

OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The Annunciation of the Lord

According to the first chapter of Luke's gospel, the angel Gabriel came to tell Mary about God's plan of salvation. The angel announced that Mary was chosen to be the mother of Jesus, the Son of God. Mary freely answered, "Here I am, the servant of the Lord." Despite her puzzlement over the angel's mysterious words, she trusted in God's goodness.

At Easter we took joy in the willingness of Jesus to be our Savior by his death and burial and resting. Today God begins that work by becoming flesh in Mary's womb. This mystery is expressed in the Angelus prayer, which some people recite at the beginning, middle and end of each day. Here are its final words:

Lord, fill our hearts with your grace.
Once, through the message of an angel,
you revealed to us the incarnation of your Son.
Now, through his suffering and death,
lead us to the glory of his resurrection.

Artists often show Mary in a garden when the Angel Gabriel appeared to her. They want to remind us of the Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve said "no" to God. Here, today, in a new garden, Mary said "yes."



DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Friday, April 4th**, Re-enrollment Packet
2008-09 school year goes home
- **Monday, April 7th - Friday, April 11th**,
Scholastic Book Fair, before and after school
- **Thursday, April 10th**, Spaghetti Night/Book
Fair, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, McKeon Center
- **Friday, April 18th**, Maria Montessori/Shadow
Day, 11:00 am All School Mass, Serra Center,
12:30/12:45 pm, **no pm extended child care**
- **Friday, April 18th**, Re-enrollment Packet
(2008-09 school year) due back to school
- **Wednesday, April 30th**, OMMS Annual Variety
Show, 6:30 pm, McKeon Center—Everyone is
Invited to attend!!

Notes From Our Administrator:

Our hope is that all families celebrated the joy of Easter plus the added gift of an entire week of time to enjoy as a family!

After Easter we took time to continue the work on our yearbook for 2008; replace a broken window; refinish the stage in the McKeon Center; paint the inside of the fence facing north on the Primary side; rented a tractor to mow the outer area of O'Keefe Field and scraped the track to eliminate some of the greenery that has to grow...we are always grateful for the glorious rain! Other items are on our list of

things to do in order to repair and maintain the environment at OMMS.

On another note we would like to reiterate the **importance** of updating your child's Emergency I.D. Form. This form holds all of the significant contact information for the school and teachers. As a parent you provide the names and phone numbers of individuals that you authorize the school (teachers) to not only contact, but authorize the release of your child into that individual's care. PLEASE make certain that the individual that you are asking to pick-up your child has your written authorization either by adding their name to the Emergency Form or via a note authorizing the school to release your child to this individual **prior** to dismissal time. We recognize that emergency situations do occur therefore it is essential that we have this information from you, the parent.

Remember too, that if you have a child enrolled in the Primary Program, we request that you pick them up first then pick up your Transition, Junior Elementary, Senior Elementary or Middle School child(ren) enrolled at OMMS.



5th Annual Knights of Columbus and Old Mission Charity Golf Tournament

WE NEED GOLFERS!!!

Don't miss our Annual Golf Tournament and Awards Dinner on Monday, April 7th. **We need golfers and sponsors for this event.** Sign up sheets are available in the school office.



Spaghetti Night / Book Fair



Scholastic Book Fair -

The social event of the season is upon us on Thursday, April 10th in the McKeon Center. This is a great opportunity to get books for your families as well as the classrooms. Be sure to find your teacher's wish list!

Spaghetti Dinner -

Please join us for the Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, April 10th, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The dinner tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children at the door. All proceeds from this event support the OMMS Library. The evening will showcase talents from the students at OMMS. We will display book reports, art projects and have student entertainers performing music for the evening.

We hope to see everyone there to enjoy wonderful food, renowned entertainment and great literary shopping to support OMMS and our library!

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a fun filled success.

Book Fair Volunteers - Monday, April 7th - Friday, April 11th, before and after school book sales (8:00 am to 8:30 am before school and 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm after school)

Decorating Crew - Thursday morning at 8:30 am

Food Service Crew - Thursday afternoon at 4:45 pm

Clean-up Crew - Thursday evening at 7:30 pm (until finished)

Book Fair Set up and Sales - Thursday afternoon at 3:30 pm (after dismissal) for set up and help with sales until 8:00 pm

This is a great way to take care of those second semester parent participation hours! Sign up sheets are available at the school office or you may call the school office to be placed on the volunteer list. If you have any questions you may contact Katherine Hannah at (760) 231-7551 or Anne Virjee at (760) 599-0309.



RE-ENROLLMENT PACKETS FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR GO HOME ON FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH

Re-enrollment packets the 2008-09 school will go home on Friday, April 4th. Please complete the paperwork and return it to the school office on or before April 18th. We are conducting tours and interviews with new students and their families for

the 2008-09 school year. If you submitted an Intent to Register for your child and paid the registration fee but did not receive a Re-enrollment Packet on Friday, please contact the school office.



Calling All Piano Players!!! The Spaghetti Dinner Needs You!!!

We are looking for students from our school to provide piano playing entertainment for the Spaghetti Dinner/Book Fair on Thursday, April 10th. Please contact Cheri Bell (724-6010) or Cheri_Bell@cox.net for details.



Montessori Mile



If you are interested in helping with this fun event, we will be meeting this Thursday, April 3rd at 2:00 pm at the front lunch tables to discuss some details. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but still want to help, please contact Rachelle or Jon Lash at rachellelash@cox.net or 231-1289.



Make Your Loose Change Count towards Books for OMMS

Please donate or send in your loose change or a dollar and fill out the attached book slip form and watch our library grow! We will also have jars for your coins in each classroom, as well as book slips for your child to fill out! We will decorate the school with the filled out book slips.



Christmas in July News

We are still in need of the following chair positions for Christmas in July:

- **Snow Cones**
- **Donations**
- **Farmer's Market**

If you would be interested in any of the above positions, please contact Laura and Amy at ChristmasinJuly1@yahoo.com.

Please note that by chairing or co-chairing a committee, it fulfills **ALL** of your 2nd semester parent participation hours!



Prayer Corner

Please keep the following members of our school family in your prayers:

- ~ Father Michel Gagnon
- ~ Yolanda Snaer, Xavier's grandmother
- ~ Jocelyn Villacrusis
- ~ Cedillo Family
- ~ The Placa Family
- ~ Our deployed men and women of the armed forces and their families

