

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our second graders who celebrated the sacrament of First Reconciliation last Thursday. Half of the School and Faith Formation second grade students participated in the service together. Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Sax, Mrs. Schmitgal, Mr. Albiani, and Mrs. Hansen planned a beautiful service, and Fr. Brendan did a wonderful job of gently preparing the children for their confession. The second half of both groups will celebrate their First Reconciliation next Thursday night at 7:00.

Congratulations also to second grader Jake Ramey who was baptized last Tuesday morning. Along with Jake's family and sponsors, the entire second grade class was there to witness the wonder and awe of Jake's Baptism.

Loretto Math Competition

Nine of our fifth, sixth, and seventh grade students participated in the Loretto Math Contest last Wednesday, and they performed very well. Team members included Julia Agos, Emily Bloom, Kate Bollinger, Hope Asmuth, Miranda Reyes, Claire Seaman, Alexa Griggs, Ashley Kyalwazi, and Melisa Linenberger. Seven of our girls earned marks of distinction, and one, Emily Bloom, won first place in the individual competition. Congratulations girls. We are proud of you!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This week our Church observes a week of prayer for Christian unity. We live in a culture that so often rejects the Gospel message of Jesus, and it is so important in these times that Christian churches of all denominations unite in prayer so that we might all be strong witnesses of the good news of Jesus Christ. Please pray this week for Christian unity in our community and in communities around the world.

God bless,
Robert Love

DUE THIS WEEK:

- ? Lunch orders due by Friday, **January 23.**
- ? SCRIP orders due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, **January 23**

This Week at OLA

PTG Full Board Meeting

The PTG will hold a full board meeting on Thursday, **January 22**, at 7:00 p.m. All board members and room representatives are requested to attend. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

Reconciliation for Second Grade

Our second grade class will receive their First Reconciliation on **January 22** (last names beginning with the letters M-Z) at 7:00 p.m. Please keep them in your prayers.

Field Trip

Grade 8— Thursday, **January 22**, Pro-Life Mass, 10:30 a.m., at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacramento (leaving OLA @ 9:15 a.m.)

Minimum Day

Friday, **January 23**, is a minimum day due to teacher inservice.

Open House

Sunday, **January 25**, is OLA Open House beginning with 9:30 a.m. Mass. Classrooms are open from 10:30 a.m. to noon. **PLEASE** park in the back of the school behind the gates by the Extension building. This will ensure parking for people attending 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Next Week at OLA

Catholic Schools Week—Celebrate Service

Sunday	9:30 a.m. Liturgy followed by Open House
Monday	Celebrate Community
Tuesday	Celebrate Family
Wednesday	Celebrate Students / Pajama Day
Thursday	Celebrate Teachers
Friday	Cougar Crew Day / Rally at 2:05 p.m.

Pajama Day

Wednesday, **January 28**. Wear appropriate pajamas. Bring P.E. shoes if you wear slippers. Students who do not want to wear pajamas should wear their uniform.

Field Trip

Grade 3—Thursday, **January 29**, Division of Measurement Standards.

Cougar Crew Rally

Friday, **January 30**. A rally will be held at 2:05 p.m. Wear your Cougar Crew Wear with appropriate bottoms. Jeans are OK.

Bits & Pieces

Christmas DVD

If you ordered a DVD of this year's Christmas program, look for it in your bulletin envelope. There are just a few extras in the school office if you decide you would like to buy one. They are \$10 each.

Bits & Pieces (continued)

Coming up—Free Dress!

Pay just \$1 to your teacher on Friday, February 6, and wear free dress. Proceeds will benefit Palestinian Catholic school children.

Registration for Next Year

Registration packets for the 2009/2010 school year will be sent home on Tuesday, January 27. The packet and the \$260 (per child) registration fee will be due on Friday, February 6. If you have an incoming kindergartener, please let Mrs. Albers know so she can include the kindergarten registration materials in your packet.

Loretto Math Contest

The math contest was a wonderful experience for nine of our students. Seven students earned certificates for exemplary performance on the test. Emily Bloom won 1st place in the 5th grade individual competition. Congratulations to our team members:

5th grade—Julia Agos, Emily Bloom, Kate Bollinger

6th grade—Hope Asmuth, Miranda Reyes, Claire Seaman

7th grade—Alexa Griggs, Ashley Kyalwazi, Melisa Linenberger

Book Swap

The God Squad's annual book swap will be held on Wednesday, February 4. You may bring in your gently used books to the seventh grade classroom before school between January 12 to 30. For each book your child donates, he/she will get to select a different book. Leftover books will be sold for 25¢ each on Thursday, February 5.

Re-Membering for Returning Catholics (*please note the change in the start date*)

This welcoming process will begin on Tuesday, February 3 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 Jane Ricci at 481-5115 if you have any questions.

OLA Choir "Heaven Bound Singers"

Our next two liturgies are:

Sunday, January 25 at 9:30 a.m. Mass. This is part of Open House and 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. Please encourage interested families to attend our OLA Information Night on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Hall.

Cold Day Lunch Volunteers Needed

Currently four parent volunteers monitor the classrooms while students eat lunch inside on extremely cold days. To help lighten the load, and if you are looking for service hours, please call the school office to be placed on a rotating schedule. The lunch hour is from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. When the temperature is under 55 degrees it is considered a cold lunch day.

Bits & Pieces (continued)

Crab Feed

St. John the Evangelist School is hosting the 26th Annual Crab Feed Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 7, from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. St. John's is located at 5701 Locust Avenue, Carmichael. 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. is no-host bar, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. is dinner, raffle and wine auction, and 9:00 p.m. to midnight is dancing. The cost is \$39 per person. For more information please call the school office at 481-8845. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Missoula Children's Theatre

Get Ready for theatre week March 2 - 7 this spring. We will be presenting Pinocchio. The Ellison and the Pantis families have graciously offered to host our directors. Audition packages will go home with each child grades 1 - 8 on February 2nd. IMPORTANT CHANGE THIS YEAR: AUDITION OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FIRST STUDENTS TO SIGN UP. We will be accepting only 60 students, divided into three limited age groupings. Please get your permission slips in early to the office. More information will follow. Both performances are on March 7th at 3:00 and 5:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars!