

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

Focus on Curriculum

Catholic education has a core belief that parents are the primary educators of their children. More than anyone else, your children depend on you to guide them through life, and that includes, of course, academics. The Diocese of Sacramento publishes two documents that help parents stay in touch with what students learn at school. The first is a Parent Curriculum Handbook. This handbook provides the following:

- Standards for Religion, Language Arts, Mathematics, History–Social Science and Science
- Home Atmosphere Suggestions for improved student performance
- Home Activities for Language Arts, Mathematics, History–Social Science and Science
- Student Tracking Forms to show student progress throughout the year

The second document is a prayer booklet that lists the prayers that our students learn at each grade level.

To obtain these documents, go to our Website (www.olaparish.net/school/). You will find them in the "PARENT INFO" menu. Click on the link to the documents and a PDF file will open and you can read or print the documents.

If you do not have Internet access and would like a copy of the documents, please call the school office and we will make a copy of the documents for you.

Academic Decathlon and Choristers Guild Festival

Congratulations to our Academic Decathlon team for their performance at last Saturday's Academic Decathlon held at Christian Brothers High School. Our team was made up of Matt Andersen, Jordan Gilles, Stevie Griggs, Emma Harrelson, Ian Hause, Ramsey Karim, Jamie Leatherby, Trevor Macdonald, Maya Magee, Jamie Mark, Meghan McKenna, Maddie McKnight, Krista Roberts, April Rosas-Willett, and Tyler Selewicz. They performed well and with great spirit, and we appreciate their dedication in preparing for this exciting event. Thanks also to Mr. Sunderman and Mrs. McKnight for doing a great job coaching the team.

On Sunday our Liturgical and Bell Choirs also performed wonderfully at the annual Choristers Guild Festival. They worked with students from other school choirs and sang beautifully. Thank you students and Mrs. Hollis!

God bless,
Robert Love

Due This Week:

- Love Lines for the yearbook are due by Thursday, March 13.
- Annual Giving response envelopes are due back by Friday, March 14.
- Applications from new families for the 2008-2009 school year should be turned in by Friday, March 14.

What to wear this Friday: Friday is *Greens and Jeans* spirit day. Students may wear appropriate green tops with jeans.

This Week at OLA

Liturgy	There will be a school Liturgy prepared by our third grade class on Thursday, March 13, at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.
Hearing Test	We will be screening hearing for grades one, three, five and seven on Friday, March 14, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
Missoula	Tickets for <i>The Amazing Adventures of Robinson Crusoe</i> will be on sale Wednesday through Friday, before and after school, in front of the gym. All tickets are \$8.00. Performances are Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Spirit Day	This Friday is <i>Greens and Jeans</i> spirit day. Students may wear green tops with jeans
Food Drive	This week's recommended item is juice (bottle or box). Remember, all food items are welcome at any time. Thank you for your generosity.

Next Week at OLA

- Workforce** Workforce sign up sheets will be in the gym lobby before and after school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The sign up sheets for Country Fair and for next year's volunteer opportunities will be available. Remember, all families are expected to work at least three shifts at the Country Fair.
- Easter Raffle** The Student Council Easter Raffle will start Monday, March 17. Student can buy raffle tickets for 50¢ each Monday through Thursday morning. Winners will be chosen on Thursday. Prizes will be on display in the library.
- Field Trip** The third grade class will visit Old Sacramento on Wednesday, March 19.
- Minimum Day** Holy Thursday is a minimum day. Grades 1-8 will attend school from 8:00 a.m. to noon. ALL kindergarteners will attend school from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Easter Vacation** Enjoy your vacation from March 21 to March 28. School will resume Monday, March 31.

Bits and Pieces

Box Tops for Education: It is almost time for us to mail in our Box Tops. If you have any at home, now is the time to turn them in at the school office.

Thank You Second Grade Parents: The lunch you provided for the faculty last Friday was delicious. We enjoyed every bite!

God Squad Book Sale: The God Squad earned over \$100 dollars at their book sale last month. They donated the money to Water for Life. This program provides communities with resources to build water systems that can deliver clean water to them while creating jobs and developing skills in water sanitation.

COUNTRY FAIR

SAVE THE DATE: 58th COUNTRY FAIR: May 16th, 17th & 18th PLEASE SEE FLYERS.

WORKFORCE SIGNUPS: Tues., March 18th 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. in the gym. Signup sheets will remain in the gym foyer until 3/20 at noon.

ATTENTION QUILTERS: Quilts needed for the Country Fair Raffle. Questions? Call Theresa Parulan (481-7950) or Michelle Phipps (486-8473)

NEEDED: Do you have anything to donate to the Country Fair Raffle that would make a good raffle prize for a child (i.e.. gift cards, sporting equipment, video games, DVD's, tickets to events, etc.)? Please contact Michelle Phipps 486-8473 or Theresa Parulan 481-7950.

Kudos

A very special congratulations to our OLA Girl Scouts who were presented with The Marian Medal at Mass last Sunday. This is the highest Catholic religious recognition award for girls under fifteen. Kudos to Ana Ashen, Alexia Backhus, Erin Cairns, Jessica Cosca, Daria Davis, Alex Ellison, Amelia Easterbrook, Alli Goings, Brittany Harrison, Anna Kropf, Jenna Mark, Sydney Steele, and Paige Sullivan.

Congratulations to Matt Andersen, seventh grade. He made the all tournament team in the St. Roberts tournament.