

# Our Lady of the Assumption School

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## With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

### **Focus on Safety—Pick up and Drop Off**

As I have mentioned in the past, the parking lot is the Achilles heel of school safety. With the constant flow of traffic and the high number of pedestrians, the school parking lots on both the Walnut and Cottage sides can be hazardous. This year, I have been especially concerned with afternoon pick up in the Cottage lot. Parents and students often congregate and socialize on the parking lot in the midst of traffic. The parking lot is not the place for this. Starting this week, I am asking parents and students to please socialize **behind** the gate only. Once you have picked up your child or children and have passed the gate, please proceed directly to your car and do not have a conversation in the parking lot or next to the gate on the parking lot side. Also, please do not send your kids to the gate in the morning or to the car in the afternoon by themselves. Parents must walk with them unless the car is parked in the rows right across the gate near the crosswalk where they are in close proximity to you and our duty supervisor.

On the Walnut side we have had a problem with cars parking along the curb during pick up in the afternoon. Please do not park along the curb unless your child or children are there to get in your vehicle. Keep circulating the parking lot until your children are present. Also, if you park your car in the Walnut lot, please keep your children close to you as you take them to school or back to your car. Drivers who back out of their parking spaces cannot easily see the children, and the children do not have the safety awareness of an adult. They need to be escorted closely.

### **Bring in those Pennies!**

This week our Student Council is doing its biennial Penny Drive. This year proceeds go to Catholic Relief Services and Loaves and Fishes. Bring in those pennies and make a difference.

Thanks, and God bless,

*Robert Love*

### **Due This Week:**

- Nothing is due this week.

## **This Week at OLA**

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| Confirmation | Our eighth grade students will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 11 at 5:30 p.m. |
| Penny War    | It's Penny War time! Please see the enclosed flyer for details.   |

## **Next Week at OLA**

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| Field Trips | The second grade class will visit the Sacramento Zoo on Tuesday, April 15. The fourth grade class will travel by wagon train to Sutter's Fort and the Indian Museum on Wednesday, April 16. The third grade will enjoy a fun and informative day at Gibson Ranch on Thursday April 17. |
| PTG         | There will be a full PTG meeting at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16. All room representatives are asked to attend. Everyone is welcome to attend.   |
| Minimum Day | Friday, April 18 will be a minimum day due to a teacher in-service.  |
| SCRIP       | SCRIP orders are due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 18.   |

## Bits and Pieces

**Parish Clean-up Day:** On May 3rd there will be a parish clean-up day from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The plan is to clean out the storage buildings, plant trees, paint and generally “spruce up” the facilities. You can sign up to help in the parish office or call the parish maintenance supervisor, John Garcia at 489-8958 extension #37 if you have any questions. Your time spent here does count toward your volunteer service hours.

## COUNTRY FAIR

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

DEADLINE FOR SPONSORSHIPS: April 8<sup>th</sup>

Sign up for your 3 shifts in the workforce binder located in the school office. Questions about workforce? Contact Michelle Munn 483-3787

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

## Notes from Mr. Neri

The OLA girls' varsity flag football team won its inaugural game against St. Philomene's. Way to go ladies!

## Thank You

The seventh grade would like to thank you for supporting our cupcake fundraiser last week. Your response to the needs of the children who live in Bethlehem was overwhelming. At last count your fifty cents helped us to collect over \$300.00. We will present Ziad Abbas with a check when he speaks with the seventh and eighth graders on Wednesday.

Thank you to our first grade parents for providing lunch for the faculty on Friday. The picnic theme was beautiful and all of the food was delicious. All of your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our sixth grade students for preparing and presenting a beautiful Mass on Monday.

