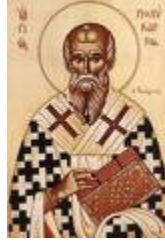


OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

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St. Polycarp

Polycarp knew people who had known Jesus. That made him a "second generation Christian." We know the names of very few people of this generation. The apostle John appointed Polycarp bishop of the city of Smyrna, Turkey. This link with Jesus made Polycarp precious to people. During his long service as bishop, Polycarp faced many challenges. Christians were a minority there. Most of the people of Smyrna enthusiastically worshiped not only the Roman gods but the living emperor as well. Polycarp also faced difficulties from within the faith. A parade of false teachers appeared, one after the other. Polycarp bravely spoke against them to protect his people from confusion. Around the year 155, a great pagan festival was held in Smyrna. The Romans were hunting for known Christians who could be sacrificed. Polycarp was a very old man, and his friends insisted that he hide. When Roman police found his hiding place, he offered them a meal. While they ate, Polycarp prayed for all Christians throughout the world. Polycarp was taken to the Smyrna stadium. The festival crowds gathered the wood for his execution by fire. But, according to an ancient story, the flames would not burn him, so he was stabbed to death. Polycarp showed so much courage when he died that the emperor's police burned his body so that Christians would not try to worship it. Polycarp's burnt bones are entombed with honor in the church of St. Ambrose in Rome. The name Polycarp means "many fruits." In northern lands, the sap begins to rise in trees around this time, which means the spring is almost here.

St. Polycarp, pray for us.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

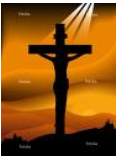
- **Thursday, February 25th**, General PTG Meeting, 6:30 pm, McKeon Center
- **Friday, February 26th**, 2010-2011 Registration Forms go home
- **Friday, February 26th**, Free Dress Day
- **Friday, March 5th**, 11:00 am All School Mass, 12:30/12:45 pm dismissal
- **Friday, March 5th**, Choir Practice
- **Sunday, March 14th**, Daylight Savings Time begins
- **Sunday, March 14th**, OMMS will participate in 10:00 am Mass, everyone is invited!
- **Monday, March 15th**, Scholastic Book Fair
- **Thursday, March 18th**, Scholastic Book Fair/ Spaghetti Dinner, McKeon Center, 5:00 pm

- **Good Friday, April 2nd**, Prayer Service will begin at 12:00 noon, dismissal of the children will be immediately following (**approximately 1:00 p.m.**)

Notes From Our Administrator:



~ Please be aware that the speed limit on the parish/school grounds is 10 miles per hour. So while you are here on the school and parish grounds, please, always be mindful of your speed. *Safety is our priority.* Arrive to your destination perhaps a few minutes later, but arrive safely!



~ Good Friday Prayer Service has been rescheduled to 12:00 noon. The children will be dismissed immediately following, at approximately 1:00 p.m. Please note that this is a change from what was previously stated on the Annual Calendar.



General PTG Meeting

Everyone is encouraged to attend our second General PTG Meeting (at least one representative from each family). The meeting will be held in the McKeon Center on Thursday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m.



OMMS Art for Sale

Please stop by the school office and view our 2010 OMMS Art Show Poster. If you would like to place an order the cost for each 24x36 inch print is \$45.00. If 5 or more posters are ordered, the price will drop to \$35.00 each.



Late Nite Catechism:

Thank You ~ Part 2

Special thanks to the following for their assistance in making this event successful and fun for all!

- ❖ **Eternal Hills Memorial Park** for their overall sponsorship of the event
- ❖ **Schlossadler International Wines** for their booth sponsorship
- ❖ **Sarah Curtis** for donating the use of her Big Bear Cabin for our silent auction
- ❖ **Program sponsors** ~ Mission San Luis Rey Parish Altar Server Ministry, Mike Smith/Fence Smith, Michael Feldman/Eat Your Lunch, Sandra Caldero-Smith, Notary Public, Sudagar & Melana Singh/7-11 Stores, Monica de la Fuente/Taqueria La Takiza and Jennifer Powell/De-Stress Massage
- ❖ **Raffle Prize & Product Donors**~ Proflowers, Vons, Henry's, Albertson's, Hunter Steakhouse, Outback Steakhouse, Viejas Casino, Orfila Vineyards & Winery, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Anthony Brillo Photography, Damon Rubio/Ultrastar Cinemas, Sandrine Linglet/La Boheme International,

