

# Our Lady of the Assumption School

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*With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love*

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## **Auction Fund-an-Item Update**

As you know, our auction in October was a huge success. OLA weathered the storm of the October financial crisis and pulled through with one of the most successful auctions ever. Part of the auction's success was our fund-an-item and teacher's wish list.

Most of the items on our teacher's wish list have been ordered and received. The teachers are enjoying the benefits of their new supplies, and they are thankful that the Wish List was added to this year's auction. Without the auction they would have had to pay out of pocket for their new teaching tools or do without. Our second, fifth, sixth, and eighth grade classes are going to have whiteboards installed later this month. The whiteboards are on order, and they should come in any day now.

Our fund-an-item this year was SMART Boards. We raised enough funds to buy one portable SMART Board and one fixed SMART Board. The portable SMART Board can be used in any classroom, but it will be kept mostly in our computer lab where Mrs. Rutledge will be able to use it for the many technology lessons she delivers every day. The fixed SMART Board will be mounted in Mrs. Jones' Science classroom. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Rutledge are excited to have the opportunity to use this new educational tool, and they will receive training on it as soon as the SMART Boards are installed. They will have additional training after they have had a chance to use the technology in their classrooms. With Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Rutledge piloting SMART Boards, most OLA students will benefit from their use beginning this year. However, there is a learning curve for using this technology, so we expect usage of the boards will be a gradual process. This week a technician from SMART Technologies will be over to prepare the rooms for installation. We hope to have the SMART Boards up by the start of the third trimester.

## **Paperless Tuesday Bulletin**

We are attempting to conserve resources at OLA, and we have made it a goal to cut back on the amount of paper we use and the number of copies we make on our photocopiers. The Tuesday Bulletin requires a huge use of paper.

We would like to move over to a paperless bulletin starting next week. **We will continue to send home our bulletin in hard copy the way we always have for the rest of this year for families who request it, but we will also be e-mailing families a soft copy of the bulletin through our Alert Now messaging system.** Of course, families can always access the Tuesday bulletin on our school Web site too. You can find our bulletin under the "NEWS & EVENTS" side menu. Starting next week, we will also post a link to the bulletin directly onto the school home page so that it is quick and easy to access. Our URL is <http://www.olaparish.net/school/>.

If you are submitting a flyer or other items to be "inserted" into our Tuesday bulletin, please send it electronically to Cathy Rutledge at [Rutledge@olaparish.net](mailto:Rutledge@olaparish.net). If you are using Microsoft Office programs, please save them as "2000" versions. It is also ok to send documents as PDF files.

Our Tuesday bulletin has been a most effective conduit of information for our parents. It is really a lifeline of communication. We believe that it will remain so as we go paperless. To clarify, here is a timeline of the process:

- Starting February 24, the bulletin will be available online and families will receive e-mails with our bulletin attached. Hard copies of the bulletin will still go out to families.
- Starting March 24, families who elect to receive the bulletin electronically **only** will not receive a hard copy of the bulletin. Families who elect to keep receiving the hard copy in the white envelope will continue receiving it that way for the rest of the year.

- Beginning the 2009-2010 school year, the bulletin will no longer be available in hard copy; it will be distributed electronically. Families who do not have e-mail or Internet access will be provided hard copies upon request.

God bless,  
*Robert Love*

#### **DUE THIS WEEK:**

- ? Registration Packet and fee(s) due by Friday, **February 20.**
- ? Lunch orders due by Friday, **February 20.**
- ? SCRIP orders due by 8:00 a.m. on Friday, **February 20.**
- ? RSVP for Family Bingo Night due by Monday, **February 23.**

### This Week at OLA

#### **Bread Sunday**

Sunday, **February 22.** Bread Sunday will be held in the parish hall from 10:45 a.m. to noon.

### Next Week at OLA

#### **El Palmar Night**

Tuesday, **February 24.** Eat in or take out from El Palmar Restaurant and earn money for OLA. See enclosed flyer.

#### **Winter Sports/Club Photos**

Tuesday, **February 24.**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday, **February 25.** Kindergarten through 8th grades will attend 10:00 a.m. Mass, **with the exception of grade 7**, who will attend 8:00 a.m. Mass due to a scheduled field trip.

#### **Field Trip**

Grade 7—Wednesday, **February 25.** The California Museum (8:15 a.m.—12:30 p.m.)

#### **Kindergarten Visitation**

Thursday, **February 26,** is kindergarten visitation day from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. All incoming and prospective parents of kindergartners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

#### **Family Bingo Night**

Saturday, **February 28.** See enclosed flyer.

