

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

OLA Parish and School were very lucky that the powerful winter storm that hit Northern California the weekend before school resumed did not cause any major damage to our facilities. Sadly, one of our Catholic schools in the region, St. Joseph, was hit hard by this fierce storm. Five of their classrooms sustained major damage, and many of the books and supplies in those classrooms were lost to water damage. Because of this, students were not able to return to St. Joseph's last week, and when they return this week, many of them will be attending classes in their gym while the classrooms are being repaired.

Many of the Catholic schools in the area have provided materials for teachers and students to help them in this time of need. OLA would also like to help. This week homeroom teachers will be taking up a collection for St. Joseph to help them through this challenge. The funds we collect will be sent to St. Joseph on Friday. If you would like to help, please send a contribution in an envelope to your child's homeroom teacher. Checks are payable to OLA. Please write *St. Joseph donation* on the memo line of the check and on the envelope.

With our prayers and gifts we can do our part to help out a fellow Catholic school community in their time of need.

God bless,
Robert Love

Due This Week:

- Cougar Crew order forms are due by Friday, January 18.
- Donations for St. Joseph School will be accepted through Friday, January 18.

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

This Week at OLA

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| 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. |
| Holiday | Monday, January 21, is the Martin Luther King Holiday. Enjoy your long weekend! |

Next Week at OLA

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| Reconciliation | The second session of First Reconciliation (M-Z or as otherwise arranged) is Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. |
| Minimum Day | Friday, January 25, is a minimum day due to a teacher inservice. Grades 1-8 attend school from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Morning kindergarten only attend school from 8:00-11:00 a.m. |

- Pajama Day** Students may come to school in pajamas appropriate for school on Thursday, January 24. Students wearing slippers should bring P.E. shoes. Children who do not want to wear their pajamas should wear their school uniform. Please note that pajama day has been moved from the original calendar date.
- SCRIP** SCRIP orders are due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 25.

Bits and Pieces

Book Swap: The God Squad's annual book swap will be held on Friday, February 7. You may now bring in your gently used books to the seventh grade classroom before school. For each book your child donates, he/she will get to select a different book. Leftover books will be sold for 25¢ each on Friday, February 8.

Registration for next year: Registration packets for the 2008-2009 school year will be sent home on Tuesday, February 26. The packets and the \$250.00 registration fee will be due on Thursday, March 6. If you have an incoming kindergartener, please call Jill in the office so she can include the kindergarten registration materials in your packet.

New Family Applications: Applications are now available in the school office for new families. If you know of a family interested in joining our OLA community, please let them know that applications are now available and will be accepted until March 14. New families may also be interested in attending our Open House on Sunday, January 27, from 10:30 to noon, and they will not want to miss our OLA Information Night on Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Choir Liturgy Reminders: The next two choir liturgies are Sunday, January 27 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass and Saturday, February 2, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. If you are unable to attend either of these Liturgies, please send a note to Mrs. Hollis or Mrs. Walsh as soon as possible.

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

Jesuit High School: 482-6060 x 227 or register on line @ www.jhssac.org

Loretto High School: 482-7793 x 103 or www.loretto.net

St. Francis High School: 452-3461 x 195 or www.stfrancishs.org

Cougar Crew T-shirts and Sweatshirts: Due to numerous requests, we will be placing another order for cougar crew wear. An order form is included in today's bulletin envelope. Please return your order to the school office by Friday, January 18.

Kudos

Kudos to the top three finishers in our school in the National Geography Bee: Rachel Broghammer, Jordan Holmes, and Tyler Selewicz. As our first place finisher, Rachel Broghammer will move on to the district competition.

Thank You

Thank you to our fourth grade parents for providing lunch for the faculty and staff last Friday. The food was delicious and the table decorations were beautiful. We truly appreciate all your hard work in preparing such a wonderful lunch.

Note from Ms. Linda

This past weekend I had my first children's cooking class at OLA. We prepared a dinner for each family. Each child made a five course meal. It was fabulous. Thank you to Chef Titherington, Chef McKenna, Chef Mitsch, Chef Andre, Chef DeCristoforo, Chef Ruggles, chef Weeks and Chef Firenze. You were all great students. I look forward to next year's class. Stop by the kitchen with ideas for next year's cooking class and pick up your pictures. Thank you, Ms. Linda