

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

Family Movie Night

The first annual OLA Family Movie Night was a big hit for our children. It was wonderful to see so many of our students in pajamas and on sleeping bags eating popcorn and watching *Alvin and the Chipmunks*. The raffle prize drawing was also a very nice touch that added excitement for the kids. Special thanks to the following people for organizing this great event: Augusta and Kelly Brothers, Stu and Colleen Fretz, Mr. Sunderman, Mrs. Coffman, Ted Jones, and our seventh grade volunteers.

Discipline Policy Changes

Beginning December 1, OLA School will be instituting changes in its discipline policy. These changes are being made after reviewing feedback from faculty, parents, and students through surveys and meetings. Please read the revised discipline policy that is enclosed with this bulletin and sign and return the acknowledgement form to **each** of your child's or children's homeroom teachers by this Friday.

The changes in our policy are designed to better address and rectify the behaviors that lead to consequences. The revisions to the policy affect mostly grades four through eight.

Highlighted Changes:

- Starting December 1, there will be no more Breakfast Club. Instead, students will serve detention after school three days a week. This change was necessary to enable our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade teachers to work with their students who come in early for school. Mixing Breakfast Club students with students who are in class early to get a head start on the day did not work well.
- Students who receive detentions will be assigned tasks that require them to reflect on the behavior that led to the detention. Students will no longer sit at their desks doing nothing or copying out of the dictionary.
- The consequence for not completing homework or getting papers signed is now different from the consequence for improper behavior. Students who receive detentions for missing homework assignments or missing signatures will serve a half hour detention. Students who receive detention for an infraction of school or classroom rules will serve a forty-five minute detention.
- Four detentions over one trimester will result in a parent-student-teacher conference or phone call to resolve the issues that have led to the detentions. Seven detentions over one trimester will result in a meeting with the student, parent, and principal and possibly an in-school suspension at the principal's discretion. This was added to ensure the behavior leading to the detentions is addressed constructively by the student, teacher, parent, and principal. It is our hope that the conferences will provide a plan to prevent the child from accruing more detentions.
- A student missing detention or late for a detention will receive an additional detention. Sporting events and practices do not excuse a student from serving a detention.
- For consistency from grade to grade, each teacher will post the *Our Lady of the Assumption School Class Rules for Grades K through 8* in their classroom. These rules are included with your copy of the revised discipline policy.

Positive Reinforcement acknowledges our students who demonstrate good citizenship and behavior and provides an incentive for students to follow the rules and be responsible. We find with our Hands to Serve/Hearts to Love awards that rewarding positive behavior fosters a positive climate at school.

God bless,

Robert Love

This Week at OLA

- Thanksgiving Food Drive** Thank you for your donations to the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive . Please keep it up. Your generous donations are greatly appreciated.
- SCRIP Due** SCRIP orders due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, November 21.
- Uniform Sales** Gently used sweatshirts and other uniform items will be available for purchase in the school office through Friday, November 21.
- Lunch Orders** Lunch orders are due by Friday, November 21.

Next Week at OLA

- Conferences** Monday and Tuesday, November 24 and 25, are parent-teacher conferences. Please make every effort to be on time, and the teachers will do the same.
- Choir Liturgy** The Thanksgiving Liturgy, Thursday, November 27, is as follows:
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| Set up | - | 9:30 a.m. |
| Musicians & Choir | - | 9:40 a.m. |
| Prelude to Liturgy | - | 9:50 a.m. |
| Liturgy | - | 10:00 a.m. |
- Excuses from those unable to attend should already be turned in.
Dress code: Boys—shirt and tie, best pants, best shoes (dress shoes if you have them)
Girls—best dress, skirt outfit or pant outfit (no jeans), best shoes (no flip-flops or heels)
- Heads up to future liturgy dates for those who have not already responded:
December 6, 5:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, 4:00 p.m.
January 3, Saturday, 5:30 p.m. (this is during Christmas vacation)
- If you know your schedule, and will not be able to attend, excuses for the above dates are needed ASAP. Thank you.

Bits and Pieces

- Service Hours** If you have not already done so, please turn in your auction service hours to the office.
- Need Service Hours?** Breakfast with Santa is quickly approaching . If you would like to work on decorations or during the breakfast on December 14, please call Yvonne Titherington at 979-9434 to volunteer.
- Parents Growing In Faith** Topic: Preparation and Catholic Traditions for Advent & Christmas. Mondays at 8:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:45 p.m. in St. Paul's Room. Questions, please contact Jane at mommyricci@sbcglobal.net

