

OLS: SIX HOUSES – ONE HOME



We are excited to announce the integration of a **new, school-wide House system** into the excellent curriculum at OLS! Our system is modeled after the **original program developed by award-winning education pioneer Ron Clark**. The Ron Clark Academy House system in Atlanta has been the gold standard and has been adapted by hundreds of schools since 2007.

The general purpose of a House system is **to promote a positive, unified, character-focused school environment that complements our strong academics**. We are overjoyed to lead our students in grades **5th through 8th** as they grow in **faith and character, form new friendships, and work together** to accomplish a myriad of goals through continual participation in activities and service within our school and community.

The OLS House program includes **Six Houses rooted in our Catholic faith**. Our theme is **"Six Houses - One Home."** Each House **name is based on an apparition of our Blessed Mother Mary** and is represented by a particular color. The Houses are as follows:

1. **FATIMA**
2. **LOURDES**
3. **GUADALUPE**
4. **LA SALETTE**
5. **KIBEHO**
6. **GENAZZANO**

The **older students received t-shirts in their House color and name that they are to wear with their uniform bottoms every Wednesday** when the Houses meet. All faculty and staff were "sorted" into a House, and they will be cheering on their House throughout the year. **K-4th "buddy" classes were also sorted and received color coordinated bracelets to match their buddy House**. The bracelets can be worn at any time so the students will feel like a part of the program.

To welcome the 5th – 8th grade students into the program, the K-4th graders cheered them on as a part of the fun!