

# Our Lady of the Assumption School

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*With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love*

*Aloha!*

We are five days away from the auction, and everything is coming together. If last Wednesday night's Fall Gathering was any indication, our *Island Fever* Auction is going to be a lot of fun and a very successful fundraiser! What a great turn out. The tables were beautifully decorated and the food was great. Thank you Diane McLaughlin and Wendi Wegener for organizing the hospitality and putting on another very successful event. And how about those auction class projects? They are spectacular! Our parents and students have done a wonderful job, and it is clear that they have put a lot of creativity and love into their work.

Gerald McLaughlin produced another very entertaining video previewing the auction. Greg Hayes, Ted Jones, and Kimberly Sax were key players in the video, and they were all very funny and entertaining. I think it's safe to say that Mrs. Sax should get used to being called "Ginger" for the next few weeks. Priceless. Thank you Mr. McLaughlin for producing another great promotion video for our auction.

We'll see you on Saturday night at the auction. Until then, God bless and *aloha*.

*Robert Love*

## **\*\*TROPICAL TIMES\*\***

Be sure to check out the last Tropical Times flier enclosed. It is full of up-to-date information regarding the big event. Don't forget!! Bring your programs the night of the auction for easy reference to all those great auction items. The program is also on-line. Visit the website and tell your friends and family about bidding by proxy! See you Saturday.



Teachers and staff enjoyed another wonderful lunch on Friday, October 3, thanks to the 7th grade parents. We very much appreciate your time and effort.

There are a few dishes remaining in the front office ready for pick up.

## This Week at OLA

- Field Trips** Tomorrow, Wednesday, October 15, the kindergarten class will visit the pumpkin patch and the first grade class will visit fire station #109.
- Last call for HELP!** The auction decorating committee will meet for the last time this evening, Tuesday, October 14, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Art Room. Please join us if you can.
- Update** "Cougar Crew" Day is next Tuesday, October 21 (not this Friday).

## Next Week at OLA

- Red Ribbon Week** October 20 through 24 is Red Ribbon Week. Spirit buttons are 50¢ each; mega-buttons are \$1 each; renumbering buttons from previous years is 25¢ each. There will be a daily prize drawing for the regular buttons and a Friday drawing for the mega-button prize.
- Fall Sports Pep Rally** Tuesday, October 21, is the day to wear that new "Cougar Crew" shirt/sweatshirt. A fall sports pep rally will be held in the gym at 2:05 p.m. **DON'T FORGET!!** Football and volleyball players need to bring their uniforms for the pep rally.
- Harvest Picnic** On Thursday, October 23, kindergartners, their parents, and their 4th grade buddies will celebrate community and fall by enjoying a short presentation and eating lunch together. Baked goodies will be provided by the students. All the details regarding where and what time will be sent home with your child prior to the event.
- Scrip Due** All scrip orders are due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 24.
- Halloween Party & Trunk or Treat** Just one week after Auction is the annual Halloween Party for our children, on October 25. Help us plan a great event by completing the enclosed flier and returning to the office ASAP. While you're shopping, could you pick up an extra bag (or 2) of wrapped Halloween candy and feed it to the "Candy Monster" in the school office? Also, we would gladly take any decorating items from your home that you don't use and would like to donate. Questions? Please call Ruth at 359-2274.
- Teacher Inservice** There is no school on Monday, October 27, 2008, due to a teacher inservice.

## Bits and Pieces

- Grant Writers Wanted** Are you a grant writer, or do you have grant writing experience? OLA is exploring grant-writing opportunities, and we are looking for experienced grant writers to help. If you would like to earn service hours and help seek additional funding for our school programs, please contact Mr. Love.
- Bonus Award for Top Raffle Ticket Sellers** This week a bonus prize will be added to our raffle ticket sales contest. The class that brings in the most tickets tomorrow, Wednesday, October 15, will receive free admission passes to Sunrise Rollerland. Good luck!
- Roster Update** Please update your 2008-2009 school roster. The Davila family has a new telephone number: 993-6359.

## **CALLING ALL COACHES!!**

The basketball season will soon be here, and we are looking for volunteer coaches to get the season started. If you or any friends you know may be interested in coaching basketball at OLA, please contact Philip Tateishi, OLA Athletic Director (ptateishi@olaparish.net). Also, we are currently looking for a Little Dribblers Coordinator to help run the Little Dribblers basketball program. This position will help with scheduling games and contacting coaches about changes and updates throughout the season. **This position will also count for a large number of service hours as well.** So, if you are interested, please contact Philip Tateishi for more information. Thanks, and let's get ready for a fun and exciting basketball season!

