

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

December is a hectic month for everyone, and families here at OLA are as busy as ever. There is so much going on: Christmas parties, gift buying, card writing, basketball, and plays. Sometimes I think that it is a wonder we make it through the holidays in one piece! I hope that in spite of the stressful pace, the holiday season is a joy and a blessing for all of our families.

Lego League Robotics Team

This Saturday I spent the day with our Lego League Robotics team, the OLA Brobots. The team is made of students from our 5th and 6th grade classes. They spent the day in their first tournament. The team worked hard to design and program their robot, which successfully performed a variety of complex tasks. The boys also gave oral reports to three different panels of judges on climate and water resource management, the design of their robot, and the strategies their team employed in preparing for the tournament. This was the boy's first tournament, and they worked very well as a team. It was a learning process and they did very well. The Brobots coaches, Sharon Kropf and Herb Titherington, deserve a lot of credit and recognition for working with the boys and launching their first season. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed

During the cold months of December, January, and February, we will have our students eat their lunch in classrooms unless the weather is unseasonably warm. They will still play outside for the recess portion of lunch, so it is important that children come dressed warmly.

We are looking for parent volunteers to watch the students who are eating lunch in two of the classrooms. We will need two volunteers a day. If you are interested in doing this please contact Mr. Love. Volunteers will earn service hours. Thank you for considering. This new arrangement will keep our children warmer and more comfortable at lunch.

God bless,

Robert Love

THANK YOU!!!

Faculty and staff thank the 5th grade parents for providing a scrumptious lunch on Friday, December 5. Thank you for your time and effort. The lunch was enjoyed by all and very much appreciated.

Don't forget to pick up your supplies in the office!

DUE THIS WEEK:

- SCRIP due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, December 12.
- Lunch orders due by Friday, December 12.

DUE NEXT WEEK:

- Christmas DVD orders due by Wednesday, December 17.

