

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

Focus on Athletics

Congratulations to all of our volleyball teams and our Flag Football team for a great fall sports season. As you have heard by now, our flag football team won the P.A.L. Championship last Sunday at Jesuit High School. Congratulations, boys! The flag football team was dominant all season, and the boys played with grace and class. Their coaches are very proud of how they played as a team. The same could be said about each of our volleyball teams. OLA appreciates the work of our volleyball and football head coaches who include Mike Ashen, Catherine Goings, Bob Mitsch, Deanne Nocetti, and Wendi Wegener. Of course, we are also grateful to their assistants. Thank you for providing a great athletic experience for our children this fall.

Now that fall sports are over, it's time to gear up for basketball. There will be a mandatory parent meeting on Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. for parents of students playing basketball on the JV and Varsity teams.

Halloween Appreciation

Halloween is always a lot of fun here at OLA. A lot of schools don't dress up, but I'm glad that OLA has made it a tradition. Our faculty, staff, and parents do a great job making Halloween a fun, yet productive school day. Kids work hard in the morning and play hard in the afternoon. It's great! Last Friday's parade was terrific, and the kids looked fabulous in costume.

I would like to thank Ruth and Mark Holewinski and Paul Sweeney for organizing a very successful Halloween Party/Trunk or Treat on October 25. The party was a *monstrous* success, and well attended by both school and parish families. The children enjoyed playing games and trick or treating safely in the back parking lot by the gym. Many of our families created fun and scary trunks for our children to visit. Thank you!

God bless,

Robert Love

FYI

Next week's Tuesday bulletin will be sent home on Wednesday, November 12, due to the Veteran's Day holiday on Tuesday. Please be sure to return bulletin envelopes on Thursday. Thank you!

This Week at OLA

- Field Trips** The third grade class will visit Indian Grinding Rock on Wednesday, November 5. The fourth grade class will visit the California Museum and Imax Theatre on Thursday, November 6.
- Mandatory Basketball Meeting** There is a **mandatory** parent meeting on Wednesday, November 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room for those parents who have a student playing JV and/or Varsity basketball (5th—8th graders).
- Fall Sports Banquet** All volleyball and football athletes, coaches, and parents are invited to the Fall Sports Banquet on Thursday, November 6, in OLA's gym, at 7:00 p.m. Cookies and drinks will be served.
- 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 faculty meeting.
- Rite of Enrollment** The Rite of Enrollment for second graders making First Eucharist is at 5:30 p.m. Mass on November 8.

Next Week at OLA

- Book Fair** OLA's Semi-Annual Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the library:
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| 11/10 | 12:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. |
| 11/12 | 7:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. |
| 11/13 | 7:30 a.m.—12:45 p.m. |
- Parents, if you are scheduled to work in the library during the week of the 10th, please contact Mr. Sunderman as the schedule will be different. If you are interested in helping out with the book fair, contact Mr. Sunderman (sunderman@olaparish.net). We especially need help with set-up (11/10 at 8:00 a.m.) and tear down (11/13 at 1:15 p.m.)
- Thanksgiving Food Drive** Monday, November 10, kicks off the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please be as generous as you can with your donations. Donations will be collected from each classroom.
- Veteran's Day** Enjoy your day off on Tuesday, November 11.
- Photo Op!** Thursday, November 13, is school photo makeup, retake and fall sports photos. If you need a retake, please bring the first set of photos with you on that day. If you were absent and have not had your picture taken, please pick up an order form in the school office **prior** to picture day. All sports team members should bring their uniforms to school to change into for pictures.
- PTG Meeting** There is a PTG meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 13, at 1:00 p.m. in the meeting room. All parents are welcome and encouraged to come.
- "Jersey Day"** Thursday, November 13, is "Jersey Day". With a food donation, students and faculty may wear ANY sport jersey—your choice! Jeans and other appropriate bottoms are OK.
- SCRIP Due** SCRIP orders due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, November 14
- Family Movie Night** Spend a fun-filled evening with family and friends at Family Movie Night, Saturday, November 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Check out the enclosed flier and please RSVP ASAP.
- "Seasons" Program** The first grade class will present "Seasons", on Friday, November 14, in the gym, at 1:30 p.m. All OLA students and parents are invited to attend.

