

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

Advent Prayer of Light

*God, You invite us to find room for You in our lives
and challenge us to watch for the coming of Your Light.*

*In a world made dark by violence, war, hunger, joblessness and homelessness,
You offer to us the possibility of another way—a world of love, peace, hope, nourishment, living wages and
safe homes.*

*We see ourselves and others in different lights.
In the light of failings or wrongdoing, we act in judgment.
In the light of compassion, we act to redeem.*

*O God, you call us, challenge us find a hospitality of the ear, eye, heart and word for those who come to us
in need.*

*Your Light sees us exactly as we are and loves us still.
Give us the vision to see others in Your Light.*

*You beckon us to wait and be still, to listen to the words you speak to us—smiles, laughter, stories shared,
encouragement, praise and challenge.*

Fill us with Your peace.

Come!

*In the beauty of the lights of the season shared with one another,
Help us to be Your Light of hope in our families, communities and our world,
By Your Light may the hungry be filled with good things. Amen.*

Advent is here. For the next three-and-a-half weeks, as we prepare for Christmas, let us not lose sight of the special moments that this season of light brings us. With the busyness of the Christmas season now upon us, it is easy to lose focus on the matter at hand: Advent. I encourage families to take the time to pray together and become immersed in Advent's many blessings. Here are some ideas:

- Get an Advent wreath and light it nightly before dinner.
- Include the children in nightly prayers around the Advent wreath.
- Start a Jesse Tree.
- Buy an Advent calendar.

The Internet has many sites that can get you started quickly with these activities. Taking the time to pray together during this hectic season will ground you and your family in your faith and help you to find greater peace and closeness to God. Advent traditions make the weeks leading up to Christmas all the more special and memorable.

SCRIP

With the Holidays here, please consider using SCRIP for your gift purchases. SCRIP is an important part of our school's efforts to raise funds, and it is our only major fundraiser that does not cost the donor money. It's a win-win. The PTG is currently running a promotion seeking 100% participation in each grade, and we hope every family will consider participating. If there is a time to purchase SCRIP, it's the Holidays!

A Family's Guide to Internet Protection

Thanks to the Dupre family, a great DVD entitled *Keeping Kids Cyber Safe: A Family's Guide to Internet Protection* is available free to every OLA family. This excellent DVD teaches parents about the dangers that the Internet poses to children and explains how online predators use it to contact youngsters. I would encourage every family to watch it and to read the guide that comes with it. Some of the content in the DVD is not suitable for small children; therefore, the DVD will not be put in the Tuesday Bulletin envelope. Please drop by the office and pick up your copy from Mrs. Albers. Thank you, Mr. Dupre, for making this great resource available to our families!

God bless,

Robert Love

DUE THIS WEEK

- ? SCRIP due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, December 5
- ? Service Hours Timesheet for auction hours due by Friday, December 5
- ? Items for Loaves and Fishes Christmas Stockings due by Friday, December 5
- ? Revised Disciplinary Guidelines Signature Sheet due by Friday, December 5

DUE NEXT WEEK

- ? SCRIP due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, November 12.

This Week at OLA

Shadow Day

Wednesday, **December 3**

Loretto High School—7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Jesuit High School—8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

All students need to be back to OLA by 1:30 p.m. for choir.

Minimum Day

Friday, **December 5**, is a minimum day due to a faculty meeting.

This Week at OLA (continued)

"Heaven Bound Singers"

Thank you to all choir members who took part in the Thanksgiving Liturgy. The next Liturgy is Saturday, **December 6**, at 5:30 p.m. Mass. Students are to be in church by 5:10 p.m. Mrs. Hollis should already have excuses for those who will not be attending. Dress Code: boys-shirt and tie, best pants, best shoes (dress shoes if you have them); girls-best dress, skirt outfit or pants outfit (no jeans), best shoes (no flip flops or heels).

Heads up to coming Liturgies:

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, excuses for these dates would be appreciated ASAP.

Lego League Competition —OLA Brobots

Saturday, **December 6**, at Sam Brannan Middle School, 5301 Elmer Way, Sacramento (Pocket area). Competition begins at 12:00 p.m.

Next Week at OLA

School Liturgy

Grade 2—Monday, **December 8**, at 10:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception.

Field Trips

Grade 5—Tuesday, **December 9**, Advent Retreat, Loomis.

Grades 4 & 5—Friday, **December 12**, Galena Street, "Holiday Tapestry".

PTG Meeting

Thursday, **December 11**, at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

Bits & Pieces

Service Hours

A new Service Hours Timesheet is enclosed for your use.

