

OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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What is Ordinary Time?

There are five church seasons: Advent, Christmastime, Lent, the Paschal Triduum (a three-day season), and Eastertime. There are two blocks of Ordinary Time. First, in winter comes the weeks between Christmastime and Lent. Then, in summer and fall come the weeks between Eastertime and Advent. That's over half the year! On most days in Ordinary Time, green vestments are worn. Ordinary Time isn't a season, just a way to describe the weeks between seasons. The word "ordinary" means regular, plain, run-of-mill. It also has another meaning. It means "counted." "Ordinal" numbers are first, second, third, fourth and so on. We count each week. There's the first week in Ordinary Time, which begins right after the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The 34th week of Ordinary Time comes right before Advent begins. We count the Sundays, too. The Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord is called the "Second Sunday in Ordinary Time" because it begins the second week in Ordinary Time. We do all this counting to keep track of the weeks so we know which scriptures to read when we assemble for the liturgy.

Each year at Sunday Mass during Ordinary Time we read bit by bit through one of the gospels. One year we read through the Gospel of Matthew. The next year we read Mark's gospel. The next year Luke's gospel is read; then we read through Matthew's gospel again. The church's biggest feast during these winter weeks of Ordinary Time is the Presentation of the Lord, on February 2nd. Like Carnival, the Presentation is a turning point. We look back to Christmastime. We look forward to Lent and Easter.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **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 22nd**, Middle School Dance
- **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 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- **Friday, February 5th**, Maria Montessori/Shadow Day, 11:00 am all school Mass, Serra Center, 12:30/12:45 pm dismissal, **NO PM CHILD CARE**
- **Saturday, February 6th**, OMMS Open House, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, February 10th**, Science/Art Fair, 6:30 pm, Serra Center (**Note: date change**)
- **Friday, February 12th**, Late Nite Catechism, "Til Death Do Us Part" - tickets available in the school office

Notes From Our Administrator:

UPDATE on PROPOSED Fellowship Center

If you remember prior to our departure for the Christmas Holidays we shared what has happened thus far with this *proposed* project. If you remember *this*

project will allow for the construction of a 59 bed residential, non-medical facility to care and counsel men in a recovery program from drug and/or alcohol addiction. This facility if built will be adjacent to our preschool buildings and directly north of our current P.E. field.

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

This is an extremely important public hearing as the Planning Commission's "primary goal is to consider land use requests and study land use issues in light of the City of Oceanside's General Plan and its elements. The Commission is responsible for land use decisions and recommendations under the auspices of Federal, State, regional and local laws, ordinances and City policies. The Planning Commission shall conduct public hearings and make land use decisions and/or recommendations to the City Council on project applications". This information was found on the website regarding the City of Oceanside Planning Commission's 2009-2010 Work Plan. "To carry out its work the Commission conducts approximately 60 public hearings annually on land use applications for Development Plans, Conditional Use Permits, Tentative Maps, Zone Changes and other discretionary actions."

This hearing will be consideration of a General Plan Amendment (GPA-3-07), Zone Amendment (ZA-2-07), Development Plan (D-6-07), Conditional Use Permit (C-9-07), and Historic Permit (H-3-07) to change the land use designation from single-family dwelling residential (SFD-R) to private institutional (PI) and change the zoning designation from single-family residential (RS) to public and semi-public (PS) all with an historic overlay (H) in order to allow the construction of a two-story 16,591 square foot, 59 bed 24 hour non-medical care drug and alcohol recovery center on a 1 acre site.

For your convenience we have included additional contact information (attached sheet) in today's newsletter so that you as parents can provide input to the members of the Oceanside Planning Commission prior to the hearing on Monday, January 25. This information is also being utilized by other residents within the area. We would also encourage

as many people to be present at this scheduled hearing to give evidence to the number of people that DO NOT feel that this is an appropriate site for this facility although we applaud the service that this organization provides to those individuals who are in a structured recovery program.

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 emails to members of the Oceanside Planning Commission (included on attached sheet), to Mr. Richard Greenbauer, Senior Planner for the City of Oceanside, 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/>



OMMS Family in Need of a Temporary Carpool...

One of our families has had a family emergency overseas and is in need of transportation to and from school for their two daughters from January 14th through February 5th. The family lives near Douglas and Vandergrift area. If you are able to assist this family, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



Many Thanks to Our "BoxTops for Education" Mom

We raised \$190.00 from our recently submitted BoxTops for Education. We appreciate Audrey and Laurel Shokes' Mom for all her hard work in clipping, sorting, and counting our BoxTops! Thank you!!



THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

~ Miss Lida and all of the Middle School science students would like to thank all of the parents who purchased Scrip cards to help collect funds that provided us with new microscopes. Many thanks are also extended to the Bobadilla family. We are thrilled to have additional microscopes!

