

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

OLA Prayers

This week our community has been praying for Mr. Griggs who is in the hospital. Let us keep praying for his speedy recovery. Mrs. Ricci has provided us a special prayer for Mr. Griggs and the Griggs family:

Dear God,

We thank you for sending your healing power to Mr. Griggs this
and each day until his complete recovery.

The journey through illness has just begun and we pray for you to hold Mr. Griggs and his family in your arms at this
very challenging time.

May the Griggs Family feel your love and strength now and always.

We ask for faith to live today trusting in your Spirit.

We place the hope of tomorrow in your hands.

Amen

Drop-off and Pick-up

Last week I addressed the issue of safety during our morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. I thank all of our families for making the adjustments. I realize that the afternoon pick-up on the Cottage side is an important time for our families to network, socialize, and get school business done. In no way are these new procedures intended to interfere with or impede the important community building that takes place in the afternoons. We just want it to take place in the safe confines of the playground. Though safety is always priority number one, the last thing we want to do is erode the strong sense of community that makes OLA so unique and special. We will be opening the gate on the Cottage side five to ten minutes before the end of school. We hope that this will help. Please continue to be vigilant in the parking lot and escort your children to and from your car from the crosswalk. Thank you!

Papal visit

This week the newspapers and television news broadcasts will be filled with news about the Holy Father's visit to the United States. As you follow the headlines please consider discussing the papal visit with your children. This will be a great educational experience and an historic event that the family can learn from together.

Penny War

Congratulations to all of our students for participating in a very spirited Penny War this year. OLA raised over \$4,000, and we are very pleased that we will get to donate the proceeds to Loaves and Fishes and Catholic Relief Services. Great job kids, and thank you, Student Council, for making it happen!

Pastoral Council and CSAC Openings

The Pastoral Council and the CSAC will be in need of new members in the fall. If you are interested in serving, please read the announcement by Father Brendan that is included in today's bulletin.

Thanks, and God bless,

Robert Loue

Our Lady of the Assumption Ministry Opportunities

Parish Pastoral Council:

In the summer of 2005, when I was just newly assigned as your pastor, I set about establishing a new Parish Pastoral Council which would reflect the diverse nature of Our Lady of the Assumption and serve this faith community in some very important ways. The Parish Pastoral Council, under the guidance of the pastor, is a visionary and collaborative leadership body committed to serving the whole parish. Its mission is to identify parish needs, to develop, to review and to evaluate long-term and short-term goals and to assist in facilitating the involvement of the entire parish community in ministry. This council serves the parish in its spiritual and social growth, advises on pol-

icy formation and pastoral planning and works to facilitate communication at all levels. We have had a very strong and dedicated council and we are now looking for a few new members to replace those whose terms are expiring.

Catholic Schools Advisory Commission:

As you well know, our parish school facilitates the enrichment of our Catholic youth in an academically challenging, spiritually nurturing environment. According to diocesan directives, every Catholic school shall have a Catholic School's Advisory Commission to assist the pastor and principal in ensuring that the ethos and education is Catholic, academically challenging, financially responsible, structurally sound, and responsive to the school and parish community. To keep the commission dynamic, new members are brought in to replace outgoing members each year.

For those who are interested in either of these ministries:

If you would like to be considered for either the Parish Pastoral Council or the Catholic School's Advisory Commission, please submit a resume or curriculum vitae, outlining your current parish and/or school involvement and stating in one sentence your reason for wanting to serve in one of these ministries. Please send it to me by Saturday, May 17, 2008. Official diocesan training will be mandatory for all successful candidates who wish to serve in either capacity.

-Fr. Brendan

Due This Week:

- SCRIP orders are due by 8:00 A.M. on Friday, April 18.

This Week at OLA

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| Field Trips | 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. The kindergarten class will visit the Carmichael Post Office on Thursday, April 17 to see all that goes into getting mail to their houses. ALL kindergarteners will attend school from 11:00 A.M. to 2:45 P.M. that day. |
| 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. |

Next Week at OLA

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| Graduation Photos | Graduation photos will be taken on Monday, April 21. |
| Field Trip | The seventh grade class will be at Marin Headlands from Monday, April 21 to Wednesday, April 23. |
| Choral Festival | Our choir will participate in the Diocesan Choral Festival at the cathedral on Friday, April 25 from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M. Parents and friends are invited to attend. |

Bits and Pieces

Service Hour Opportunity: 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. The sign up sheet is in the school office. Call the parish maintenance supervisor John Garcia at 489-8958 extension #37 if you have any questions. This is an easy way to earn four service hours!

Penny War Results: The Penny War raised over \$4,000! That money will be divided between Loaves and Fishes and Catholic Relief Services. In the lower grades the third grade class had the most pennies on Thursday and will receive a day of free dress and candy. The second grade class had the most money by Friday and won a pizza party. In the upper grades the sixth grade class had the most pennies on Thursday and will receive a day of free dress and candy. The fifth grade class was the overall winner of the Penny War and won a pizza party.

Mom's Margarita Madness Party: The Moms' Margarita Madness Party that was offered at the auction is this Friday night at 7:00 P.M. at 1700 McClaren Drive. Hope to see everyone there who signed up!