes?
6. What freshman-sophomore dance took place this month?
7. What month is Women's History Month?
9. Which saint's feast day is March 17?

DOWN

1. Who comes on St. Patrick's Day?
2. Most worn color in March
5. Which teacher won the dress-down on St. Patrick's Day?
8. How many panelists were on OLMA's women's panel?



Isabel Quinlan '27, Sadie Seabrook '27, & Laney Yates '27



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