

OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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St. John of God

No one is quite sure any longer what happened to John of God as an eight-year-old boy. He may have run away from his home in Portugal; he may have been kidnapped. What is certain is that soon after that he found himself homeless in Spain. John served in the army, and then became a shepherd. When John turned 40, he became anxious about what might be left of his life. He wanted his remaining years to have meaning. He went back to Portugal to find his parents, only to learn that both had died. He felt sad and guilty. He thought back on his life as a soldier and decided that he had brought harm to people instead of goodness.

John opened a house in Granada. He invited in anyone who had nowhere else to go. His guests were beggars, prisoners just released from jail, prostitutes, and the poor. He came to be a familiar sight in Granada, carrying home a cripple he had found on the street. Years of soldiering had taught him how to care for wounds. Now he used that knowledge to nurse the sick. John begged strangers for money to feed his friends. Volunteers, including some of the needy people John had rescued, joined him in his work. They became a religious order, the Brothers Hospitallers, still serving the sick to this day.

At age 55, John got sick after he jumped in a river to save a drowning man. His illness grew worse, but he would not rest in the Lord until the archbishop of Granada promised to watch over all John's house guests. Then John died peacefully.

St. John of God, pray for us.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Friday, March 5th**, 11:00 am All School Mass, 12:30/12:45 pm dismissal
- **Friday, March 5th**, Choir Practice
- **Monday, March 8th**, 6:30 p.m., Christmas in July Meeting
- **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
- **Friday, March 19th**, Elementary Mass, 12:30/12:45 pm dismissal, **NO PM CHILD CARE**

- **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

2010 - 2011 REGISTRATION

The re-registration forms for the 2010-2011 school year went home on Friday. If you did not receive it, please contact the office. Please return this form as soon as possible. Open enrollment will begin the week of March 15th.



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



SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Education has always been a priority for Bernice and Virgil Codner, former parishioners of Mission San Luis Rey Parish. Recognizing this priority their descendants have generously authorized Mission San Luis Rey Parish to utilize their donated funds to establish a scholarship fund for the parish school, Old Mission Montessori School. "The Bernice and Virgil Codner Scholarship Fund" will be available for the 2010-2011 school year. Applications for this scholarship will be available in the main school office beginning the week of March 15th. All applications are to be returned to the main office in a sealed envelope on or before April 15th, to be considered for the upcoming school year. The OMMS Advisory Board will meet to review the numbered applications (*applicants will remain anonymous*) to determine financial need and disbursed based upon funds available. The Codner Family did establish certain criteria for recipients of this scholarship; families of students must be registered, contributing members of the Mission San Luis Rey Parish and currently enrolled in the elementary educational program at Old Mission Montessori School.



Come Celebrate and Show your OMMS Spirit

Don't forget to mark your calendar to join us on Sunday, March 14, for the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Serra Center. Remember too, set your clocks **forward**; *do not miss the celebration!* Once again our students will have the opportunity to serve as readers, altar servers, greeters, and of course our OMMS Choir will lead our parish community in song to

celebrate the Mass that morning. Please show your OMMS Spirit by wearing your Mass uniform and parents you can join by wearing your OMMS shirt too! The children in Choir have already begun to practice for this celebration on Sunday, March 14!



CHRISTMAS IN JULY MEETING

Our next Christmas in July meeting is Monday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m. We are planning on having the Food Handler's test administered at this time. If you haven't already turned in your shopping list, please bring it to this meeting. We still have a few **co-chair positions available: Donations, Fun Food, and Kid Zone.** To learn more about these positions, please attend our meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!



Don't Forget Christmas in July's Sister Gladys Booth...when you are doing that Spring cleaning! It is time to think about stocking our "Sister Gladys" booth. We need any "gently used" household items. However, we do not collect clothing or shoes. If you have the storage space at home, we ask that you save these items for our big Christmas in July week end. However, we do have some storage space here at school. Thank you for your help! If you have any questions, you are welcome to call the office.



NORTH COUNTY PAROCIAL LEAGUE TRACK MEET

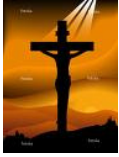
The NCPL Track Meet is a wonderful and fun opportunity for your child to experience track and field events and to challenge themselves to perform at their very best. The Track Meet is scheduled for

Saturday, March 27th at 8:00 a.m., at Cathedral High School. All participants receive a ribbon. Pick up a sign up sheet in the office. Sign ups are due by March 10th.



OMMS Art for Sale

Please stop by the school office and view our 2010 OMMS Art Show Poster. It is still not too late 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.



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.



Scholastic Book Fair and Spaghetti Night
Old Mission Montessori School will be hosting our Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Scholastic Book Fair on Thursday, March 18, 2010 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. The theme for this fun and eventful evening is "Fifties Diner". Come support our school & enjoy a yummy dinner of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & a drink catered by Capozzoli's Pizzeria. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors 55+, and \$4.00 for children under 10. Look for the flier in your Tuesday packets, or purchase your tickets at the front office. The Scholastic Book Fair Diner will also be available that night for you to purchase books for your child or to donate to your classroom.

Rooms 1, 17, 212, and 218 are responsible for assisting with this event. We will need help with set-up, clean-up, ticket sales, and meal service. We are also seeking additional volunteers from anyone wanting to help or needing to get their second semester Parent Participation Hours in. For more information on volunteering, contact your Room Parent or Sandy Smith at 760-207-4271.



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.



OMMS Moms In Touch

Each Friday morning OMMS mothers gather to pray for our children and the school, followed by coffee, on the last Friday of each month. We invite you to join our group as often as you are able! We meet for 45 minutes after drop-off in Room 21 across the hall from Ms. Jenn's classroom. To make specific prayer requests you may email me, Ann McKinnell, at ann@ibmcal.com.



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
- ~ **Volunteers** needed to work with our "**Lost and Found**". We need parents to sort and launder our "Lost and Found" items. This is a great opportunity for parents who are unable to complete parent hours here at school. If you would like to help, please notify the office.



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

- ~ Evan Meyer
- ~ 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
- ~ The people of Chile
- ~ Our deployed men and women of the armed Forces