



Old Mission School News

Old Mission Catholic School Weekly Newsletter

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February 29, 2008

Dates to Remember

Monday, March 3
OMS Pizza

Tuesday, March 4
Parent Club Mtg.
1 PM, Nativity

Wednesday, March 5
8 AM Mass

Minimum Day Dismissal

Faculty Mtg.
1:30 - 3:00 PM

Friday, March 7
Nativity Team Mtg.

Jamba Juice

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we celebrate leap year '08, I am reminded that winter is slowly moving into spring. Winter is a tough season, as many of you who have recuperated from colds or flu, bronchitis or asthma know. Days are short and gray, and our energy and ambition seem to follow that pattern. Students hibernate in their own ways, and good manners sometimes settle into a long sleep. Patience is the key during wintertime, but once Easter and spring break move onto the scene, everything comes back to life. It is the very reason I love Easter!

In the midst of the long road through winter, you would have been very proud of our seventh and eighth graders. For the first time, we held a "Service Fair" and they each had a presentation board to show and a story to tell about the service they brought to life this year in the county of San Luis Obispo and in the global village. Each student was asked to research a cause he or she feels passionate about, then create a plan for lending time, talent and treasure to the issue. The middle school students served causes as unique as the young people themselves. Many shared their passion for animal rights, the plight of the homeless, care of our elderly citizens, environmental clean-up, and the challenges of the terminally ill. Some found causes as far away as Africa and South America. Some found ways to provide African children with soccer balls, or provide clinics with needed supplies. All the younger classes were invited to come to hear the stories. The seeds of spring were being planted deep in the soil.

Coming to life...bringing to life...celebrating the mystery and joy of the resurrection. God bless them with renewed life!

With warmest wishes,

Teri Stegman, Principal

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS !!

Wednesday, March 5 is Staff Appreciation Day! This is the time to show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate all they do for our children at OMS. Because of Mass on Wednesday morning, our staff will be receiving their flowers on Tuesday, March 4, as an introduction to the events we have for them on March 5. On Tuesday, March 4, we need flowers and parent volunteers for each grade level!!!

Please have your children bring their flowers to the tables in the pavilion Tuesday morning at 8:15. Parents, room parents, and class representatives, if you can spend some time making bouquets, we could really use your help. Please call Carol Donlon, 805 543-4994 or Linda Frost 805 595-2070 ASAP to let us know you can come. We also feel it is important to make sure that all of our teachers and staff are treated equally. That's why we have the Staff Appreciation Committee who strives to make Staff Appreciation Day the best possible. The funding for the day's events comes directly from the Parent Club and from individual donations.

We know you appreciate the OMS staff and your children's teachers in particular, but it's important for you to save your unique, individual gifts for their birthdays, Christmas and the end of year. On this day, we celebrate the entire team at both OMS and Nativity campus.

ATTENTION ROOM MOMS !

On the morning of Wednesday, March 5, we will be delivering special gift baskets to honor our staff for "Staff Appreciation Day".

As room moms, you have the privilege of bringing these gift baskets to your teachers and aides. We will provide you with a delivery schedule so you will find your homeroom teacher at a time they are with their class. When delivering the baskets, please spend a few minutes telling your teacher and aide how much they are appreciated. Your short speech will brighten their day especially after you encourage all of their students to give them a big round of applause.

I will try to get you an accurate delivery schedule by 2/21. If you are unable to be on campus at the delivery time, please find another parent in your class to deliver baskets and make a short speech.

THANKS A MILLION ! Linda Frost , Chairperson 595-2070



Prayer Corner Please pray for Noel Wright; he is the grandfather of Katharine, James and Thomas Taylor.



Falcon Awards

Giving Heart

Amy Morris, Dylan Maddalena, Caroline Rossi, Daniel Svitek, Annie Storrs, Kevin Creel, Max Solis, Isabella Casola, Kendra McKeague, and Grace Gibson.

Teacher's Choice

Katherine Freeman, Kyle VanTil, Rowan Toke, Lucy Mackintosh, Cooper Lock, Sydney Tamaki, Micaela Morgan, Spencer Garner, Joseph Guidetti, Kerney Lane, Emily Meissner, David Reps, Nathan Church, and Sophia Moreno.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

UPCOMING PIZZA DAY MONDAYS

MARCH 3, 10, AND 17

APRIL 7, 14, 21, AND 28

MAY 5, 12, AND 19

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

UPCOMING JAMBA DAY FRIDAYS

MARCH 7

APRIL 4, 11, 18, AND 25

MAY 2, 9, 16, 23, AND 30

Please note the following Scrip preorder dates that are scheduled for the next few months:

MONDAY, MARCH 10

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Preorders due by 10:00 AM

J. CARROLL GARMENT ORDER

The garment orders have been placed with J Carroll. Please allow 3 to 4 weeks for the order to arrive. Once we have the garments, we will sort the orders and deliver to the oldest child's classroom at the end of the school day.

Nativity News During Lent, we are serving Simple Soup Suppers every Friday, from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM except Fish Fry Friday. Please come and join us for a simple meal of soup, fruit, roll and refreshments for \$5.00 at Nativity of Our Lady Parish, 221 Daly Avenue, SLO.

Fish Fry on Friday, March 7, beginning at 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM
Nativity of Our Lady Parish, 221 Daly Avenue, SLO
Good food, good people, good fun! All are welcome.

First Friday Mass & Women's Spirituality
Nativity of Our Lady Church, 221 Daly Avenue, SLO
Friday, March 7, 2008 9:00 AM Mass followed by brunch and a presentation by Sr. Therese Randolph. Join us and bring a friend.

PARENT SERVICE HOUR & SCRIP PURCHASE NOTICE:

Today each family is receiving a labeled envelope attached to the front of your Friday newsletter. Enclosed you will find the total for your parent service hours and your scrip purchases.

If you have volunteered and have *not* filled out a **parent service hour form**, please come by the school office to complete a form and report your volunteer hours. Remember that each family has a minimum amount of hours to volunteer each year.

Gift card purchases are credited through December 31, 2007. The electronic grocery stores have reported as follows; Albertson's through October 31, 2007, Scolari's through November 30, 2007, and Von's (eScrip) through August 31, 2007. The January credits will take Von's through November. For questions, please call Ruth or BJ.

Eucharistic Minister Training Parents, if you are interested in being trained as a Eucharistic Minister for our Wednesday morning Masses (or if you've already been trained and would like a brush up), please attend a short training session in the Old Mission Church on Tuesday, March 4 at 3:00. The Religious Education Team needs you! This won't take much time. Please consider joining us!

Christmas Program Photos

We are looking for photos you may have taken of your children when they performed at Old Mission Church for the Christmas Program in December. Do you have some that you could share? Photos submitted will be used as possible selections to represent the music program in the Old Mission School Yearbook.

Please feel free to email any digital photos to: lwilson@omsslo.com. Hard copies would be welcomed as well. Thank you!
