

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

The Parish Renewal Assembly

Two-and-a-half weeks ago our parish held a very successful Parish Renewal Assembly. Approximately 300 people attended. At this event, seven committees shared the work they have been doing to renew our parish. These committees included Outreach, Communications, Youth, Faith Formation, Social/Community Building, Liturgy, and Welcoming. The work has only begun for these committees. It is exciting to see so many parishioners getting involved and revitalizing our parish. If you were not able to attend the assembly but would like to become involved in the great work of the renewal process, please read the letter by Fr. Brendan enclosed in the bulletin. For more information, contact Kathleen Chambers at 487-7112. Congratulations to Fr. Brendan, Sister Pearl, Kathleen, and all the members of the Steering Committee for a wonderful Parish Assembly. Thank you for serving our parish!

Family Movie Night

Last Tuesday while Americans were voting in a new president, OLA School and Faith Formation students were voting for the movie that they will watch this Saturday night at OLA's first ever Family Movie Night. Well, the votes have been tallied and the winner is *Alvin and the Chipmunks!* We hope to see a lot of families here on Saturday night at this parish and school event. There will be food, drinks, movie trivia contests, and a door prize. If you plan on coming, please fill out the enclosed RSVP.

Auction News

Great news! The auction figures have been updated, and we raised approximately \$150,000. Considering our economy, that is outstanding. Our school is blessed to have an amazingly generous community.

Thanks to the generosity of OLA families and parishioners, we raised enough money at the auction to purchase two SMART Boards. We will explore grants to try and purchase at least one more SMART Board for the school. We plan to have three in classrooms before the school year is over. We fell short of our goal for the Teacher Wish List. If you would like to contribute, donation forms are still available in the front office. Thank you.

Uniform Clarification

As the weather turns cold, we have had a few uniform violations due to misunderstandings of our policy. To clarify, students can only wear OLA uniform sweatshirts. Students may not wear any other sweatshirt to school. Students may bring jackets and they may wear them over their uniform during lunch and recess. Cougar Crew sweatshirts and the OLA Basketball sweatshirts may not be worn unless it is a Cougar Crew day.

A few students have asked about Uggs. Uggs are not a part of the school uniform, but they may be worn on free dress or Cougar Crew days.

Live Strong bracelets—or any other kind of bracelet—are not allowed at school.

Socks have been a problem of late. Here is requirement: If the student is wearing low top shoes, socks should cover the top of the ball of the ankle. If the student is wearing high top shoes, the

socks should come up well above (at least three inches) the top of the shoe. I hope this removes any ambiguity regarding socks. Students have been made aware of this requirement. If they are in violation, parents will be asked to bring an appropriate pair of socks to school so that the student is in conformity with the uniform policy.

If your child is in need of another OLA sweatshirt or any other uniform item, gently used uniforms will be available for purchase in the office this Friday until next Friday morning.

God bless,

This Week at OLA

Book Fair

OLA's Semi-Annual Scholastic Book Fair is now in the library:

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 tear down (11/13 at 1:15 p.m.)

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The next two weeks is the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Please bring your food donations to your classrooms where they will be collected.

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 attend.

“Jersey Day”

Thursday, November 13, is “Jersey Day”. With a food donation of hot or cold cereal, 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

Votes are in! We'll be watching “ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS” on Family Movie Night, Saturday, November 15, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you have not sent your RSVP, please do so by Thursday morning.

“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.

Next Week at OLA

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Keep those food donations coming!!!

SCRIP Due

SCRIP orders are due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, November 21.

Shadow Day

The 8th grade girls will be attending Shadow Day at St. Francis High School on Friday, November 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Uniform Sales

Gently used sweatshirts and other uniform items will be available for purchase in the school office beginning this Friday, November 14 until Friday, November 21.

Lunch Orders

Keeping track of all those lunches is no easy task! PLEASE do your best to show Miss Linda we appreciate her hard work and dedication by turning in your lunch orders on time. **They are due by Friday, November 21.** If you are late, please call Linda to discuss your order. Thank you.

Bits and Pieces

Catholic High School Information Night *Information for Prospective Families*

Wednesday, November 12, 2008 @ Jesuit High School
Student Life Center off Fair Oaks Blvd. at Gordon Lane (Gym Entrance)

Wednesday, November 19, 2008 @ Christian Brothers High School
School Cafeteria with parking in the Gym Lot (Entrance to the south of the school)

Presentations starts at 7:00 p.m.

