

OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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When Patrick was 16, his father's farm in Britain was invaded. The raiders carried Patrick off with his father's servants to be slaves in Ireland. Patrick spent the next six years tending sheep. As a slave, he suffered greatly from loneliness. But in his isolation he found a deep sense of God's love for him.

Finally Patrick was able to escape. He made his way home to Britain. He became a monk and studied so that he could return to Ireland as a missionary. By the year 433, he had also become a bishop. Patrick went back to Ireland and traveled throughout the land. He preached to the Irish in their own language, which he had learned during his years of slavery. By the time Patrick died 25 years later, most of the Irish people were baptized.

Monasteries in Ireland became centers of learning. Missionaries sent from Ireland later played a large part in bringing Christianity back to Europe after European cities were destroyed by invading tribes. St. Patrick's Day always comes during Lent, when the church is getting catechumens ready for baptism at Easter. Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to try to explain to catechumens the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

St. Patrick, pray for us.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **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, NO CHOIR PRACTICE**
- **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.**)

2010 - 2011 REGISTRATION

Open enrollment began this week. If your intention is to re-enroll your child/children for the 2010-2011 school year, and you have not already done so, please stop by the school office.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Members of our Parish Family,
Here we are, already, in the third week of the holy season of Lent; Easter is less than a month away. If you have not yet been able to enter into the 'reason for the season,' or if you've already found yourself distracted from your Lenten commitments—do not despair! You can begin or set the 'reset' button on your Lent today, right now! Today's responsorial psalm reminds us that our God is "kind and merciful"—and by

'mercy' we mean God's *hesed* or 'loving kindness'. It's never too late to get started (again). Just do it!

Already we have passed through the initial rites of Lent: Ash Wednesday, the Rites of Election and Sending for our RCIA participants; our parish-wide celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation this past week. The presence and presentation of our 60-strong (!) catechumens (to be baptized at Easter Vigil) and candidates (already baptized and ready to be received into the Catholic community and/or to be confirmed) remind us of the baptismal character of Lent. It is a time for all of us to renew our fundamental baptismal promises to accept and to follow Jesus—a promise which, for most of us, was made on our behalf by our godparents. Now we can renew and be renewed in baptismal promises and commitment in a full, active, and conscious way. So, let us continue to support each other as we journey with Jesus not just to Calvary, but through Calvary and on to the glory of His Resurrection! A time of promise, of hope, and of ongoing conversion. A joyful march tempered by the sober acknowledgment of our individual brokenness and of the reality of pain, suffering, and injustice in our world. So, let's keep going! Siempre adelante!



On another note: The Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) Sports Court

I'd like to take this opportunity to give you an update on the progress of our **Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) Sports Court**. In January, a group of parishioners and staff gathered for an informal brainstorming session to consider a parish-wide project which would provide a real and very practical benefit to everyone in our parish family. In a most particular way, we wanted to find a way to support the tremendous efforts of our parish school, Old Mission Montessori School, while at the same time assisting the parish at large. We considered a number of ideas which have lain dormant over time. We agreed unanimously that the Sports Court was one idea whose time had come. As part of our celebration of Catholic Schools Week (January 23-24), I announced at our 10AM Mass that we were initiating a project which would involve the resurfacing of the area directly behind (north of) the Serra Center—an area of some 90,000 square feet. An additional benefit of the resurfacing would involve

marking out specific areas for use for sports activities (basketball, volleyball, etc.). During the week, this area would be available for the use of the students at our parish school as well as other children and youth involved in religious ed/youth group activities. On weekends and holidays, the space would revert to use as a parking facility. No more mud!

UPDATE:

Fellowship Center Drug and Alcohol Recovery Facility

Many of you may have received information in the form of a flyer regarding the above proposed project and the next meeting of the Oceanside Planning Commission. **PLEASE NOTE this item is not on the agenda for the upcoming pre-scheduled meeting on March 22nd.** We spoke directly with the identified contact from the City of Oceanside's Planning Commission, Jerry Hittleman, and were informed that the Public Hearing for this proposed project was removed from the Planning Commission's Agenda and will be rescheduled at a later date. We will inform parents when this item is again placed on the agenda as a public hearing item.

OUR PARISH AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY

This past weekend our parish school was the focus of MSLRP's QLM (Quarterly Leadership Meeting). It began with our community of leaders, within our wonderfully, enriched parish body, representing various ministries coming together for a tour (*a bit of exercise on Saturday morning*) to learn more about Old Mission Montessori School; to gain further understanding of their Parish School environment and the scope of the curriculum. The overall reaction was very positive, impressed with what the school has to offer, commenting that they appreciated the opportunity to enter the classrooms to see first hand what is *hidden behind the doors*. After the tour all had an opportunity to ask questions and some continued after the meeting was adjourned. WE would like to express our gratitude to our *OMMS Advisory Board Chair, Marge Ontiveros*; *Parish Advisory Board Liaison, Mary Rudick*; *OMMS Mentor Teacher, Susan McGuirk*, for sharing their time and answering questions; and to everyone who attended the meeting allowing us the opportunity to share not only information, but our pride in being part of your Parish School.



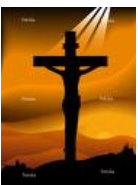
OMMS ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW

Our annual Variety Show audition sign-ups will go up the week of March 22nd - 26th (on the bulletin board outside the main school office). Auditions will be held on Friday, April 16th, from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. There will be no choir that day. Performances must be around two minutes long. The Variety Show will be held April 29th.



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 are now available in the main school office. 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. Please remember Federal Tax Reports are required with application.



Good Friday Prayer Service has been rescheduled to 12:00 noon. The children will be dismissed immediately following at 1:00 p.m. (approximately). 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.



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.



Congratulations 8th Graders!

Miss Susan wishes to congratulate Gabriel Martinez and Zachary Provost on their recent acceptance for Bishop's High School. Only 35 students were accepted from outside Bishop's student body. Well done! Congratulations also to Mac Entwistle, Patrick Jackson, Marco Rovira, and Conor Telfer who were accepted for Cathedral Catholic High School (Gabriel and Zachary were also accepted for Cathedral). OMMS is very proud of you!



Jazz Dance Classes

There is room in Thursday's Jazz Dance Class if anyone is interested. Classes are held in the McKeon Center from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call Miss Susan at 760-757-3232 ext. 154.



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:

- ~ Mrs. Yolanda Rocha
- ~ Evan Meyer
- ~ Harold Siva
- ~ Dallas and Kate Fatsea's grandmother
- ~ Anna Meyer's father, William Avery
- ~ Gabriel Arvizu
- ~ 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

