

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

Welcome Melinda TherouxOLA School is excited to welcome Melinda Theroux as the new director of our Extension program. Ms. Theroux was hired earlier this month, and she came on board last week. She brings with her a love of children, enthusiasm for teaching, experience working in a childcare setting, and strong management skills. Mrs. Hill worked with Ms. Theroux last week to ensure a smooth transition.

We are indebted to Mrs. Hill for staying on until we found a replacement for her, and we wish her nothing but the best in her retirement.

Auction Ticket Sales

There are still plenty of auction tickets available. As the auction nears, I am making my annual appeal to families to participate in this very important school fundraiser by attending the event. The OLA auction is the PTG's biggest fundraiser of the year. Our school program depends on the success of the auction to provide a quality program for our children. Debbie O'Gara, Lynn Sweeney, and the auction sub-chairs have been working hard to make this year's event fun, entertaining, and profitable! I hope that all of you will catch *Island Fever* and make it to the auction. OLA School will be the place to be on October 18. Bring your Hawaiian shirts, shorts, leis, and flip-flops. We'll serve the Mai Tais and poi! Well, maybe not poi.

Finding God in All Things Essay Contest Winners

Last month all of our students were asked to respond to this year's school theme by participating in an essay contest. Each student was asked to write about how they find God in all things. Our students did a beautiful job with their essays. Two Sundays ago at the 9:30 Mass, second grader Maggie Kauderer, fourth grader Callahan Shelley, and eighth grader Beverly Kayalwazi were asked to read their essays to the congregation. They did a wonderful job! At each grade level, an essay was selected as the winning essay for that class. Honorable mentions were also selected.

1st grade

- Winner: Catherine Giorgi
- Honorable Mention: Matthew Martin and Jack Minor

2nd grade

- Winner: Maggie Kauderer
- Honorable Mention: Cecilia Crowley, Sophie DeBenedetti, Margaret Donovan, Lauren Lawver, and Sophie Payne

3rd grade

- Winner: Grace Manley
- Honorable Mention: Casey Gilles, Caroline McIntire, and Finlay Thomson

4th grade

- Winner: Callahan Shelley
- Honorable Mention: Maile Shelley and Stephanie Keene

5th grade

- Emily Bloom
- Honorable Mention: Alex Holbus and Matthew McLaughlin

6th grade

- Winner: Lauren Costan
- Honorable Mention: Devin Herenda and Claire Seaman

7th grade

- Winner: Ashley Kyalwazi
- Honorable Mention: Elise DeCristoforo, Spencer Gilles, Alexa Griggs, and Melisa Linenberger

8th grade

- Winner: Beverly Kyalwazi
- Honorable Mention: Kate Langley and Julia Peterson

Essays written by the grade level winners will be posted on the school office walls and on the school bulletinboard in the church for your perusal. The honorable mention essays will also be posted on the school office walls for your perusal. Certificates will be awarded at the end-of-the-year awards assembly. To all of our students who participated, thank you. Well-done, young scholars!

God bless,

Robert Love

This Week at OLA

- School Liturgy A Liturgy in honor of St. Therese of the Little Flower has been prepared by Grade 3 for Wednesday, October 1, at 9:30 a.m. All parents are welcome and encouraged to come.
- A Visit From Champ Champ will be delivering October birthday treats on Wednesday, October 1. "Got Milk" money will be collected from each classroom at that time. If your class needs a "Got Milk" container, please let Mr. Sunderman or Mrs. Coffman know.
- OLA Spirit Gear Last chance for OLA Spirit Gear. All orders are due by tomorrow, Wednesday, October 1. An order form is enclosed.
- PTG Meeting A PTG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, at 1:00 p.m. in the meeting room.
- Minimum Day This Friday, October 3, is a minimum day due to a faculty meeting. **Both morning and afternoon kindergarten classes** will attend school from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Grades 1 through 8 will attend school from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Extension remains open until 6:00 p.m.
- OLA Skate Day Don't miss OLA Skate Day this Friday. All OLA students are invited to come and skate at Foothill Skate on Friday, October 3. Private skating for OLA students from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person and includes skate rental. Make your minimum day play-date at Foothill Skate! Located at 4700 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento 95841. See you there!
- PTG Fall Gathering All OLA parents are encouraged to attend the PTG Fall Gathering on Wednesday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. The evening will start with a half hour social (no host bar), followed by dinner and a meeting. Don't miss the unveiling of the Classroom Auction Projects, and hear more about the many great live auction items. No charge for the dinner . . . Just come and enjoy the company of OLA parents and teachers. Please RSVP by Friday, October 3.
- Liturgical Choir The OLA Liturgical and Bell Choirs will be at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 4. All 8th grade students are in the Liturgical Choir. Please come and enjoy the beautiful music and Mass.

