

OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Conversion of St. Paul

The ninth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles tells the story of Paul's conversion to Christ. This story is so important that Luke includes it two other times in the Acts of the Apostles, and Paul tells the story in his own words in the first chapter of his Letter to the Galatians.

Before he became known as Paul, his name was Saul. He was a tentmaker from the city of Tarsus. Saul had studied to become a teacher. When Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was killed, Saul held the coats of those who threw the stones. Saul set out for Damascus. He wanted to arrest any Christians who had escaped from Jerusalem after Stephen's death. Along the way, Saul was struck down to the ground and blinded. He heard the voice of Jesus. Jesus asked him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Saul was in shock. He allowed himself to be led to the home of Christians in Damascus. A holy man named Ananias prayed with him and his sight was restored. Saul went to an isolated spot to reflect on his new faith. Then he returned to Damascus and began preaching the gospel.

Everyone was astounded at the change in him. Now Saul was the one being persecuted. His friends feared for his life. They helped him to escape from Damascus by lowering him over the wall of the city in a basket. Saul, who began to call himself by the Roman name of Paul, went out on missionary journeys. He crossed the Roman Empire four times to bring news of Christ to the world.

St. Paul, pray for us.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

- o **Friday, January 29th**, PTG Sock Hop, McKeon Center
- o **Sunday, January 31st**, Catholic Schools' Week begins, 10:00 am Mass, Serra Center
- o **Sunday, January 31st**, OMMS Open House, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- o **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**
- o **Saturday, February 6th**, OMMS Open House, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- o **Wednesday, February 10th**, Science/Art Fair, 6:30 pm, Serra Center (**Note: date change**)

- o **Friday, February 12th**, Latz Nitx Catzechism, "Til Dzath Do Us Part" - tickets available in the school office



Catholic Schools Week

Don't forget our celebration begins with our Parish Community at the 10:00 a.m. Mass Sunday, January 31st, 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* 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. Come and show your spirit!



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. Order forms are available in the school office.



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**.



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