

# OLS Opens Cross Country at the 21<sup>st</sup> Assumption Meet!

September 29<sup>th</sup>, Loantaka Park

The small team from OLS opened the season by scoring impressively in three of the six races held that day with three top five finishers and one top ten finisher in a field of sixteen schools. Sorrows finished sixth, a little off last year's pace due to graduation of two of our best runners but this will be soon corrected.

The scoring opened with the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade boys when Joe Schmidt picked up two places in the last 150 yards to place 2<sup>nd</sup>, just two seconds behind the winner. He was followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Chris Schmidt in 8<sup>th</sup>. Emma Torres took 5<sup>th</sup> in the Girls 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Division in what was probably her best cross country performance ever while 7<sup>th</sup> grader Jared Edwards ran 4<sup>th</sup> in the fastest race of the day, the Boys 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

Sorrows had two medalists who just missed scoring. Maudie-Grace Lomuscio's 11<sup>th</sup> place in the Girls 4<sup>th</sup> Grade race was not even two seconds behind the scorers, despite her fall in the middle of the race. Brendan McKeown finished 11<sup>th</sup> also, just 1.1 seconds out of scoring!

There were other impressive beginnings, too. Angelica Ciuffo in her first race placed 16<sup>th</sup> in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade race. Christina Paul finished strongly in the same race. Watch for them to improve rapidly. Isabel Sabnekar got a little too close to nature when she fell over tree roots but she picked herself up and finished 17<sup>th</sup> in the Girls 4<sup>th</sup> Grade race. Molly Donohue proved how fast the 2017 races were compared to last year by running 30 seconds faster but a couple of places farther behind. Wrapping up the team effort were Tyler Craig who finished in the middle of the Boyd 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> pack in his first race ever, Aryan Sabnekar, Sergio Marian and Declan Tynan.

With the arrival of a few key runners, the team is expected to be entering its prime just in time for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual OLS Fall Festival on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Flood's Hill in South Orange.