

OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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St. Agnes

Most of us know someone who died while still young. The value of a person's life can't be measured by the number of years she or he spends on earth. Some people live with more meaning and joy in one day than others do in years. Agnes was such a person; she lived a whole lifetime of love for God in just 13 years.

Although Agnes was young when she was martyred, her courage made a great impact on the people around her. A church was built over her tomb after her death. She may be the most famous of the early Roman martyrs. A skull believed to be hers is still preserved in the church of St. John Lateran with relics of other martyrs.

According to legend, Agnes was very beautiful. When she refused a proposal of marriage from a pagan, the young man reported to the emperor that she was a Christian.

The name Agnes means "pure" in Greek. It sounds like the Latin word *agnus*, which means "lamb." Every year on this day, two lambs from a special flock are blessed in the Roman church that bears her name. At Eastertime, the soft wool from these lambs is sheared and made into vestments for bishops of the church.

St. Agnes, pray for us.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Tonight, 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
- **Friday, January 22nd**, Free Dress Day



Photos of our Christmas Program Available Now

Mr. Anthony Brillo, our school photographer, has pictures of our children during their Christmas Program. You may view them at: collages.net (user name is: OMMS Christmas 2009 and the password is: 16953). If you have any questions you may contact Anthony Brillo at 760-295-7004.



Moms In Touch Has Returned!!

We're back! Ladies, please join me in prayers for the school each Friday morning in the old nursery, Room 21 after drop off at 8:30 a.m. Each Moms In Touch school group is facilitated in prayer and spiritual reflection by a leader, so participants may join silently. There is no better way to earn your parent participation hours. Prayers begin this Friday, and unless you join me, I will be alone. If you have any questions you may call Ann McKinnell @ 760-494-3544.



Showing our support for our Haitian Brothers and Sisters

Catholic Relief Services has quickly responded in the aftermath of the massive earthquake that struck near the capital of Haiti, one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. If you would like to help you may write a check to Catholic Relief Services, with "Haiti Earthquake" written in the memo and send it to P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. Donations can also be made online at www.crs.org.

2009-2010 OMMS Yearbook

It is time to place your order for your 2009-2010 school yearbook. As in past yearbooks, you are invited to advertise your business and send a "Personal Message" to your child or children. The deadline to purchase a "full color" yearbook for the price of \$25 is February 26th. Orders placed after that date will be \$30.



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 this evening, 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 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!** Please RESERVE Sunday, January 31st.



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

This week is your last chance 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 through January 31st. 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:

- ~ The Lash Family
- ~ 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