

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

Auction

Saturday's *Island Fever* Auction was a spectacular event and a tremendous fund raising success. Everyone who attended had a great time, and our families were very generous in their support of the school. The event played out like a Disney production with a lot of smiles and laughter mixed in with great food and desserts, amazing decorations, wonderful hospitality and service, a vast array of quality auction items, and high drama at the live auction. What a sensational night!

Words cannot adequately express my gratitude and admiration for our auction planners and our caring and supportive community. So many people offered their time, talent, and treasure to the auction and made it a memorable event. On behalf of our auction chairs, Debbie O'Gara and Lynn Sweeney, thank you for your outstanding commitment to our students and school.

Finally, I want to publicly thank our auction chairs, Lynn and Debbie. Under their excellent leadership they organized a terrific event and added some very important innovations such as the *Auction Pays* system, which streamlined the payment and delivery process, and the *Best of the Live* raffle. Lynn and Debbie have worked tirelessly since summer, and their families have missed them. They were an invaluable source of support for the sub-chairs and for each other. Congratulations, Lynn and Debbie on a very successful auction, and thank you for giving your hands to serve and your hearts to love.

Student Emergency Food Supplies

Last year we asked families to have each of their children bring to school emergency food supplies that would be needed in the event of a prolonged lockdown or evacuation. We are asking families again to bring these supplies to school. Enclosed in this bulletin is a large Ziplock bag (one for each of your children) with two labels. Please fill out the top label and fill the bag with the items listed on the lower label. Please return the Ziplock bag to your children's homeroom teachers by Tuesday, October 28. Thank you for helping us to be prepared for an emergency. Special thanks also to Augusta Brothers for her work putting together the Ziplock bags and typing and applying the labels!

Teacher Wish List/Fund-an-Item

Though our *Island Fever* Auction was a big success, we fell short of our goal for the Teacher Wish List and Fund-an-Item. If you have not had an opportunity to donate to our Teacher Wish List or our Fund-an-item, or you would like to donate more, your donation would still be welcomed and appreciated. Donation cards are available in the front office. Please just submit the card and donation to Carolyn Albers. Thank you!

God bless,

Robert Love

OOPS!

Mom's Relax-a-Little Basket seems to have gone home with the wrong person on the night of the auction. Please check your baskets and receipts to make sure you have the correct items. If you find a discrepancy, please call Debbie O'Gara at 359-8910 or Lynn Sweeney at 944-8334.

Thank you.

This 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.
- Harvest Picnic** Thursday, October 23, is the second annual Harvest Picnic. Kindergartners, their parents, and their 4th grade buddies will celebrate community and fall by enjoying a short presentation and eating lunch together. Baked goods 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** This Saturday, October 25, is the party! Please be sure to RSVP ASAP!! Don't forget to pick up an extra bag (or 2) of wrapped Halloween candy and feed it to the "Candy Monster" in the school office. Also, we gladly accept any Halloween decorating items from your home that you don't use and would like to donate to the Vampire's Emporium. See enclosed flyer for details. Questions? Please call Ruth at 359-2274.
- Varsity Football** OLA Varsity football team advanced to the semi-finals of the PAL playoffs by beating St. Roberts 48-0 last Sunday. Cougar record is a perfect 6-0. OLA will take on Sacred Heart at 1:15 p.m., Sunday, October 26, at Jesuit. Please come out and support the team!!

Next Week at OLA

- WOO HOO!** No school on Monday, October 27, 2008, due to a teacher inservice.
- Field Trip** Grade 2 will visit Effie Yeaw Nature Center on Tuesday, October 28.
- Halloween** On Friday, October 31, students may wear Halloween costumes to school. (No offensive costumes or weapons of any kind are allowed). Kindergartners will attend school on their regular schedules. The costume parade will begin around 1:45 p.m. Parents may bring their morning kindergartener back to participate in the parade.
- Rite of Enrollment/ Confirmation** There is a meeting for all Confirmation students and their parents and/or sponsors on Tuesday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. The Rite of Enrollment for 8th grade students is Saturday, November 1, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.
- Note to Choir** The Liturgy Choir will be singing at 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 1. Please send a note for Mrs. Hollis as soon as possible if you are unable to attend. Parts for the Liturgy will be assigned this week. Looking ahead—Thanksgiving Liturgy will be on Thursday, November 27, at 10:00 a.m. I need to know ASAP if you are not going to be there.

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.
- Service Hours** Please tally and turn in your service hours to the school office. Thank you.

ATTENTION! ALL OLA SCHOOL FAMILIES

A **FREE** 8 x 10 portrait of your family. You can't get a better deal than that! Your family portrait will also be in the OLA Church Directory. We are shooting for 100% participation. All you need to do is sign up for a sitting. It's easy, but appointment times are filling up fast. You can schedule your own appointment by visiting the OLA Parish website at www.olaparish.net. If you have questions or need help scheduling an appointment, contact Susanne Burns at 487-6365. Photos are taken at OLA. PLEASE take the time to be a part of this very important directory.

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!

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. This year's Gala Dinner will be on December 1, and the Holiday Breakfast and Madonna Luncheon will occur on December 2. 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 jhssac.org and look under development/events for other information.

Christmas Around The World Festival

The 20th Annual Christmas Around the World Festival is on Saturday, November 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation Hellenic Center, Alhambra Boulevard and F Street, Sacramento. Sample international delicacies, hot lunches, baked goods from various inter-faith churches, plus crafts, rummage, raffle, and more! Admission is free.

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!!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE TAIT FAMILY!!!**

Kindergartener Jack Tait became a big brother on Saturday, October 11, to
a baby brother, weighing in at 7 lbs. 5 oz.
The OLA community welcomes

RYAN SCOTT TAIT



LOST & FOUND

The First Aid Room is overflowing with lost & found items. If you are
missing clothes, lunch boxes, recorder, PLEASE come by and see if any-
thing belongs to you.

THANK YOU!!!