

Our Lady of the Assumption School

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With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

Thanks to the dedication and graciousness of our faculty, staff, students, and parents, Catholic Schools Week was wonderful. So many people did so many special things to confirm in our hearts what a special place OLA is and what a caring, loving community we have. Of course, the announced closing of Loretto High School amidst Catholic Schools Week shocked us all and reverberated through the entire Catholic community in the Sacramento region. In a week where we celebrate the gifts of Catholic Education, the announcement that Loretto will be closing down its doors in June was heart rending, and it made us value Catholic education even more. The students, faculty, staff, and families of Loretto High School are in our most earnest prayers, and so are the efforts to save Loretto. This directly affects some families and a faculty member at OLA, and they especially are in our prayers.

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, thank you parents and students for spoiling us last week. Our faculty and staff felt appreciated and pampered. We were warmed by the enthusiastic student picketing on Monday, delighted by the morning cup of Starbucks on Tuesday, indebted for the free car wash on Wednesday (Our cars look great!), touched by the flowers and notes on Thursday, and comforted by the delicious lunch on Friday. Each faculty and staff member has included in this bulletin their own note of gratitude. Thank you PTG. You're the best school parent group in America!

Finally, I want to point out an error that appeared in last Sunday's Sacramento Bee in a feature story on A1 entitled "Catholic Schools in Sacramento Diocese Struggle with Declining Enrollment." The article included a table on the back page that listed schools whose enrollment numbers are down. OLA was listed at 264 and indicated a drop of enrollment of 13% over five years and 15% over ten years. That was incorrect data. We are currently at 297, and that is an increase in enrollment over last year at this time. The error has been pointed out to the Sacramento Bee and to the Catholic School Department. As we head into the 2009-2010 school year, we are looking to maintain an enrollment of 300 plus students.

God bless,
Robert Love

Due This Week:

? SCRIP due by 8:00 a.m. Friday, **February 6.**

This Week at OLA

1st Eucharist Parents Meeting

Tuesday, **February 3**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

God Squad Book Swap & Sale

The God Squad's annual book swap is on Wednesday, **February 4**. For each book a student donates, he/she will get to select a different book. Leftover books will be sold for 25¢ each on Thursday, **February 5**.

CSAC Meeting

Thursday, **February 5**, at 6:30 p.m.

Minimum Day

Friday, **February 6**, is a minimum day due to a faculty meeting.

Free Dress!

Friday, **February 6**, is a free dress day IF you donate \$1 to benefit Palestinian Catholic school children.

8th Grade Confirmation

Night of Reflection Retreat, Friday, **February 6**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

OLA Choir "Heaven Bound Singers"

Our next liturgy is:

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

Dress: 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).

Mark These Dates

Saturday, March 7, 5:30 p.m. Liturgy

Saturday, March 21, 10:00 a.m. Confirmation Liturgy, OLA

Friday, March 27, 9:00 a.m. Choral Festival, Christian Brothers

Pencil Sale

The first graders will continue to sell pencils **all this week** outside of Room 1 to raise money for our local sister school. Check it out before school, during lunch recess, and after school. Each pencil is \$1.

Next Week at OLA

New Family Information Night

Tuesday, **February 10**, at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Hall.

Field Trip

Grade 4—Tuesday, **February 10**, Governor's Mansion.

Liturgy

Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, **February 11**, celebrating Our Lady of Lourdes, prepared by Grade 6.

PTG Meeting

Thursday, **February 12**, at 1:00 p.m.

Art Classes

After school art classes are being offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays through Sacramento Fine Arts Center on Gibbons Drive. For more details, pick up a flyer in the school office or to register call 481-6282.

Auction Thank You Letters

There are still letters we are unable to find addresses for. Please review the list of names below. If you know the person listed and are able to deliver their letters, please pick up their letters in the school office. If you can provide an address, the thank you will be mailed. Thanks for all your help.

Mr. John Allen
Mr. & Mrs. Billy & Annie Bunfield
Mr. Sam Chacoor
Ms. Lisa Coleman
Mr. Lester Collins
Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Laura Cravenho
Ms. Mary Degraf
Mr. & Mrs. Rich & Shannon Gray
Mr. & Mrs. John & Sandy Healy
Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Holly Hemond
Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Jane Ison
Ms. Jane Desmond Ison
Mr. & Mrs. Roy & Helen Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Nick & Julie Johnson
Mr. & Mrs. Cullis & Mary Jones

Ms. Judy Kawa
Ms. Jennifer Langley
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Pat Lawman
Mr. & Mrs. Todd & Laura Lewis
Mr. & Mrs. Mastagni
Ms. Terri McGuffey
Mr. Christopher McSwain
Mr. & Mrs. Dave & Sonja Merold
Ms. Shelley Orlando-Epstein
Mr. & Mrs. Ramatici
The Rogers Family
Mr. & Mrs. Bryan & Selena Srabian
Valley Lighting Company
Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Kellie Valdez
Mr. & Mrs. Jason & Lorie Powers

HANDS TO SERVE ~ HEARTS TO LOVE

The following students received the Hands to Serve-Hearts to Love award for their generosity and kindness towards others. Way to go!

Michael Chambers (Gr. K) - For picking up and putting away a pile of books without being asked.
(Mrs. Sweeney)

Molly Chambers (Gr. K) - For working quietly on a day we are all together. (Ms. Lindsay)

Haley Egger (Gr. 2) - For being a peacemaker. (Mrs. Harvey)

Brien Griffin (Gr. 7) - Volunteered his time. (Mrs. Gilmour)

Alexa Griggs (Gr. 7) - Always ready & willing to help. (Mrs. Gilmour)

Emma Harrelson (Gr. 8) - Whenever asked to help in the classroom, she does it with eagerness and professionalism. (Mrs. Smith)

Alex Heaphy (Gr. 7) - Always polite and kind. (Mrs. Gilmour)

Peter Heintz (Gr. K) - For reading quietly after library. (Ms. Lindsay)

Casey Honaker (Gr. 3) - For being a conscientious helper. (Mrs. Jacobs)

Jackie Koerwitz (Gr. 2) - For being a good sport at the 2nd grade Little Dribbler game on 1/17. She went out of her way to help her teammates get a chance to shoot a basket. (Mrs. Crowley)

Jackie Koerwitz (Gr. 2) - For helping a friend in need. (Mrs. Harvey)

Ashley Kyalwazi (Gr. 7) - Volunteering for crossing guard duty when Tyler had to leave. (Mrs. Tateishi)

Jack Lawver (Gr. 7) - Offered to solve someone's dilemma. (Mrs. Gilmour)

Zachary Leslie (Gr. K) - For pushing chairs in. (Mrs. Williams)

Allison Lourim (Gr. 4) - For helping other students without being asked. (Mrs. Tateishi)

Hannah Parulan (Gr. 2) - For being a true friend. (Mrs. Harvey)

Sophia Payne (Gr. 2) - For kindness and generosity towards your teachers. (Mrs. Harvey)

Cameron Sax (Gr. 4) - She took her personal time to stop and let the 8th graders through the gate.
(Mrs. Williams)

Matthew Sweeney (Gr. 3) - Voluntarily tidying up the room after class. (Mrs. Jacobs)

Amanda Thrasher (Gr. K) - For reading quietly after library. (Ms. Lindsay)