

# OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, December 8, 2009



## The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Christians remember the conception of Christ on the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25). Today's solemnity of the conception of Mary falls nine months before her birth, on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Mary's conception day became a feast in the seventh century. The church teaches that Mary was free from sin from the moment she was conceived. This special grace prepared her to be the mother of God. Mary did not earn this freedom in any way. It was simply a gift bestowed by God. The medieval scholar Duns Scotus explained that "no one owes more to Christ than Mary the immaculate one."

Father, the image of the Virgin is found in the Church. Mary had a faith that your Spirit prepared and a love that never knew sin, for you kept her sinless from the first moment of her conception. Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith. Prepare once again a world for your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



### DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**, Immaculate Conception, 11:00 am All School/Parish Mass, Serra Center
- **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**, Girls Volleyball #5 vs. St. Patrick's, away game
- **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**, "A Christmas Carol," performed by our 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, 6:30 p.m., McKeon Center, **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**
- **Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**, Annual Christmas Program, Primary through Senior Elementary, 6:30 p.m., Serra Center
- **Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00 a.m. All School Mass, **NO PM EXTENDED CHILD CARE**
- **Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**, Students return to school
- **Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**, Martin Luther King Day, **NO SCHOOL**



### Christmas Food and Gift Baskets

Once again, we are calling upon our OMMS family to help us in giving to our "adopted families" for Christmas. Non-perishable food items and gifts may be brought into school anytime. We would ask that if you have graciously offered to bring in items needing refrigeration that if possible, you wait and send them in on the morning of Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, our last day of school. May God bless all of you for your continued support of the less fortunate in our community.



### NOTE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE on PROPOSED Fellowship Center

The *Oceanside Historic Preservation Advisory Commission*, (OHPAC) did meet on Tuesday, December 1, within the City Council Chambers as was noted in our previous newsletters. A number of people including members of our OMMS Advisory

Board, a parent or two, our MSLRP business manager, members from the San Luis Rey Mobile Home Park and myself were present. Unfortunately this particular committee did not uphold **staff's recommendation** to deny the project, and by motion recommended approval to the City Council. Fortunately this is an **advisory committee** not a decision making body with respect to final approval of the proposed project. OHPAC "considers and makes recommendations on issues relating to the identification, protection, retention, and preservation of historical areas and sites within the City. The Commission is charged to safeguard the heritage of the City by providing for the protection of historical sites and areas representing significant elements of its history." The Fellowship Center **remains** a *proposed* project and further steps are required in order for the project to be brought before Oceanside City Council. If you would like to view the same information that OHPAC reviewed on Tuesday, December 1, you can obtain a copy by visiting -

[http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/pdf/12-1-2009\\_SR\\_HPAC\\_2.pdf](http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/pdf/12-1-2009_SR_HPAC_2.pdf).

The next reviewing body will be the Planning Commission on January 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

If you feel that this is not a good site for this facility and you are unable to attend the upcoming meeting we encourage you to voice your input by sending an email to Mr. Richard Greenbauer, Senior Planner for the City of Oceanside, [rgreenbauer@ci.oceanside.ca.us](mailto:rgreenbauer@ci.oceanside.ca.us) and to mail letters to members of the Oceanside City Council and reference:

### General Plan Amendment 3-07.

All of the contact information that you need is located: <http://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/>



**YOU ARE INVITED.....**

Are you ready? Are you in a *festive mood* to celebrate with no place to go?

Why not embark on this **CHRISTMAS SEASON** by joining us for our annual adaptation of **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** performed by our own 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. So REMEMBER mark your calendars to celebrate the season with **us** by returning to a time long ago through a wonderful story on

Monday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m.  
in the McKeon Center,

to remind each of us that we have much to be thankful for and with every new day opportunities to share with others if we only stop to LOOK and LISTEN!



## **OMMS GIFT CARDS/SHOPPING GUIDE**

**Let us do your shopping for you.**

Order your Gift Cards through OMMS, and your shopping can be done in one stop, while picking up your children.

### **How do you make an order?**

Fill out an order form located in the school office or go online to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for hundreds of shopping options and more information. Then, write a check out to OMMS and drop it off in the OMMS Gift Card envelope in the office.

OMMS code is DA1245BF17557

Your last opportunity to place a Scrip Order in time for Christmas is: Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Did you know?**

Did you know that we made \$145.48 on our last gift card order with only 8 participants? Every little bit adds up.