Bits and Pieces

- Parents Growing In Faith** Topic: Thanksgiving Season. Monday at 8:00 a.m. in St. Paul's Room. Questions, please contact Jane at mommyricci@sbcglobal.net
- Service Hours** A new Service Hour Timesheet is enclosed.
- Teacher Request** Please help out Mrs. Gilmour and the 7th grade with a class project by sending in any small puzzle pieces you may have at your home that are no longer used. Thanks very much.
- "Heaven Bound Singers"** Thank you for your participation in Saturday's liturgy. Thanksgiving is 4 weeks away on Thursday, November 27, at 10:00 a.m.!! Parents, please have any choir excuses in to me by November 12. **Heads up to coming liturgy dates:**
Saturday, December 6, 5:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 3, 5:30 p.m. (this is during Christmas vacation)
If you know your schedule and will not be able to attend any of the above liturgies, please send excuses ASAP.
- Drug Education Night** OLA's 6th, 7th and 8th grade parents and their children are invited to attend a Drug Education Night held at St. Ignatius School on Wednesday, November 5, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Ignatius Parish Center. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information. The speaker, Dr. Victor DeNoble, is a great, thought-provoking speaker. Families are encouraged to attend his presentation.
- Missoula Children's Theatre** We are excited to announce that Missoula Children's Theatre will be here the week of March 2—7, 2009. This will be our 4th year hosting Missoula. The directors arrive Sunday night and bring sets, script, costumes and know-how to present a musical starring 50 to 60 of our children in one week's time!!! This is always a fun and enriching week for OLA. This year we will be presenting Pinocchio as a musical. Mark your calendars. There will be two shows only this year, both on Saturday, March 7.
- Hosts needed: We are looking for one or two families to host the Missoula directors in their homes for the residency week. Generally, one director resides in a home from Sunday night through the following Sunday morning. A separate guest room or guest cottage is required. Additional volunteers are needed for publicity signs, ticket sales, cast party and set strike. Please contact Linda Bloom at Lindawbloom@surewest.net to volunteer or ask questions.
- Spaghetti Feed** Presentation School is hosting a Spaghetti Feed, Saturday, November 8, at 6:30 p.m., to raise money for the 8th grade class to go to Washington D.C. Family pack of 4 tickets is \$20; adult ticket is \$8; senior ticket is \$6; children tickets (over 4 years old) are \$5 each. Tickets are slightly higher if bought at the door. There will be a 50/50 raffle and other raffle items.



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Enclosed is a form for parents to complete regarding scheduling parent/teacher conferences on November 24 and 25. Scheduling conferences is a time consuming task. It is imperative that you return your form stating your preference for day and time as soon as possible, **but no later than Monday, November 10**. Your scheduled conference times will go home in the Tuesday bulletin envelope on November 18. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The OLA Varsity Football Team defeated St. Ignatius 40-14 last Sunday at Jesuit High School, winning the PAL Championships. It was only the second PAL Football Championship in the history of the school. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported the boys this season. Well done guys!

Photo Directory

Lights, camera. . .The Photo Directory is wildly popular. We will have photographed over 1000 parishioners in just three weeks time! If you have not booked your photo yet, please go to the parish website (olaparish.net). LifeTouch has added two days during Thanksgiving week (Mon./Tues.). If you cannot find an appointment that works for your family, email cindykeene@yahoo.com or call Susanne Burns at 487-6365. Alternatively, you can submit your own picture on a CD for a \$10 fee.

Please note: You will not be included in the Directory unless you participate. How do you participate? There are three ways:

1. Either submit a photo to the rectory (include family member names, address, phone and \$10);
2. Or schedule a LifeTouch photo session appointment;
3. Or email cindykeene@yahoo.com to say you want your address/phone included but you will not be taking a picture.

Thank you to the many families who have already participated.

THANK YOU!

The OLA Candy Monster thanks everyone who generously brought candy and cookies to the office for him to share at the Halloween party. And what a party it was! Lots of candy and lots of fun! Party chairs, Mark and Ruth Holewinski, thank all their wonderful volunteers and all the creative families who made Trunk-or-Treat come alive. Our children had a great time, and we're looking forward to next year.

HELPING THE FOOD LOCKER

Thanks to a great idea by 3rd grade aide, Cathie Hagens, a rotation schedule has been devised for classes to donate food to the Food Locker on a continual basis. Please keep this schedule handy at your home for reference. Thank you once again to all OLA families who always give so generously to help those in need.

Grade 1 - October 23
January 8
April 2

Grade 2 - October 30
January 15
April 9

Grade 3 - November 6
January 22
April 23

Grade 4 - November 13
January 29
April 30

Grade 5 - November 20
February 5
May 7

Grade 6 - December 4
February 12
May 14

Grade 7 - December 11
February 19
May 21

Grade 8 - December 18
February 26
May 28