

OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

All her life, Elizabeth Ann Seton loved to conquer challenges. In a way, that was true even after her death. She is the first person to be declared a saint who was born in what would soon become the United State of America. Elizabeth was born in New York City. Her parents were wealthy and well-educated Episcopalians. They believed in helping the poor, and they taught her to do so from the time she was a small child. She later married a successful businessman and they began a family. Elizabeth still found time to do important volunteer work. She founded the Society for the Relief of Poor Widows with Small Children.

By the time Elizabeth was 30 years old, her situation had changed completely. Her husband lost his business, grew seriously ill and died. Now she herself was a widow with young children. During her husband's illness, encouragement from Catholic friends had consoled her. She decided to become a Catholic, although in doing so she lost the support of her wealthy family. As a single parent with five children to care for, she had no way to earn a living.

However, soon she was invited to begin a school for young girls from poor families. The school she founded, near Baltimore, Maryland, was the first Catholic school in the United States. With 18 other dedicated women, Elizabeth went on to organize the first group of women religious in the United States, the Sisters of Charity. Cheerfully, she started from scratch in the work of building Catholic education. That meant not only starting more schools but also training teachers and writing textbooks herself. Elizabeth Ann Seton accomplished all this in a very short life. She died when she was in her late 40s. The Catholic school system that she founded now thrives all over North America.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Saturday, January 9th**, MOP (Maintain Our Parish), 8:00 am, at the flagpole
- **Friday, January 15th** 11:00 am All School Mass, 12:30/12:45 pm dismissal
- **Monday, January 18th**, Martin Luther King Day, **NO SCHOOL**
- **Tuesday, January 19th**, Christmas in July meeting, Room 5, 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, January 29th**, PTG Sock Hop, McKean Center
- **Sunday, January 31st**, Catholic Schools' Week begins, 10:00 am Mass, Serra Center
- **Sunday, January 31st**, OMMS Open House, 11:00 am
- **Friday, February 12th**, Late Nite Catechism, "Til Death Do Us Part" - tickets available in the school office



TO OUR
OMMS FAMILY...HAPPY 2010!

Our hope is that everyone enjoyed a much "slower" pace during the holidays, celebrating and enjoying time with your family. The Year of 2009 has now passed leaving nothing but treasured memories.

The Year 2010 has just begun bringing new opportunities for each of us to continue our journey renewed and refreshed and to create new memories.

The staff and faculty would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone for remembering us during Christmas, your thoughtfulness, homemade goodies and gifts truly made our holiday a blessed one!

We would also like to thank you all for the incredible generosity that you showed our "adopted families" at Thanksgiving and then again at Christmas. You have touched and changed the lives of many and have taught our children the joy of giving. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE...

Come join us on Tuesday, January 19th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 5. This meeting is open to all previous and returning chairs and anyone else who is interested in learning more about the workings of Christmas in July. We want to hear from you...we will be having an open discussion about how we can improve this year's fair. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm! Any questions please e-mail Laura and Amy at christmasinJuly1@yahoo.com.



Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 31st. We will be kicking it off with the 10:00 am Mass in the Serra Center on that day. This is a great opportunity to show our Parish what our school is all about. In the next few weeks, we will be recruiting students to participate throughout the Mass (including the choir). Families, please plan on attending this Mass showing support for our school. Look for more information to come.



Buick Invitational Golf Tickets are Available in the School Office

It is still not too late to purchase your tickets to the Buick Invitational Golf Tournament. Please stop

by the school office. **We are asking each family to purchase or sell two (2) tickets to the Buick Invitational Golf Tournament** scheduled for **January 25th through the 31st**. For only \$17, you can purchase a ticket to attend one of the most well known golf tournaments on the PGA Tour - The Buick Invitational. The ticket is good for a one-day entry into the tournament **ANY DAY** during the week-long event. This is a significant reduction from the weekend ticket price of \$30 at the gate.

Through the Chip in for Charity Program our school will receive \$15 for each ticket we sell. Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser.



MOP - Maintain Our Parish

MOP will be having their monthly project day on Saturday, January 9th. This wonderful group of volunteers has done many things to beautify our school and parish! **All are welcome and help is greatly appreciated!** As always, they will meet at the flag pole on the front lawn at 8:00 a.m. For more information you may call Lee Bickford @ 760-522-2738.



Prayer Corner

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

- ~ Michael Valeriano's aunt, Susana Iquique
- ~ Cadence's Dad, Mark Cristobal
- ~ The Armen/Madden Family
- ~ Anthony Glodek
- ~ The Arguello Family
- ~ Michael Lindsey
- ~ Mr. Tom's mother-in-law
- ~ Mrs. Jeannie Foss
- ~ Mrs. Susan Custer
- ~ Connor McWayne's Grandma
- ~ Natalie and Allison Rubio's Great Grandma, Marseille
- ~ The Rocha Family
- ~ Blanche Lindsey
- ~ The Vorndran Family
- ~ Our deployed men and women of the armed forces