

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

Spring Gathering

Last Thursday the PTG put on its annual Spring Gathering. This year's program was very special because it gave the community its first opportunity to say goodbye to Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Walsh, and our graduating families. Carmy Baca made a moving presentation to Mrs. Hill thanking her for her outstanding work in our extension program and sharing with Mrs. Hill testimonials from her two daughters, Carmy and Carly. A large group of Mrs. Walsh's first OLA class showed up for the event and surprised Mrs. Walsh with gifts and a wonderful presentation. Lynette Brannan spoke eloquently on their behalf. Finally, Bill Herenda gave a light, humorous, and entertaining goodbye address to the graduating families.

Tracy Tooley, Toni Ann Mitsch, and Paul Wagstaffe gave an update on the Country Fair. Things are falling into place, and the entertainment line-up will be fabulous once again this year. Augusta Brothers introduced the new PTG Board for 2008-2009. We will be blessed with another talented group of parents to lead the PTG. Then the Three Amigos, Kelly Brothers, Greg Hayes, and Ted Jones, announced a very exciting Back-to-School Celebration to be held on Saturday, August 30. (See bulletin announcement below for more details.)

Another huge thanks to Nancy King and the PTG for putting on the Spring Gathering. Thanks also to Augusta Brothers and Wendi Wegener for organizing the catering and to all who helped serve and clean-up.

May Crowning

Last Friday our eighth graders and Mrs. Walsh organized a beautiful May Crowning ceremony. The ceremony was poignant and all who attended were touched. Thank you, Leatherby family, for generously donating and serving ice cream to the entire school after the ceremony. What a wonderful way to end the school week!

Mrs. Dalton

And finally, it is with a heavy heart that I announce that Mrs. Dalton is stepping down from her post as the OLA School administrative assistant. Her family has asked to have her back and she could no longer turn them down. Mrs. Dalton has served OLA School excellently and our students, parents, and faculty and staff will dearly miss her.

The administrative assistant position will be advertised on the Diocesan website this week. We are looking for someone with strong organizational skills, a smiling face, and a gracious and professional demeanor to fill the position. If you know of anyone with these qualities, please have her or him send in a resume and cover letter to the school addressed to my attention.

Thank you, and God bless,

Robert Loue

Due This Week:

- Pre-sale ticket order forms are due in the school office by 2:45 P.M. on Thursday, May 8.
- Entries for the OLA Idol contest are due in the school office by Friday, May 9.

This Week at OLA

- Snow Cone** The God Squad will be selling snow cones at lunch and after school on Thursday, May 7. The snow cones are 50¢ each. The money earned will support Maryknoll's Cambodian lay ministry.
- CRAZY DAY** Thursday, May 15 is Crazy Day. Students may wear "crazy" outfits to school. These outfits must still be appropriate for school (no bare midriffs, spaghetti straps, too short skirts, etc.).

- Retreat Our eighth grade students will go on retreat on Friday, May 9.
- Luncheon Our third grade class will have their annual Mother's Day luncheon on Friday, May 9.

Next Week at OLA

- SCRIP The last SCRIP order of the school year is due by 8:00 A.M. on Friday, May 16.
- No Hot Lunch There is no school lunch on Friday, May 16 due to Country Fair preparations. Please make sure to send a lunch to school with your child.

Bits and Pieces

OLA Back to School Celebration: For those who missed the Spring Gathering announcement, mark your calendars for the OLA Back to School Celebration, Saturday, August 30, 2008 (Labor Day Weekend). There will be music by Wonderbread 5, dinner, dancing and fun! Each OLA family may bring one non-OLA guest/couple. Ticket information will follow in the coming weeks. Event chairs are Greg Hayes, Ted Jones and Kelly Brothers.

Lost and Found Extravaganza: All lost and found items will be on display in the school office from noon on Monday, May 19 to noon on Friday, May 23. Any items left after that time will be donated to charity. Please stop by the office to look for your lost items.

Parent Summer Homework Package: Your packet with the school supply list, miscellaneous school expense worksheet and various other necessary paperwork will be coming home in the Tuesday bulletin envelope on May 27. I realize it is difficult to think about next year this early, but if we get it all taken care of during the summer, we will have a nice, smooth start to the school year in August.

Vacation Bible School: Today's bulletin envelope contains a registration form for Vacation Bible School. This year's Rainforest Adventure will be held at St. Philomene Catholic Church from July 28 to August 1, 9:00 A.M. to noon. All registration forms and payments must be received by June 16, 2008.

