

# OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, September 2, 2008

## Student's Prayer



Dear Jesus,  
A new school year has now begun  
after several weeks of summer fun.  
Now, as my studies begin anew,  
may I always and ever rely on You.  
Bless my teachers and my principal, too.  
Bless my classmates in all that they do.  
Open my mind and open my heart,  
so this new school year will have a great start.  
I love You, Jesus, I truly do.  
May I always, in everything, follow You.  
Amen



## DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Parent Orientation, 6:15 pm parents visit classrooms, 7:15 pm "Welcome", in the Serra Center
- **Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00 am all school Mass, 12:30/12:45 pm dismissal, **NO AFTERNOON EXTENDED CHILD CARE**
- **Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**, Welcome Back Picnic, 11:00 am
- **Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**, Cold Stone Fundraiser, 5:00 - 9:00 pm, 25% of sales will benefit our Parish Koi Pond. Please bring flyer with you.
- **Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**, Restaurant Night at Shakey's Pizza Parlor

## Notes From Our Administrator

Welcome to the 2008-2009 OMMS school year! Many of us woke up this morning and looked at the clock and wondered..."What happened to our summer vacation?", but the close of summer heralds the beginning of a productive year at OMMS!

We would also like to remind parents that this evening is our "Back to School Night" and everyone will begin at 6:30 pm in their child's classroom then move to the Serra Center at 7:15 pm for an introduction to faculty plus a few reminders. Traditionally September is a busy month, but these times are scheduled for OMMS families and students to commence the year better acquainted, informed, and prepared to work as a team.

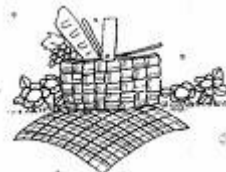
### Nutritious Snacks and Lunches:

Nutrition is of the utmost importance for your child's health and well being. Please do not pack or bring sodas and/or "adrenaline rush" drinks of any kind to school or for after school activities. Thank you for your assistance with this matter *Please also inform your child's teacher if he or she has an allergy of any kind.*

### Student Assembly:

During the month of September we will have our "welcome back" assembly for our students. We will acknowledge and applaud our incoming eighth graders for their accomplishments. These students represent mentors for our younger classes and role models for the entire school; this academic level carries responsibilities as well as privileges. If your child is in a primary or transition class you might see these students assisting on the playground, in the class listening to readers or reading a story to the children, please be assured that these students are always under a teacher's direct supervision. Our eighth graders also realize that this is a privilege; their own academic expectations will always remain a priority!

Many other topics will be discussed at this first assembly including the three "R"s. We remind students that the "R"s represent expectations: the first being RIGHT; always thinking before acting, making the right choices; the second being RESPECT: always being respectful towards not only yourself but also those around you; the third "R" is being RESPONSIBLE: always behaving in a responsible manner, responsible/accountable for your actions and work expectations. OMMS teachers will continually remind students and we will ask you as parents to assist us by discussing the three "R"s with your child. Parents are always the primary educators of their child and this continues even with their entry into school. Remember, as parents and teachers we are a team each supporting one another for the benefit and/or success of your child! Thank you for supporting your child and his/her school!!



### Annual OMMS Family Picnic

This Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., we will be holding our Annual OMMS Family Picnic, which

will take place on the lawn in front of OMMS. Please bring sandwiches or an entrée of your choice for your family and blankets and/or beach chairs.

This picnic will be a great way to make new friends, renew old friendships for both your and old! We hope to see everyone there.

## OMMS FUNDRAISING

As the 2008-09 school year approaches, we'd like to introduce you to a new fundraising idea. It's called Scrip. (This is different than eSrip.) This is a way to earn money for our school by shopping at the stores you already shop at and NOT spending any extra money. Please click on the link below to learn about our new fundraiser. More details to follow.

<https://www.glscrip.com/howscripworks/scripdemo.aspx>

Michelle Shebest and Yvette Heinze,  
Fundraising Coordinators



## All School Mass

We will have our first all school Mass on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Chapel. The students are reminded to wear their Mass (blue logo) polo shirt and navy colored pants or the girls may wear the school plaid. Parents are welcome to attend any of our school Masses. However, due to very limited seating, we ask that you allow the students to be seated first. Thank you for your assistance. **Remember: Early dismissal with no afternoon child care on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.**



**HEADS UP (OR RATHER, TAILS UP)!!!**

The annual Horse Drop Raffle is coming up soon. This annual OMMS tradition is part of the St. Francis Day Celebration, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, this year. Each school family is encouraged to sell six \$10 tickets to the raffle. Watch your Tuesday packet next week for your tickets and instructions.

Here's how the Horse Drop Raffle works: a pony or horse comes to spend the afternoon at the picnic and wanders around in a corral munching hay and enjoying our company. The corral is divided into 1,000 squares, and each of the 1,000 tickets available is randomly assigned to one of those squares. When the horse drops its lunch, we determine which square it landed in, and the corresponding ticket holder wins 10% of the total tickets sales (up to \$1,000). If the ticket corresponding to the "winning" square was not sold, the winner is drawn from the sold tickets. If the horse doesn't drop its lunch, the winner is also drawn from the sold tickets.

If all the tickets are sold, we can raise \$10,000 for the school (less the \$1,000 prize and about \$300 in expenses). Won't that be a great start for the school year? For more information, call Lorraine Doering at 760-729-8834 or visit the Horse Drop table at the Welcome Back picnic on Saturday, September 6, at 11:00am.



## Prayer Corner

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

~ The Doherty Family