

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

Town Hall Meeting

One of the goals of the OLA School Strategic Plan is to improve communications between students, parents, faculty and staff, and parishioners. In discussions last year by members of the CSAC Planning Committee, it was felt that our stakeholders are not well informed about certain aspects of our school operation. One of those areas is school finance. To address this, we have decided to hold a school "Town Hall" meeting on Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. At this meeting we hope to provide transparency to our finances, explain our school budget, share with the community the direction our school is moving in, explain the benefits of an OLA education, and inform families about our Annual Giving Program (formerly called the Family Giving program) that kicks off this month. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the meeting. Presenters will include Linda Bloom, Dan Cairns, Marty Holbus, and me. The meeting should be an hour in duration.

We hope that you will be able to attend this important meeting to learn more about our school and the bigger financial picture.

Father Daughter Dance

Last Saturday's Father-Daughter Dance was a spectacular event. All the daughters and their fathers had a great time and shared many precious moments. Special thanks to the second grade moms who organized this very special event. The gym looked beautiful, and the picture booth, food, and music were dynamite. As a father who attended, I am very grateful to have had this special opportunity to bond with my daughter. I'm sure all fathers and daughters who were there felt the same. The event was a smashing success, and I think it's safe to say that it's a keeper.

Stations of the Cross

I would like to thank all of those students who attended our Stations of the Cross led by our students yesterday. Our sixth grade Girl Scouts organized and led the event by reading at each station, and Mrs. Holewinski guided everyone through each reading with a wonderful meditation. What a great way to begin the first Monday of Lent.

OLA Information Night

Just a reminder that OLA Information night is tonight. If you know of any families with children entering kindergarten or looking for a good Catholic school, please let them know. It will be held at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Hall. This event will offer prospective families a unique opportunity to learn about the school from members of our faculty, staff, and administration.

Peace,

Robert Love

Due This Week:

Nothing is due this week!

What to wear this Thursday: Thursday is Valentine spirit day. Please see "This Week at OLA" for instructions on what to wear.

This Week at OLA

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| Food Drive | Our annual Lenten food drive began this week. Each week there is a recommended food item and a match Mr. Love contest on Thursdays. Our St. Vincent De Paul food locker needs and appreciates all your donations. The food locker would also appreciate your donation of paper and/or plastic grocery bags. Please read the enclosed flyer for all the details. |
| OLA Info Night | Please invite any prospective families you know to attend our OLA Information Night tonight, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Hall. There will be a brief presentation by teachers and a question and answer session. |
| Field Trips | Wednesday, February 13, is a busy field trip day. Fourth Grade will visit the Governor's Mansion and seventh grade will visit the California Museum. |

- Liturgy There will be a school Mass celebrating St. Valentine on Thursday, February 14, at 9:30 a.m. This Mass will be prepared by our first grade class. Everyone is welcome to join us.
- Spirit Day Thursday, February 14, is Valentine Spirit Day. Students may wear red, pink or white tops with jeans or other appropriate bottoms. **Please remember that our students will be attending Mass that day, and attire and hair styles must be appropriate.**
- Long Weekend school on There will be no school on Friday, February 15, due to a faculty/staff retreat. There will be no Monday, February 18, in honor of Presidents' Day. Enjoy your long weekend!

Next Week at OLA

- Kinder Visit Families interested in enrolling their kindergarteners are invited to visit our kindergarten classroom from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 21.
- Town Hall The Town Hall meeting is on Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym.
- Photos Payne and Payne Photography will be here on Friday, February 22, to take pictures of our winter sports teams and our school clubs and groups. Basketball players, please remember to bring your uniform for the picture.
- Trimester end Friday, February 22, is the end of the second trimester. Report cards will come home on Friday, February 29.
- Country Fair The kick-off meeting for all Country Fair chairs will be held in St. John's Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 25. Refreshments will be served.

Thank You

Thank you to our eighth grade class for preparing and presenting the beautiful Mass on Ash Wednesday.

Bits and Pieces

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE AUDITIONS ARE MONDAY, MARCH 10TH!

This week every child in grades 1-8 will be given an audition packet to bring home. Audition permission slips are due back into the office on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22. *THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF ROBINSON CRUSOE* IS SAID TO BE A TERRIFIC SHOW WITH CATCHY SONGS AND PLENTY OF HUMOR. All are welcome to participate!! Please call Linda Bloom with any questions: 359-2405 or lindawbloom@surewest.net

SPECIAL APPEAL: As many of you know, Maia Evrigenis, a 13 year old girl in our community, is fighting leukemia. She needs to find a bone marrow match for a transplant. There will be a bone marrow donor testing day in her honor on Sunday, February 24th, from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation at 600 Alhambra Blvd., time to be determined. Adults over 18 can be tested with a qtip swab test. If they are a match for any person in need, they will be contacted individually. For detailed information see www.maiasupdate.com.

Notes from the Athletic Director

This week Little Dribbler games will be at Holy Spirit. The gate will open at 8:40 a.m. Arrive early because parking will be difficult with the zoo close by. Try to park on the school's blacktop. The game times are:

9am - 4th girls	1pm - 1st boys
10am - 3rd girls	2pm - 2nd boys
11am - 2nd girls	3pm - 3rd boys
12pm - 1st girls	4pm - 4th boys

Basketball schedules for grades 5-8 can be found on the PAL website, <http://school.jhssac.org/pal/>. Come cheer our teams on as they try to reach the TOC tournament.

Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance applications will be available by February 19. If you will be applying for tuition assistance for the 2008-2009 school year, you are required to make an appointment with Fr. Brendan **before** you fill out the application. You may pick up an application from Father Brendan or you may apply online on www.factstuitionaid.com.