### Bits & Pieces

#### **Food Locker Reminder**

The 7th grade class is scheduled for donations to the Food Locker this week. Bring donations to your classroom to be delivered on Thursday, February 19. Next week: grade 8.

## Bits & Pieces (Continued)

### OLA Choir “Heaven Bound Singers”

#### Take Note of the Choir Calendar for March

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 5:30 P.M. LITURGY HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 5:30 P.M.**

Saturday, March 21, 10:00 a.m. Confirmation. This Liturgy will be the responsibility of the 7th, 6th and 5th grade choir members. The 8th grade is being confirmed. Please make every effort to be present.

Dress: 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).

Friday, March 27, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.—Choral Festival at Christian Brothers (will need drivers. More info to come.)

Dress: Full uniform. Boys: blue shirt, long pants, best shoes.

Girls: blue shirt, skirts, blue tights or anklet socks, best flat shoes.

### Lenten Fish Fry

Please join OLA school and parish families for the 2nd Annual Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 20. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. There will be an Ice Cream Social with Leatherby's ice cream at 8:00 p.m. More information to follow. If you can help on this event, please contact Carolyn Albers at 359-0720 or at [albers56@surewest.net](mailto:albers56@surewest.net) or Joan Cotton at [Joan@ferraribuilding.com](mailto:Joan@ferraribuilding.com).

### 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.

### Parents Growing in Faith

We will be starting a six week Bible study on Romans. You are welcome to attend on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. or Thursdays at 1:45 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Jane at [mommyricci@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mommyricci@sbcglobal.net).

## COUNTRY FAIR 2009

Mark your calendars and save the date for the 59th Annual Country Fair

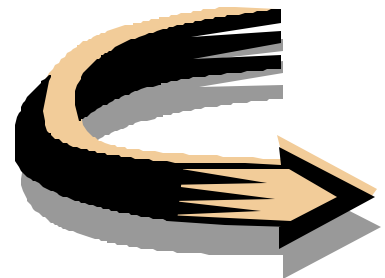
**MAY 15—17**

Kick off meeting for all chairs on Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in St. John's Hall

Help wanted: We are looking for families to chair the following areas:

- Bar (a great job for 2 families to share)
  - Electrician
  - Midway

Please contact Tracy Tooley or Joanne Giorgi if you are interested in these positions.





## CONGRATULATIONS!

Sydney Suggs (Gr. K) became a big sister to baby brother, Benjamin Thomas, on February 10. Benjamin weighed in at 8 lbs. 9 ozs. Congratulations to the entire Suggs family.

## 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. You are awesome!

- 1st Grade Lil' Dribblers** - The teams used their talents to play well and worked together at their very first game! I am so proud of all of you! (Ms. Yarbrough)
- Jacob Asmuth** (Gr. 8) - For being kind and considerate. (Mrs. Nelson)
- Mary-Jane Black** (Gr. 4) - Helping to clean up after an activity in the library. (Mr. Sunderman)
- Collette Caspar** (Gr. 2) - Participates at Mass by saying prayers and singing. (Mrs. Harvey)
- Cecilia Crowley** (Gr. 2) - Uses her talents the best she can! (Mrs. Harvey)
- Jack Deaner** (Gr. K) - Cleaned up library center. (Mrs. Williams)
- Amelia Easterbrook** (Gr. 7) - For helping a younger student pick up his art supplies. (Mrs. Nelson)
- Madeline Fahey** (Gr. K) - Cleaning up tables on a double day. (Mrs. Williams)
- Casey Gilles** (Gr. 3) - For helping a fellow classmate pick up his art supplies. (Mrs. Nelson)
- Catherine Giorgi** (Gr. 1) - Catherine demonstrated active learning during writing time. (Ms. Yarbrough)
- Chase Gordon** (Gr. 1) - Chase works hard to help others feel included in activities. (Ms. Yarbrough)
- Matt Griffin** (Gr. 5) - For looking for ways to be helpful. (Mrs. Nelson)
- Ian & Gracie Hause (Grs. 8 & 3)** - Thank you for helping put the cones out in the parking lot on a freezing cold morning. (Mrs. Hagens)
- Lauren Lawver** (Gr. 2) - Kindness to others in need. (Mrs. Harvey)
- Tyler Paine** (Gr. 7) - For being kind and considerate. (Mrs. Nelson)
- Anthony Ricci** (Gr. 5) - For helping with the playground balls. (Mrs. Nelson)
- James Sweeney** (Gr. 7) - For being very giving. (Mrs. Gilmour)
- Jack Tait** (Gr. K) - For treating classmates nice. (Ms. Cibotar)
- Justin Valine** (Gr. K) - Pushed in chairs to help. (Mrs. Williams)