

# Our Lady of the Assumption School

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## *With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love*

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*"Jesus is reliving His passion in our poor people. The poor are really going through the passion of Christ. We should treat them with dignity....Give to Christ in His distressing disguise. It is Jesus in the poor that you feed, cloth, and take in. Do it all with great, undivided love."*

*--Mother Teresa*

Mother Teresa reminds us in her words to find God in all things, including the impoverished. As the principal of Our Lady of the Assumption School I am so proud of how our community consistently responds to the needs of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. The last part of the OLA Mission Statement says, "Our mission is to set patterns of thought and behavior that bring forth truly Christian responses to life situations and an awareness of his/her responsibility to God, to others, and to oneself." I see our students, families, faculty, and staff doing this in so many ways, especially in regards to works of charity. Two weeks ago our third, fourth, and fifth grade classes put on their own food drive for our St. Vincent de Paul food locker. They helped fill the empty shelves of the Food Locker at a critical time. Lately, the shelves in the food locker have been bare. These are tough times for many families, and the SVdP Food Locker is a resource more and more families are using. There is increasing want and need in our community. Because of this, OLA School will be doing more food drives this year. In addition to the usual Thanksgiving food drive, individual classes have decided to put on their own food collections three times a year. We will also add in a few special collections once in awhile. For example, last week we collected peanut butter and jelly on our Cougar Crew Day.

I thank our families for their generosity and caring. Our community witnesses the gospel message of Jesus through our hearts and in our actions.

God bless,

*Robert Love*

### **OLA COMES THROUGH ONCE AGAIN!**

Working on short notice, OLA help restock the Food Locker during the Fall Sports Pep Rally last Tuesday. Everyone had a great time at the rally and there is now an abundance of peanut butter and jelly to share with those in need.

**THANK YOU STUDENTS, PARENTS & STAFF**

## This Week at OLA

- 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.
- 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.
- Lunch Orders** November lunch orders are due by noon on Friday, October 31.
- Choir Liturgy & Rite of Enrollment** The Liturgy Choir will be at 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 1. This is also the Rite of Enrollment for our parish school and Religious Education students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates announce publicly their intent to commit themselves to the process of Confirmation preparation. Parents and Sponsors affirm their candidate's choice and show their support of this journey. Please remember the candidates in your prayers.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Fall Sports Banquet IS NOT this Thursday, October 30. It has been **rescheduled for Thursday, November 6.**

## Next Week at OLA

- School Liturgy** Grade 5 is preparing a 9:30 a.m. Liturgy, for Tuesday, November 4, in honor of St. Charles Borromeo. Family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Field Trips** Our third graders will be visiting the Indian Grinding Rock on Wednesday, November 5. The fourth grade class will visit the California Museum and Imax Theatre on Thursday, November 6.
- SCRIP Due** SCRIP orders due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, November 7.
- Minimum Day** Friday, November 7, is a minimum day due to a teacher inservice.
- Rite of Enrollment** The Rite of Enrollment for second graders making First Eucharist is at 5:30 p.m. Mass on November 8.
- Early Reminder** Tuesday, November 11, is Veteran's Day. Be sure to thank a vet for his or her service and enjoy the day off of school. (Yes, there is school on Monday!)

## Bits and Pieces

### **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](mailto: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!

### **Parking Lot Theft**

On Thursday, October 23, a car window was broken in the Walnut Avenue parking lot. and a purse was stolen out of the vehicle. There have been previous problems in both the Cottage Avenue and Walnut Avenue parking lots. Please be careful about leaving any personal or important items in your vehicle when parking at school.