~ Thank you Joe Davies and Mary Rudick for constructing the earthquake simulator for Room 222. We are all thrilled to have such a wonderful item for our 6th level study of geology!



Science/Art Fair



Due to a scheduling conflict, our **Science/Art Fair** date has been changed to **Wednesday, February 10th**. Therefore, all of the student's projects will be due in their classrooms the morning of Wednesday, February 10th.



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.



OMMS Sock Hop

Are you ready to shake, rattle & roll at the Annual OMMS Sock Hop? Come join us for an evening of fun on Friday, January 29, 2010 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the McKeon Center. We will have food for sale, games & crafts for the kids, photos with Elvis, as well as music and dancing. We are also seeking volunteers to help out with the event. Rooms 2, 18, 217, and 222 have been assigned to help out, but we will accept help from anyone that wants to volunteer and earn second semester Parent Participation Hours (PPH). For more information, contact your Room Parent or Lisa Caso, Sock Hop Chair at 760-722-8406 or lisacaso@cox.net.

Do you own or run a business? Do you need some inexpensive advertising? We are seeking sponsors for the Sock Hop. For \$75.00 your company can set-up a table at the Sock Hop and distribute fliers

and information about your products or services, as well as display a banner with your company's information on it. For more information about advertising at the Sock Hop, please contact Lisa Caso at 760-722-8406 or Sandy Smith at 760-207-4271.

PARENT VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Remember those Parent Participation Hours? Here are a few opportunities!

~ We are in need of a volunteer to deliver unneeded electronics to Goodwill. Please let the office know if you are able to help.

~We need volunteers to help promote "Late Nite Catechism". Please contact Nicki Nugent at (760) 758-1173 if you have any questions and are interested in helping.



Catholic Schools Week

Don't forget to check your calendars to confirm that you saved the date to help us celebrate Catholic Schools' Week, January 31 through February 6. Our celebration begins with our Parish Community at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 31, with a special focus on *Old Mission Montessori School* as the Parish School. Father Chuck has also asked our *choir* to share their gift of song for this celebration, our *altar servers* and our *ushers* to participate and for our *students to present the gifts* during this special mass. Therefore we are asking all of our families and students to *join us* on for this special day to demonstrate our *SCHOOL SPIRIT*. Please come dressed in your Mass uniform and parents perhaps you might even consider wearing your school polo to show your *SPIRIT* too! We will be contacting as many students as possible to assist with this Mass plus many of our teachers will serve as Eucharistic ministers on that day so **DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US!** Further information will follow later, but please RESERVE that DATE!

OMMS GIFT CARDS

The OMMS Gift Card orders are back to their Friday orders. Again, place an order online at www.shopwithscrip.com or fill out an order form and place your check in the envelope in the school office (or pay with PrestoPay.) Your order will be placed on Friday, and your cards will be available for you to pick up in the office the following Friday. We have made \$714.34 profit since the beginning of the year from this program.

Remember, that's without any of you spending any EXTRA money. It was simply a little bit of your time. \$373.08 was our profit from December alone. Again, thanks for all of you doing your Christmas shopping with us.

Ms. Lida has received a new microscope thanks to all of you who have bought gift cards. The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are already putting it to great use, and they are all very thankful.

As always, feel free to ask me any questions you may still have about the program.

Yvette Heinze, ymheinze@hotmail.com



Looking for that perfect Valentine's Day gift?

How about something other than candy or flowers?

You can't go wrong with giving that special someone the gift of laughter!

Old Mission Montessori School Invites You to a Special Valentine's Weekend

See Sister's BRAND NEW SHOW!

Sister is now offering up her hilarious lessons on the Sacraments of Marriage and Last Rites, including her own wacky version of *The Newlywed Game!*

Classroom participation is a must, so bring along your sweetie and your sense of humor for some quality time with Sister, **the feistiest new couples counselor in town!**

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Friday, February 12, 2010 @ 7:00 pm
Serra Center, Mission San Luis Rey Parish
4070 Mission Avenue, Oceanside

Tickets are \$40 each or \$70 per pair
Each ticket includes one beverage.

*Seating is General Admission
Individuals selling 10 tickets or more will have preferred seating for their group.*

Contact: Nicki Nugent or Laura Visco (760) 757-3232
ommslatenite3@cox.net



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.



SHOE DRIVE

Your extra pair of shoes could warm the feet of the poor and needy. Our parish and school are holding a shoe drive. We are collecting tennis shoes, work boots, durable sturdy shoes, shoes for kids, and shoes for work. Please place each pair of clean shoes inside a plastic shopping bag. You may drop off the shoes in your child's classroom or the school office. Thank you for your generosity!



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
- ~ Anthony Glodek
- ~ The Arguello Family
- ~ Michael Lindsey
- ~ Mr. Tom's mother-in-law
- ~ 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