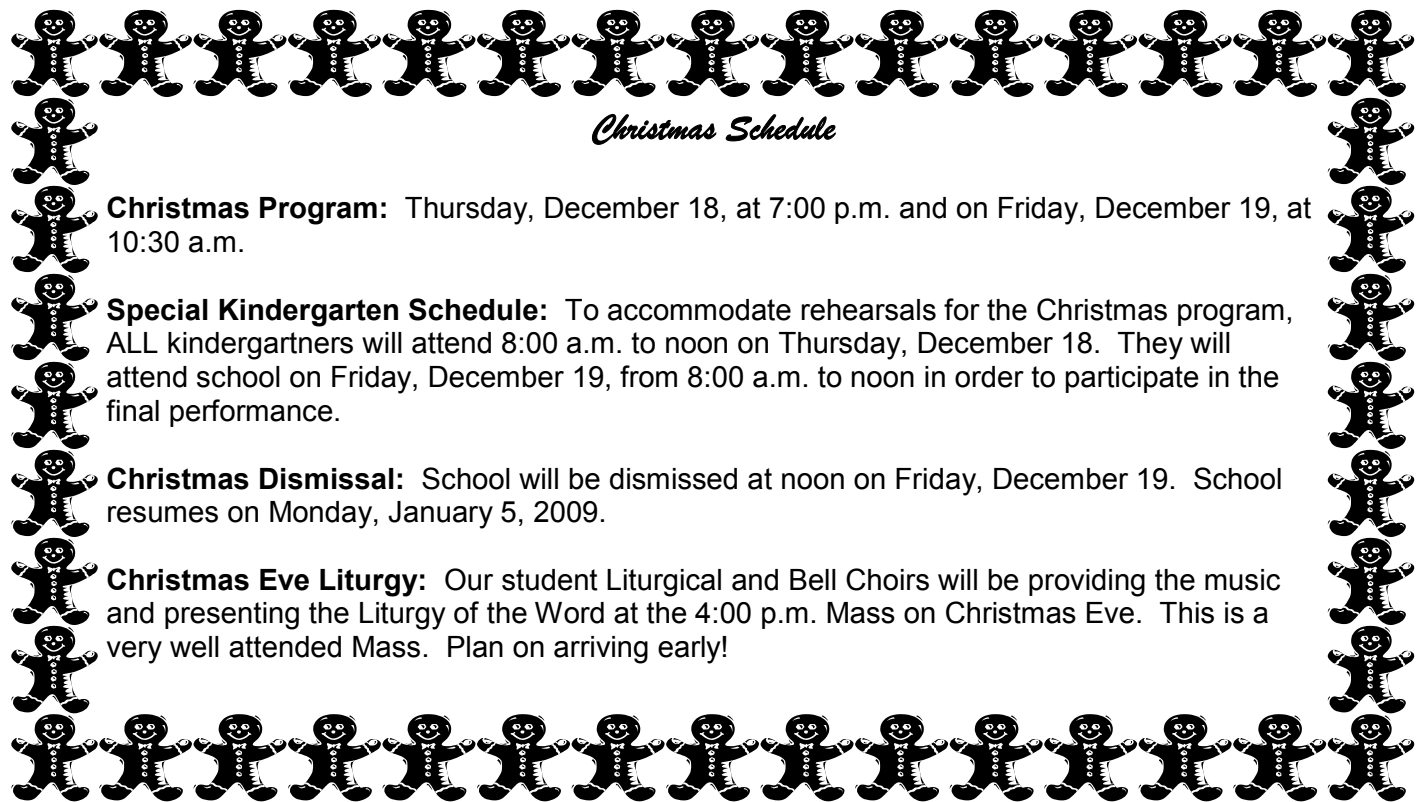
This Week at OLA

<p><u>Field Trips</u> Grades 4 & 5—Friday, December 12, Galena Street, "Holiday Tapestry".</p> <p><u>Breakfast With Santa</u> Sunday, December 14, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</p>
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Next Week at OLA

Christmas Spirit Day

Wednesday, **December 17**. Wear Christmas colors. Jeans are OK.



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Program: Thursday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. and on Friday, December 19, at 10:30 a.m.

Special Kindergarten Schedule: To accommodate rehearsals for the Christmas program, ALL kindergartners will attend 8:00 a.m. to noon on Thursday, December 18. They will attend school on Friday, December 19, from 8:00 a.m. to noon in order to participate in the final performance.

Christmas Dismissal: School will be dismissed at noon on Friday, December 19. School resumes on Monday, January 5, 2009.

Christmas Eve Liturgy: Our student Liturgical and Bell Choirs will be providing the music and presenting the Liturgy of the Word at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. This is a very well attended Mass. Plan on arriving early!

Bits & Pieces

Update Regarding Tuesday Bulletins

In the spirit of saving paper and resources, PLEASE only submit fliers when absolutely necessary (i.e., if an RSVP is required, order forms, etc.). Any bulletin information you want included **must** be submitted to the school office no later than Friday by noon. You may e-mail your blurbs to school at albers@olaparish.net. The bulletins will now be stuffed in the envelopes during the day on Mondays. Anyone who wishes to earn service hours by stuffing the Tuesday envelopes, please let Mrs. Albers know.

National Geography Bee

Congratulations to the following class winners of the National Geography Bee:

Gr. 8—Patrick Risley
Grant Bollinger
Dominic Ricci

Gr. 7—Michael Broghammer
Elise DeCristoforo
Bobby Fretz

Gr. 6—Will Peterson
Greg Moore
Claire Seaman

Gr. 5—Michael MacKay
Terry Johnson
Molly Milligan

Mrs. Claus' Kitchen

Calling all bakers! The bake sale at the Breakfast with Santa needs lots of wonderful baked goodies to sell to parishioners. Cookies and brownies are huge favorites every year. Bring your items in gallon baggies or on disposable plates to the gym around noon on Saturday, December 13. We'll package them for you. Proceeds go toward the charitable works of the OLA Ladies Council. Questions? Call co-chairs Ruth Holewinski or Lynne Hurley, school parents and Council members.