Next Week at OLA

- In Case you Forgot! There is no school on Monday, October 6, due to Mustardseed Inservice. Enjoy your day off!
- Seventh Grade Mass and Luncheon Tuesday, October 7, is the Seventh Grade Mass and Luncheon. Please meet outside the church by St. John's Hall for pictures at 11:00 a.m. Mass will begin at 11:15 a.m. and lunch will follow.
- Eye Screening Students in grades 1, 3, 5, and 7 and new students will have their vision tested on Wednesday, October 8. If an additional screening is recommended, a note will be sent home with your child. If you would like your child to be tested and your child is not in one of the grades listed above, please call Mrs. Albers in the office.
- Field Trip Grade 3 will enjoy a performance at the B Street Theatre on Friday, October 10.
- SCRIP Orders SCRIP orders are due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 10.

Bits and Pieces

- It's Here! The 2008/2009 OLA School Roster is enclosed.
- Roster Update Please make note of a new telephone number for the MacKay family: (916) 903-7710.
- Entertainment Book All Entertainment Books must be accounted for. If you have not returned the book to the office, please remit a check for \$40. Thank you.
- HELP! The auction decorating committee needs your help. If you need service hours or would just enjoy helping out, please join us this evening, Tuesday, September 30, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Art Room. We'll also be meeting on Tuesday, October 7 and 14. Same time, same place!
- Hola Amigos! Mr. Sunderman is introducing the OLA Spanish Club for students in grades 4 through 8. Please see the enclosed flier for all the information you will need to sign up and be part of this exciting new club.
- Box Tops for Education Get your kids clipping! Collect Box Tops and earn money for our school. Many schools earn thousands of dollars annually through Box Tops for Education. Let's include OLA among the list. Enclosed is a Ziploc bag that you can use to store your Box Tops at home. Have your children return the Box Tops to their classroom, and place them in the "Box Top" box. We will collect each classroom's collection twice during the school year, and a prize will be given to the class that collects the most. Winning classes will be awarded in January and May.
- Halloween Party Save the Date! Saturday, October 25, in the annual Halloween Part and Trunk-or-Treat for all OLA families in the hall/gym immediately following 5:30 p.m. Mass through 8:30 p.m. children can enjoy games, candy, and prizes and meet the new Pumpkin Princess. Need PTG hours or just want to have some Halloween fun? Call chairs Mark and Ruth Holewinski at 359-2274 to volunteer. More details coming soon.

Animal Blessing In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the blessing of the animals will be on Saturday morning, October 4, after 8:00 a.m. Mass at approximately 8:45 a.m., and again after the 5:30 p.m. Mass, at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Open House **Christian Brothers High School** will be hosting their annual Open House on Sunday, October 5, 2008, from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christian Brothers High School, 4315 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Sacramento. For more information, please call 733-3690.

Jesuit High School will be hosting the annual Open House for all prospective students and their parents on Sunday, October 5, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Families may learn about the admissions process, tour the campus, pick up an information packet, and speak with faculty and program directors.

St. Francis High School will be hosting their annual Open House on Sunday, October 12, 2008, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis High School, 5900 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento. The open house is for all prospective students and their families. No reservations needed. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 452-3641, ext. 240. Please join us for an informative and entertaining afternoon!

Loretto High School warmly invites you to our annual Open House on Sunday, October 19, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Meet current students, faculty, coaches and administrators; visit classrooms and experience outstanding student art and performances in choir, dance, and drama. For further information contact the Director of Admission at (916) 482-7793, ext. 103.

Hands to Serve; Hearts to Love

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following OLA students who recently received a Hands to Serve; Hearts to Love Award. They have graciously given of their hands and hearts to their fellow students and teachers.

2nd Grade Class	Thank you for all the prayers for Mr. Harvey. (Mrs. Harvey)
2nd Grade Class	Thank you for welcoming Tommy back to school. (Mrs. Nichols)
Cole Andre (Gr. 3)	For picking up balls before school. (Mrs. Majuk)
Rose Archer (Gr. 2)	Thank you for being a good friend to Margaret who is new. (Mrs. Nichols)
Luke Chandler (Gr. 3)	For helping at the lunch tables. (Mrs. Nelson)
A. J. DeCristoforo (Gr. 3)	For picking up balls before school. (Mrs. Majuk)
Alex Desmond (Gr. K)	For cleaning up toys you did not play with. (Ms. Lindsay)
David Hause (Gr. K)	Waiting in line quietly and patiently. (Ms. Lindsay).
Jack Jones (Gr. 2)	Thank you for helping Tommy to the restroom. (Mrs. Nichols)
Aubrey Mitsch(Gr. 6)	For always being helpful. (Mrs. Nelson)
Michaela Nocetti (Gr. 6)	For being helpful. (Mrs. Nelson)
Nina Sanfilippo (Gr. 5)	Helping another student. (Mrs. Penney)
Emily Soto (Gr. 5)	Turned in found money.
Nick Stroud (Gr. 5)	Thank you for your morning help. (Mrs. Majuk)
Jack Tait (Gr. K)	Helped clean up someone else's mess. (Ms. Lindsay)