Update OLA Roster

Please make a note that the Rubier family (Tommy-Gr. 6) has a new address: 3556 El Ricon Way, Sacramento, CA 95864. Telephone numbers remain the same.

New Discipline Policy

Our new discipline policy goes into effect this week. Students in grades 4 through 8 who are assigned after-school detention must serve on the date specified on the detention form. A missed detention will result in an additional detention. If detention cannot be served the day after it was assigned due to a doctor's appointment, your child will be required to present a note from the doctor verifying the appointment to his or her homeroom teacher.

Bits & Pieces (Continued)

Volunteers Needed

The OLA parish office is asking for 5 to 10 volunteers to help stuff envelopes on Friday morning, December 5. We will be working in St. Paul's Room beginning at 8:00 a.m. The more volunteers, the quicker the job. Please help if you can.

Santa Breakfast

Coming up on December 14. See enclosed flier for important details. If you would like to earn service hours by helping at the breakfast or at the Secret Shoppe, please contact Yvonne & Herb at 979-9434 or Monica & Rob at 484-0550.

Parents Growing in Faith

Discussion group on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:45 p.m. in St. Paul's Room. You are welcome to attend either day. Questions, please contact Jane at mommyricci@sbcglobal.net.

HANDS TO SERVE ~ HEARTS TO LOVE

The following students deservedly received the Hands to Serve-Hearts to Love award for graciously helping fellow students and teachers. You are a blessing!

7th Grade Class - For respectful behavior at the lunch tables. (Mrs. Nelson)

Jared Agos (Gr. K) - For cleaning up books without being asked. (Mrs. Sweeney)

Ronan Brothers (Gr. K) - For cleaning up the rug without being asked. (Mrs. Sweeney)

Erin Cairns (Gr. 7) - Who was such a big help to Anna while she was in her wheelchair and on crutches. (Mrs. Smith)

Elise DeCristoforo (Gr. 7) - For gladly helping another student. (Mrs. Gilmour)

Amelia Easterbrook (Gr. 7) - She happily volunteered to do an extra job to help someone out. (Mrs. Gilmour)

Bobby Fretz (Gr. 7) - Who greets Mrs. Smith and others with a smile and a "good morning" every day. (Mrs. Smith)

Jack Henry Goings (Gr. 2) - Thank you for recycling the Kleenex box and keeping the "Box Tops" coupon. (Mrs. Nichols)

Jacob Hall (Gr. K) - For solving problems by getting a crayon for a classmate from the crayon basket. (Ms. Lindsay)

Alex Heaphy (Gr. 7) - For being kind to all. (Mrs. Gilmour)

Alex Holbus (Gr. 5) - For kindness and generosity towards classmates. (Ms. Cibotar)

Anthony Isola (Gr. 6) - For kindness and generosity towards classmates. (Ms. Cibotar)

Jessica Leatherby (Gr. 5) - For kindness and generosity towards classmates. (Ms. Cibotar)

Cassidy Lourim (Gr. 2) - Thank you for picking up balls at the end of recess. (Mrs. Nichols)

Abby Munn (Gr. 2) - Thank you for helping Tommy with a spill. (Mrs. Nichols)

Amelia Seaman (Gr. 4) - Helping without being asked. (Mrs. Tateishi)

Joe Schutz (Gr. 7) - For collecting and organizing the classroom papers faithfully and with a smile. (Mrs. Smith)

Tyler Watermolen (Gr. 4) - For helping another student without being asked. (Mrs. Tateishi)

OLA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thursday, December 18, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 19, 10:30 a.m.

Students will report to their classrooms by 6:30 p.m., Thursday, December 18, and will be dismissed from their classrooms after the performance. All students will attend 8:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, December 19.



What to wear!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Williams will send a note home with your child with the details.

Grade 1

Shirts will be provided. Black pants with black socks.

Grade 2

Christmas colors—dress-up clothes of red, green, and white.

Grade 3

“Shepherds” - Pastel turtlenecks, pants (no jeans) with dark socks.

Grade 4

“Carolers” - Sweatshirts, sweaters, ski vests, beanies, scarves and mittens.

Grade 5

“Bugs” - Striped tops, dark pants, black socks (headpieces will be provided).

Grade 6

“70’s” - Use your imaginations!!!

Grade 7

White turtlenecks with light colored pants and light colored socks (choir robes to be provided).

Grade 8

8th graders play many roles. Please talk with your child to see if there is anything he or she might need.