### **Box Tops for Education**

Keep on clipping! Collect Box Tops and earn money for our school. Use those Ziploc bags 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.

### **Christmas Tree Lane**

This year's Christmas Tree Lane, **MAGI MAGIC**, is the 52nd annual event sponsored by the Loyola Guild of Jesuit High school that benefits **the Scholarship and Building Funds** of JHS. It is a two-day event in early December where Jesuit seniors and their moms perform in a holiday fashion show at the Radisson Hotel. This year's Gala Dinner will be on December 1, and the Holiday Breakfast and Madonna Luncheon will occur on December 2. There is an opportunity to purchase holiday gifts, wreaths, centerpieces, decorative items, gourmet foods, and much more. It is such a wonderful way to herald in the Christmas season and allows for those unfamiliar with the Jesuit Community to become better acquainted. If you are interested in receiving an **invitation**, please contact Betsy Myers jbmyers@surewest.net or at 359-6102. For **sponsorship** questions and requests, please contact Patrice Labine plabine56@comcast.net or at 966-3930. Refer to our website at **jhsac.org** and look under development/events for other information.

### **Open House**

**Loretto High School** warmly invites you to their 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 Admissions at (916) 482-7793, ext. 103.

### **Parish Renewal**

Have you ever said, "Why don't we do this...at OLA?" Now is YOUR opportunity to make your dreams for OLA a reality by working with others who share a passion for our church community. At this exciting parish-wide event, you will hear from fellow parishioners about the work under way to enhance our social, liturgical, and service ministries and be invited to provide your input. This is a great opportunity to join in fellowship as a faith community and get energized about the future of our parish. The assembly is Sunday, October 26, from noon to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be served. **Please sign up in the Parish or School Office or at the table after Mass and be an active participant in planning the future of our parish.**

### **\*\*NOTE TO OLA SCHOOL PARENTS\*\***

You will earn 2 service hours for attending the Parish Renewal Assembly. Also, babysitting will be available at extension during the event. Please join us!!

## ***Hands to Serve ~ Hearts to Love***

The recipients of Hands to Serve ~ Hearts to Love Awards are listed below. OLA is very proud of our students who generously give of their hearts and hands.

Rose Archer (Gr. 2) - Straightening out 2nd grade library books. (Mrs. Harvey)

Molly Chambers (Gr. K) - On the first day of school Molly was asked to change seats to be closer to another little girl that was very scared. She helped her feel safe and welcome. (Mrs. Sweeney)

Margaret Donovan (Gr. 2) - Straightening out 2nd grade library books. (Mrs. Harvey)

Madeline Fahey (Gr. K) - Cleaning up toys she didn't play with. (Ms. Lindsay)

Jaden Fong (Gr. 3) - For helping at the lunch tables. (Mrs. Nelson)

Reid Fowler (Gr. 7) - For helping another student. (Mrs. Nelson)

Casey Honaker (Gr. 3) - For helping at the lunch tables. (Mrs. Nelson)

Zachary Leslie (Gr. K) - Pushing in all of the chairs in the classroom. (Ms. Lindsay)

Adam Lovasz (Gr. 4) - For helping another student who was hurt on the playground. (Mrs. Nelson)

Adam Olsen (Gr. 2) - Helping Tommy in line. Being a good classmate. (Mrs. Harvey)

John Olsen (Gr. 4) - For cleaning up office lunch duty for Beverly. (Mrs. Smith)

Hannah Smith (Gr. 5) - For making a new student feel welcome. (Mrs. Nelson)

Finlay Thomson (Gr. 3) - For helping at the lunch tables. (Mrs. Nelson)

Lauren Washburn (Gr. 4) - For cleaning up around the lunch tables. (Mrs. Nelson)

## **Spotlight on Emily Burns OLA Graduate 2006**

Emily Burns, a junior at Capital Christian High School, was named female student athlete of the month. Emily plays in the number one golf spot for the varsity team, which so far is enjoying an undefeated season at 8-0. Emily has been the number one golfer for the past three years and is a two time MVP award winner. At least a 3.0 GPA is required to win this award, which Emily has done while taking Advance Placement courses. Emily credits OLA for a great academic foundation and Mr. Sunderman for starting the golf team when she was a 7th grader at OLA.

**Way to go, Emily!**