Did you know that Lands End is offering 17% to the school when you buy a gift card from them? (Great place to get school clothes.) Go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for more specials.

Did you know that you can pay off your Kolh's credit card with the OMMS Kolh's gifts cards?

Did you know that you can purchase some gift cards in the office for immediate pickup? (Starbucks, Arco, Walmart, Panera Bread, Payless Shoes, and others.)

Did you know that \$5 Starbucks cards will be available in the office for the month of December? (Or e-mail Yvette Heinze at [ymheinze@hotmail.com](mailto:ymheinze@hotmail.com) for an order.)



**The Annual Gingerbread House Extravaganza** (special thanks to OMMS Mom, Mary Rudick, for the tireless effort she puts into this event every year).

We would appreciate assistance with candy donations for decorating the houses which can be dropped off at any of the Transition or Junior Elementary classrooms. In addition, parent participation hours are available for those who would like to help assemble the houses on Monday, December 14, 2009 after drop-off. This is a big project, and it goes quickly if we have a large number of volunteers. Parent participation hours are also available for anyone wishing to assist the children in creating their masterpieces in the afternoon on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 (for Room 6), or Thursday, December 17 (in the morning for Rooms 17 and 18 and in the afternoon for rooms 14 and 9). All of the festivities will take place in the Music Room which is adjacent to the McKeon Center and across the hall from Room 14. We look forward to seeing you there! All extra unopened candy at the end of the week will be divided and donated to the Christmas baskets. Please contact your Room Parent(s) if you have any questions.



### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

Our annual Christmas Program is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, in the Serra Center. The children are asked to be in their classrooms at 6:00 p.m. For this year's performance, all children are asked to dress in festive Christmas colors (green, red, silver, gold, black, or white).

We are still in need of volunteers to decorate the Serra Center the morning of December 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping please contact Mr. Tom.



### **The Story of St. Francis & the Nativity**

The parish is still need of shepherds, angels, friars, St. Francis, John, Joseph and Mary and the townsfolk for our Christmas Eve Nativity presentation of St. Francis and the Crèche. There will be a presentation at both the 4:00 p.m. Children's Mass and the 6:00 p.m. Family Mass. If you are interested please contact Laura Chun at (760)726-2486 or [chun@pacbell.net](mailto:chun@pacbell.net) to volunteer.



### **Social Concerns Angel Tree Program**

Can you help with our Angel Tree? Located in the Serra Center and the parish chapel, these trees have Angels with the name, age and sex of a local child who needs you to be a special Santa. Please bring your donations of unwrapped gifts or gift cards directly to the Social concerns Department behind the main parish building.



### **Buick Invitational Golf Tickets**

Chip-in for Charity provides our school with admission tickets to the Buick Invitational Golf Tournament scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>. The ticket price is \$17.00. These tickets are good for any day of the tournament. The regular priced ticket is \$26.00! Not only is this a great savings for golf enthusiasts, but with each \$17.00 ticket sold, the school will receive \$15.00. We would ask that each family attempt to sell or purchase two tickets. In doing so the school could raise over \$2,000.00! Tickets are available in the school office. Thank you for your support.



## **Las Posadas – Bilingual Celebration**

Have you ever wondered what “Las Posadas” is all about? I know that many of you have heard the name, because our Hispanic Parish Community has celebrated them for many years in and out of the parish. Well, here is your opportunity to come, learn and celebrate them on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the McKeon Center. This celebration will be bilingual. The event is free. The youth ministry is asking for a donation of a bag of cookies.



### **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
- ~ Laura Visco
- ~ Carol (Armen) Madden's brother, Bill
- ~ Anthony Glodek
- ~ Samantha and the Cartmill Family
- ~ The Arguello Family
- ~ Michael Lindsey
- ~ Mr. Tom's mother-in-law
- ~ Mrs. Jill Sivage and Family
- ~ The Sam Marinello Family (Knight of Columbus)
- ~ Mrs. Jeannie Foss
- ~ Mrs. Susan Custer
- ~ Connor McWayne's Grandma
- ~ Yosuco Family
- ~ Natalie and Allison Rubio's Great Grandma, Marseille
- ~ Michael and Kevin Dyblie's uncle, Daniel Mlocek
- ~ The Rocha Family
- ~ Blanche Lindsey
- ~ The Nugent Family
- ~ The Vorndran Family
- ~ Our deployed men and women of the armed forces