OLA Extension News

It is now time for 2008-2009 Extension registration. If you plan on using Extension at all next year, your children need to be registered with us. Please plan on stopping by the Extension cottage to pick up your registration form. All registration must be in by Friday, May 16.

All incoming kindergarten children must be registered at Extension if they plan on using our services at all. I realize that care during the school day is included in your tuition, but you must still register with us and pay a registration fee. Please come by or call us with any questions you might have. 489-5427

Kudos

The OLA Varsity Girls flag football team is having a great season. They have three wins and one loss. The TOCs will be held Saturday, May 10 at Holy Cross School in West Sacramento. The game is scheduled for 10:15 A.M. The last regular league game is this evening at 4:15 P.M. at Holy Cross.

Congratulations to your PAL Champion OLA golf team who won Friday's championship tournament by an amazing 20 strokes over the second place team. Patrick Cairns, Bryce Sullivan, Stevie Griggs, Grant Bollinger, Davey Bloom, Joe Schutz, Austen Sandoval and Gregory Moore set the all time scoring record for the tournament with a team score of 3 under par. Special congratulations to Stevie Griggs who shot the second lowest round out of more than 150 golfers.

Kudos to Lindsay Stroud. Her "Don't Buy the Lie" poster was our winner for OLA school.

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped in preparation for the Spring Gathering. Thank you to the cookie bakers and those who helped in the kitchen: from cooking, to serving, to cleaning up. Thank you also to Stefanie Smith whose beautiful floral arrangements added the perfect touch to the evening.

Thank you to the kindergarten parents who prepared lunch for the faculty last Friday. Everything was delicious and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Openings in the Parish Pastoral Council and the Catholic School's Advisory Commission

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 in one sentence your reason for wanting to serve in one of these ministries. Please send it to Father Brendan by Saturday, May 17, 2008.

COUNTRY FAIR NEWS

OLA's 58th Country Fair is May 16th, 17th, and 18th!

Discounted Tickets:

There are two ways that you can still get pre-sale prices:

1. Return your ticket order to the office by Thursday. Your ticket and t-shirt order will be delivered to your child's classroom next Tuesday, May 13.
2. Next week, you can buy tickets after school in both the Cottage and Walnut parking lots. This will be the last opportunity to get discounted prices.

T-shirts:

Remember to order your Country Fair t-shirt. We are almost sold out of adult small shirts. It will be first, come first served on all sizes.

Friday, May 16 is Country Fair t-shirt day at school. Students may wear their Country Fair t-shirts and jeans or appropriate length shorts to school.

Contests:

Consider all the contests you can enter: Jail Your Teacher, Junior Bake-off, OLA Idol. Please see the enclosed flyers for details.

Another quilt has been added to the quilt raffle. The new quilt is on display in the school office.

OLA Country Fair Needs:

Workforce: Night Security for Friday night, May 16 from 10:30 P.M. to 7:30 A.M. This will fulfill your Country Fair Service hour requirements. Interested? Contact Michelle Munn @ 483-3787.

Cake Walk Corral: Please don't forget to add "movie-style" boxes of candy to your grocery list and drop them by the office for our cake walk.

Fun Zone: The Fun Zone chairs would appreciate the donation of any new or gently used stuffed animals, cans of soda, bottled water and juice boxes. Please drop them by the office marked "Fun Zone."

Country Fair T-Shirts: Order your t-shirt so that it can be "customized" (for only 10 tickets!) at the fair by Carol Kenney! She will set up "shop" Friday & Saturday of the Fair in the chair/table storeroom in the gym! Thanks Carol! Carol could use sergers from any family that would be willing to loan them out for the fair. Please call Carol if you can help.

Bar: Donations of bottled water are needed for our workers and the bar.

Set-up: EZ ups needed! The fair could be a hot one this year! Let's keep our workers comfy! Please drop off your EZ ups (labeled with your name) on Friday, May 16 by the stage. Thank you!

Ladies Council Bake Sale: (Saturday, May 17 in St. Paul's Room – to the right of the Parish Office): All of the ladies of the parish are needed to bake at least one item for the Country Fair Ladies Council Bake Sale. Please deliver baked goods on Friday to the Parish Office or on Saturday to St. Paul's Room. Thank you.