

# Our Lady of the Assumption School

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***With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love***

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## **Welcome Back and Happy New Year!**

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas vacation, and best wishes to all for a terrific 2008.

January is a busy month at OLA. Our second graders will be receiving their First Reconciliation on January 17 (last names beginning with the letters A-L) and January 24 (last names beginning with the letters M-Z). Also, the entire school will be preparing for Catholic School's Week, which kicks off on Sunday, January 27, at the 9:30 Mass followed by our school Open House. The application process for the school also starts this month with applications for the 2008-09 available for pick-up in the office. If you know of any families interested in attending school at OLA, please have them pick up their applications from our office or download one from our school Web site, [olaparish.net](http://olaparish.net).

## **Newly Landscaped Garden Beds Enhance OLA's Catholic Identity**

Thanks to the Munn Family, the new planter beds in the back of the school near the first grade classroom have been landscaped, and they look beautiful. The Munn family donated the services and materials from their family business, English Garden Care, to complete this project. There are still a couple of items to be added to the project. The upper bed next to the first grade classroom will have a statue of Mary put inside of the arch and benches will be installed in the bed across from the arbor. A plaque dedicating the garden to our parish founder, Father Thomas Bannon, will also be placed there. The beds will not only provide pleasing aesthetics for our students and staff, but they will also function as a prayer space. Special thanks to Lynette Brannon of the CSAC Mission Effectiveness committee for working with the Munn family to design garden beds that will enhance the Catholic identity of our school. Thank you, Munn family, for gifting our school with a beautiful new garden and prayer space for our children!

## **Mrs. Tateishi**

Finally, our 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Tateishi, underwent surgery during Christmas break. She is at home recovering and doing well. She will return in February. Please pray for Mrs. Tateishi's swift and comfortable recovery.

God bless,

*Robert Loue*

## **Due This Week:**

- SCRIP orders are due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 11.

**What to wear this Friday:** Friday is a regular uniform day.

## **This Week at OLA**

- Parent Meeting** There will be a meeting for parents with children receiving First Reconciliation at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 10.
- Minimum Day** Friday, January 11, is a minimum day. Grades 1-8 will attend school from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Afternoon kindergarten only will attend school from 8:00 –11:00 a.m. Fourth grade parents will provide lunch for the faculty.
- Progress Reports** They will be sent home Friday, January 11.

## Next Week at OLA

- Faith Group Mr. Sunderman will be speaking to the Parents Growing in Faith Group on Monday, January 14th at 8:00 a.m. in St. Paul's Room. His topic will be the History of the Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke. All are welcome to attend.
- PTG Meeting There will be a full PTG Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Reconciliation The first session of First Reconciliation (A-L or as otherwise arranged) is Thursday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- Field Trip The eighth grade class will go to the planetarium and participate in a Mission to Mars on Friday, January 18.

## Bits and Pieces

**High School Placement Exam:** The High School Placement Exam for prospective students of all four Catholic high schools will be on Saturday, January 26 at 8:00 a.m. Registration for the exam should be done at the school you plan to attend in the fall. For more information contact the individual school's admission's offices at:

Christian Brothers High School: 733-3690 or [www.cbhs-sacramento.org](http://www.cbhs-sacramento.org)

Jesuit High School: 482-6060 x 227 or register on line @ [www.jhssac.org](http://www.jhssac.org)

Loretto High School: 482-7793 x 103 or [www.loretto.net](http://www.loretto.net)

St. Francis High School: 452-3461 x 195 or [www.stfrancishs.org](http://www.stfrancishs.org)

**Annual pro-life Mass:** OLA is looking for a few families who would like to represent our school at the pro-life Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. You and your children would attend Mass on Tuesday, January 22 at 10:30 a.m. Bishop Jaime Soto will be the main celebrant and homilist. We come together on this day as a Catholic community to show our support and respect for human life from conception to natural death. Please call the office if you will be able to attend this Mass.