OLA Choir "Heaven Bound Singers"

Thank you to all who took part in Saturday's Liturgy.

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, 4:00 p.m. Mass. Students are to be in church by 3:40 p.m.

Dress: boys—shirt and tie, if possible, 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)

Saturday, January 3, 5:30 p.m. Mass

This is during Christmas vacation. Students are to be in church by 5:10 p.m.

Excuses should already be in regarding these liturgies.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Secret Santa Shop

Do you have any gently used Christmas gift bags? The Santa Shop needs donations of gift bags, boxes, ribbons, name tags and tissue paper. Items can be dropped off at the school office all week. We also need additional volunteers to work in the shop from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and to help with clean up from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Clean up volunteers receive double service hours. Contact Nancy King Agos if you would like to volunteer at Nancyking7@att.net or 505-7787.

Kudos to ERIC HARRELSON

Congratulations to Eric (Grade 5) for winning First Place in his region (including seven counties) with his story *Oliver's Family Tree*. The competition was to produce a creative story inspired by agriculture through California Foundation for Agriculture in the annual *Imagine this* . . . writing contest. Eric's story will proceed to the state level. Good luck, Eric!

Bits & Pieces (continued)

A Family's Guide to Internet Protection

A great DVD entitled *Keeping Kids Cyber Safe: A Family's Guide to Internet Protection* is waiting for you in the school office. Thanks to the Dupre family, a copy is available to each family for you to keep. Please take advantage of this opportunity and pick up a copy in the school office. Some of the DVD is not be suitable for small children.

Book Swap

The seventh grade "God Squad" will be hosting the annual OLA book swap again this year in January. Start setting aside books your children have previously enjoyed and are ready to pass along. For each book brought in the student may choose another book from the assortment available. Please DO NOT send books in yet. We'll let you know when it's time.

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. If you have any questions, please contact Jane at mommyricci@sbcglobal.net.

HANDS TO SERVE ~ HEARTS TO LOVE

We recognize the following students who received the Hands to Serve-Hearts to Love award for helping fellow students and teachers. Way to go!

1st & 5th Grades—For extra-spirited prayer and worship during 8:00 a.m. Mass. (Ms. Yarbrough)

Ronan Brothers (Gr. 2) - Pushed in the chairs so the children would be safe. (Mrs. Williams)

Molly Chambers (Gr. K) - Pushing in all of the chairs in the classroom. (Mrs. Williams)

Sophie DeBenedetti (Gr. 2) - Thank you for helping Tommy get his things from his desk all the time.
(Mrs. Nichols)

Madeline Fahey (Gr. K) - She helped a classmate clean up spilled milk from the floor. (Mrs. Sweeney)

Brendan Ferry (Gr. 7) - Volunteered for a job on a Friday after school. (Mrs. Gilmour)

Ian Hause (Gr. 8) - For turning in money he found on the ground. (Mrs. Albers)

Matthew Kaiser (Gr. 2) - Sharing school materials with classmate and being kind to others. (Mrs. Harvey)

Maggie Kauderer (Gr. 2) - Offering of \$1.00 to a classmate for lost snack money. (Mrs. Harvey)

Allison Lourim (Gr. 4) - Passing out lunch pails without being asked. (Mrs. Tateishi)

Elle Minor (Gr. 5) - For kindness and generosity towards classmates. (Ms. Cibotar)

Elle Minor (Gr. 5) - For her honesty. (Mrs. Jones)

Jack Minor (Gr. 1) - Thank you for being an extra kind friend to others. (Ms. Yarbrough)

Tyler Paine (Gr. 7) - Tyler was caught organizing boxes of oil pastels without being asked. (Mrs. Jacobs)

Jack Tait (Gr. K) - Writing a note of apology to a friend. (Mrs. Williams)