

# Our Lady of the Assumption School

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*With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love*

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## *New Year Prayer*

*Holy Father,*

*God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.*

*Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.*

*Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.*

*To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.*

*To teach others to love by loving them.*

*Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.*

*So that Love could be with us, and we could know You.*

*That we could share Love with others.*

*Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.*

*We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.*

*We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead,*

*depending on You to help us do exactly what You want.*

*In Jesus name,*

*Amen*

## **Welcome Back and Happy New Year!**

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas vacation. Happy New Year to all! May your 2009 be prosperous and peace filled.

January is a busy month at OLA. Our second graders will be receiving their first reconciliation on January 15 (last names beginning with the letters A-L) and January 22 (last names beginning with the letters M-Z). Also, the entire school will be preparing for Catholic School's Week, which kicks off on Sunday, January 25, at the 9:30 Mass followed by our Open House. This year's theme for Catholic School's Week is *Celebrate Service*.

The application process for the school also starts this month with applications for the 2009-10 available for pick-up in the office. If you know of any families interested in attending school at OLA, please have them pick up their applications from our office or download one from our school Web site, [olaparish.net](http://olaparish.net). Here are some important dates with respect to the application process:

January 5: Applications available online and at the school office

January 25: Catholic School's Week Mass and OLA School Open House beginning at 9:30 a.m.

February 10: OLA Information Night @ 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Hall

February 26: OLA Kindergarten Visitation from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

March 6: Application Deadline

### ***Partners in Faith***

Enclosed with this bulletin is a copy of *Partners in Faith*. This is a reminder to take a few moments to read this month's issue. As the primary educators of your children, this resource is a simple, easy, and effective tool that you can use to pass the faith on to your children.

God bless,  
*Robert Love*

### **DUE THIS WEEK:**

? SCRIP orders due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 9.

## This Week at OLA

### **CSAC Meeting**

Thursday, **January 8**, at 6:30 p.m.

### **Minimum Day**

Friday, **January 9**, is a minimum day due to a faculty meeting. All kindergarteners will attend school from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

## Next Week at OLA

### **Field Trip**

Grade 8—Thursday, **January 15**, Discovery Science & Space Center.

## Bits & Pieces

### **Progress Reports**

Progress reports will be sent home on Friday, **January 9**.

### **Catholic High School Placement Test for Admission**

The placement test for **all five** Catholic high schools in Sacramento will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2009. Registration for the test should be done at the school you would like to attend in the fall. For more information, contact the Admission Office at the school of your choice:

Christian Brothers High School: 733-3690 or [www.cbhs-sacramento.org](http://www.cbhs-sacramento.org)

Cristo Rey High School: 733-2660 or [www.cristoreysacramento.org](http://www.cristoreysacramento.org)

Jesuit High School: 482-6060 x 227 or register on line @ [www.jhssac.org](http://www.jhssac.org)

Loretto High School: 482-7793 x 103 or [www.loretto.net](http://www.loretto.net)

St. Francis High School: 452-3461 x 195 or [www.stfrancishs.org](http://www.stfrancishs.org)

### **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](mailto:mommyricci@sbcglobal.net).

### **SCRIP News!**

Congratulations 5th grade for winning the SCRIP pizza party. They earned both highest sales and highest participation. Unfortunately, no class achieved the 100% participation goal. However, we understand the holiday can be busy and stressful so we will offer a last chance opportunity to each class to earn free dress. If you have not purchased \$20 (per child) worth of SCRIP yet, please do so by Friday, January 23. Many classes are very

close to achieving 100% participation. Questions? Call Donna Washburn at 397-3605 or Kelly Pantis at 616-7471.

### **The Gospel According to John**

“In the beginning was the Word; and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

With these words, actor Leonardo Defilippis begins his compelling one-man dramatization of THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN. This inspiring live professional program will be presented at OLA Gym on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Leonard Defilippis is well-known as the director and star of the feature film “THERESE. His live performance of THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN covers the entire gospel, with a spectacular set, numerous costumes and a moving musical score. This program is suitable for ages 7 and up. Admission is a free will offering. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 481-5115.

### **Re-Membering for Returning Catholics**

This welcoming process will begin on Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Paul’s room. This is an eight-week program that will meet every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. We will facilitate a comfortable return to the church community with discussion and information sharing geared to help you gain a confident understanding and participation in your faith. Please contact Father Renier or Jane Ricci at 481-5115 if you have any questions.

### **OLA Choir “Heaven Bound Singers”**

THANK YOU to all choir members who took part in the Christmas Eve and January 3rd Liturgies. The next liturgies are: Sunday, January 25 at 9:30 a.m. Mass

This is prior to OLA Open House and the kick off for Catholic Schools Week.

Saturday, February 7 at 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Dress: Sunday—full school uniform. Navy shirts.

Saturday—Boys: shirt and tie, if possible. Best pants and shoes (dress shoes if you have them).

Girls: best dress, skirt outfit or pants outfit (no jeans). Best shoes (no flip flops or heels).

### **2009/2010 New OLA Family Applications**

Applications are now available in the school office for new families interested in joining our OLA community. Please let interested families know that applications will be accepted through March 6. New families may be interested in attending our Open House on Sunday, January 25 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and encourage interested families to attend our OLA Information Night on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. in St. John’s Hall.

### **Reconciliation for Second Grade**

Our second grade class will receive their first reconciliation on January 15 (last names beginning with the letters A-L), and January 22 (last names beginning with the letters M-Z) at 7:00 p.m.

### **Thank You!!!**

Ms. Cibotar would like to thank all parents who were involved in helping make the Christmas program a huge success. Your generosity of your time and talents during a very busy holiday season is very much appreciated.

### **State Competition Winner: ERIC HARRELSON**

Congratulations to Eric Harrelson who won the state competition for his grade level in the *Imagine this*. . . writing contest. This is a yearly contest sponsored by the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. Read Eric’s winning story on line at [www.cfaic.org](http://www.cfaic.org). (go to the *Imagine this*. . . Link). A copy of Eric’s story is also displayed in the school office. Eric is now a published author and his story will be illustrated by high school students and published in a book that will be released in March at the awards ceremony in Sacramento.