Malou Jacinto/Close to My Heart
Consultant, San Luis Rey Bakery

Additionally, I'd like to extend my gratitude to the team of parents & staff who assisted with every detail of the evening:

- ❖ Father Chuck, Father Adrian & Father Philip
- ❖ Allen Hartman, Karen Willson & the entire Mission San Luis Rey Parish Staff
- ❖ Mrs. King, Ms. Janie & Mr. Sergio
- ❖ The OMMS Faculty & Staff
- ❖ Our Mission San Luis Rey Parish Family
- ❖ Ms. Starr & Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey
- ❖ John Pham, Denise Benjamin, Yvette Heinze, Tony Bobadilla, Hector Torres, Tony Visco, Sean Nugent, John Rudick, Zofia Dyblie & Jennifer Buchanan
- ❖ The Late Nite Catechism Committee: Mary Rudick, Laura Visco, Cheri Bell, Denise Marquez, Melissa Gillespie, Patty Fairlie, Lisa Caso, Sandra Smith, Irma Torres, Adrienne Mobley, Monique Bobadilla & Marge Ontiveros for all of their hard work, dedication, footwork & innovation!!
- ❖ **YOU** for supporting this event by your attendance! **We raised almost \$3,000!**

With my heartfelt appreciation,
Nicki Nugent



Cookie Ministry

Two of our parishioners, Jim and Carol Bruynell, are involved in the Kairos Prison Ministry. Last year our students participated in this ministry by coloring placemats, with notes of encouragement, to be used by the inmates at Easter time. Kairos Ministry is also asking for volunteers to bake and donate a few dozen cookies. If you would like to help, they ask that the cookies be placed on a paper or foam plate, 2 dozen to a plate and placed in a zip lock bag. They can be brought to the school office on March 11th and 12th. Join this important ministry. Your cookie might just be the one that brings a soul to Christ. The prisoners are truly blessed through your generosity.



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.



Used Uniform Sales

We will be holding a "used uniform sale" at our annual PTG meeting this Thursday, March 25th. This is a wonderful opportunity to pick up great deals. If you have any used uniforms that you would like to donate, please drop them by the school office. All funds raised go into a scholarship fund.



OMMS Moms In Touch

Need parent participation hours? Moms in Touch invites you to join our non-denominational worldwide prayer organization—even if you haven't prayed in years. Grandmothers at OMMS are welcome too! We meet each Friday morning for 45 minutes after drop-off in Room 21 across the hall from Ms. Jenn's classroom. To make specific prayer request you may e-mail me, Ann McKinnell, at ann@ibmcal.com.



Great Idea and Suggestion!

Cadence's Dad would like to make parents and grandparents aware of a website that has 100 free downloadable, printable coloring pages:
<http://www.grandparents.com/gp/content/activitiesandevents/coloring-activity-pages/index.html>

Thank you Mr. Cristobal!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

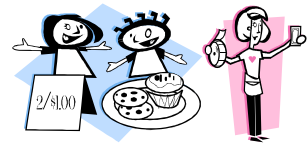
- ~ Volunteers needed for the week of the Book Fair, before and after school
- ~ Volunteers needed to work the Spaghetti Dinner/ Book Fair on March 18th.



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

- ~ Harold Siva
- ~ Dallas and Kate Fatsea's grandmother
- ~ Anna Meyer's father, William Avery
- ~ Gabriel Arvizu

- ~ The Lash Family
- ~ The Garofolo Family
- ~ Michael Valeriano's Aunt Susana Iquique
- ~ Lucinda Vansta
- ~ Anthony Glodek
- ~ The Arguello Family
- ~ Michael Lindsey
- ~ Connor McWayne's Grandma
- ~ Blanche Lindsey
- ~ Our deployed men and women of the armed Forces



*The OMMS PTG Board
 Cordially Invites YOU
 to the
 2nd Semester
 General PTG Meeting
 This Thursday,
 February 25th
 6:30 pm
 McKeon Center*

Learn about volunteering for:



~ Christmas in July,
 chair positions & the event
 itself



~ Spaghetti Dinner



~ Book Fair

***A uniform recycling sale will also take place!!