Parents Growing In Faith

Topic: "The Catholic Way", a book which is a "walk" through the Catechism. No preparation necessary. Mondays at 8:00 a.m. in St. Paul's Room. Questions, please contact Jane at mommyricci@sbcglobal.net

Teacher Request

Please send in those small puzzle pieces to the 7th grade class. They are needed for a very special project. Thank you.

"Heaven Bound Singers"

Thank you for your participation in Saturday's liturgy. The Thanksgiving liturgy is 4 weeks way on Thursday, November 27, at 10:00 a.m.! Parents, please have any choir excuses in to Mrs. Hollis 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.

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.

Secret Shop

As you clean out your closets, don't throw away your new or gently used treasures! Please send them to the school for the Secret Santa Shop. We need gifts for all members of the family. We are also welcoming donations of gift bags, tissue, small boxes and name tag stickers. We have Plenty of gift wrap from years past. Gift bags are especially appreciated as they will help to move that Secret Santa Shop line along. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Directory

Due to popular demand and a sell-out on current photo sessions, LifeTouch has opened up a few more days in the first week of December. Sessions are now available Thursday, December 4 through Saturday, December 6. Don't miss out. Schedule your appointment right away.

Auction Dinner with Father and the Bishop

We have an opening for one couple to have dinner at the Sutter Club with Father Brendan and the Bishop. The cost is \$250.00 per couple. Please call Debbie O'Gara immediately if you would like to join in this special evening. 359-8919.



HANDS TO SERVE ~ HEARTS TO LOVE

With serving hands and loving hearts, the following students gave of themselves to help out their fellow students and teachers. You're awesome!

- ★ **Colette Caspar** (Gr. 2) - For problem-solving by replenishing classroom items (kleenex) when needed. (Mrs. Harvey)
- ★ **Christopher Cimino** (Gr. K) - For helping another student clean up her spilt milk. (Ms. Lindsay)
- ★ **Paul Duncan** (Gr. 8) - Paul is moving to Oregon. We thank him for being a friend to everyone and for his talent of eating a muffin in one bite. (Mrs. Smith)
- ★ **Coleman Dupre** (Gr. K) - For helping a classmate clean up spilt milk without being asked. (Mrs. Sweeney)
- ★ **Bobby Fretz** (Gr. 7) - For having great sportsmanship. (Mrs. Nelson)
- ★ **Alexa Griggs** (Gr. 7) - Happily helped someone out of a jam. (Mrs. Gilmour)
- ★ **Julia Griggs** (Gr. 5) - For kindness and generosity towards classmates. (Ms. Cibotar)
- ★ **Ian Hause** (Gr. 8) - For being so conscientious about getting missing work for absent kids. (Mrs. Smith)
- ★ **Matthew Kaiser** (Gr. 2) - For making the right choice: playing in class or listening. (Mrs. Harvey)
- ★ **Kirk Langley** (Gr. 7) - For always volunteering to help. (Mrs. Gilmour)
- ★ **Trevor Macdonald** (Gr. 8) - For being one of the first to school and always helping Mrs. Smith and other students. (Mrs. Smith)
- ★ **Matthew McLaughlin** (Gr. 5) - For kindness and generosity towards classmates. (Ms. Cibotar)
- ★ **Lilly O'Gara** (Gr. K) - Lilly picked up scraps of paper and threw them out without being asked. (Mrs. Sweeney)
- ★ **Kelly Reilly** (Gr. 5) - For teaching math to a fellow classmate who had been absent. (Mrs. Nelson)
- ★ **Kelly Reilly** (Gr. 5) - For kindness and generosity towards classmates. (Ms. Cibotar)
- ★ **Kaylie Ruggles** (Gr. K) - For picking up all the books without being asked. (Mrs. Sweeney)
- ★ **Jack Schubert** (Gr. 2) - Appreciating literature by repairing a torn book. (Mrs. Harvey)
- ★ **Jack Schurbert** (Gr. W) - For offering to share pencil-top erasers with classmates in need. (Mrs. Harvey)



THANK YOU!

The *FIRST* LEGO League team members and their coaches want to thank OLA students, faculty & parents for their wonderful support through donations and for supporting the "candy corn guesses" raffle. Your generosity is very much appreciated.