

OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

Student's Prayer



Dear Jesus,
A new school year has now begun
after several weeks of summer fun.
Now, as my studies begin anew,
may I always and ever rely on You.
Bless my teachers and my principal, too.
Bless my classmates in all that they do.
Open my mind and open my heart,
so this new school year will have a great start.
I love You, Jesus, I truly do.
May I always, in everything, follow You.
Amen



DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Friday, September 11th**, all school Peace Assembly, flagpole, 9:45 am
- **Saturday, September 12th**, Welcome Back Picnic, 11:00 am, school front lawn
- **Thursday, September 17th**, General PTG Meeting, 6:30 pm, McKeon Center
- **Friday, September 18th**, 11:00 Transition - Middle School, 12:30/12:45 pm dismissal
- **Tuesday, September 22nd**, School Pictures Primary Rooms 1, 2, and Middle School
- **Wednesday, September 23rd**, School Pictures, Transition Rooms 17 & 18, and Sr. Elementary, Rooms 206 & 212
- **Thursday, September 24th**, School Pictures, Jr. Elementary, Rms. 6, 9, 14
- **Wednesday, September 30th**, Restaurant Fundraiser at Shakey's, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Notes From Our Administrator

WELCOME to our new students and families and all of our returning students and their families; we certainly missed everyone over the summer! Our faculty and staff at OMMS are most definitely delighted to be back at work and it is quite possible they were even more excited than your children. Traditionally September is **always** a busy month, with meetings; Back to School Night; OMMS Welcome Picnic; to name just a few, but these times and events are scheduled for our OMMS families and students to commence the year better acquainted, informed, and prepared to work as a team to benefit your child and our school community! Once again, we thank you in advance for sharing your valuable time as a means to assist us in reaching our common goal, to provide a safe, faith-based, enriched academic environment for all children attending OMMS.

Remember to mark your calendars for our first **OMMS GENERAL PTG MEETING**, scheduled for **Thursday, September 17th, at 6:30 p.m. in the McKeon Center**. The meeting will enlighten families about the many avenues and opportunities available for you to become more involved in your child's school and how you can help OMMS! Further information will be sent home as the evening approaches.

Speed Limit and Traffic:

R E M E M B E R T O S L O W D O W N !

All of the paved areas within our OMMS/PARISH facility are **not regular roads**; therefore the speed limit is **very low; do not exceed 10 miles an hour**. Remember children/students are present; help us keep everyone safe!

REMEMBER TOO, the horseshoe drive is not only **one way, but one lane**; do not pass another vehicle to exit, remain in the line until you are at the front and please do not leave your vehicle. Remember, all Primary children are to be picked up first then continue on the easement road, **Via Santa Maria**, to pick up your remaining children at the front of OMMS. **We realize that everyone has a schedule to keep, but safety must always remain our priority and yours.**

DISMISSAL TIMES

Remember that there are two dismissal times, one at 3:00 p.m. for Primary through Junior Elementary (Pre- 3rd) and the second at 3:15 p.m. for Senior Elementary through Middle School (4th - 8th). Each dismissal time has a 15 minute window as a convenience for parents and to allow for traffic that may be encountered at the end of the day. If

you have a student in our lower elementary (Transition - Jr. Elem.) and they have a sibling (or a "known" carpool arrangement) attending our upper elementary (4th-8th) the younger student may join the older student for their dismissal at 3:15 p.m. The parent or carpool driver will then enter the horse shoe drive ONLY ONCE at the end of the day to pick-up their children or the children for which they are responsible.

HISTORIC MISSION WATERLINE PROJECT

The City of Oceanside has alerted Mission San Luis Rey Parish and Old Mission Montessori School that in the very near future (possibly the middle of September) the west side of the horseshoe drive might be impacted by work on a waterline project for the historic Mission San Luis Rey. We ask for your patience and understanding during this temporary inconvenience.

Nutritious Snacks and Lunches:

Nutrition is of the utmost importance for your child's health and well being. Please do not pack or bring sodas and/or "adrenaline rush" drinks of any kind to school or for after school activities. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

OMMS is pleased to announce a daily hot lunch service for our students!

Eat Your Lunch Deli & Grill

provides this same service to other schools in San Diego including Notre Dame Academy.

*OMMS students
will soon be able to choose*

from a rotating menu of hot meals or opt for a "build your own" deli sandwich "sack" lunch. Each lunch comes with an entrée, vegetable, fruit, homemade chocolate chip cookie and choice of milk or water. Individual milks will also be available for purchase. Look for more details in next week's newsletter and for an *Eat Your Lunch Deli & Grill* info table at the general PTG meeting on Thursday, September 17th.

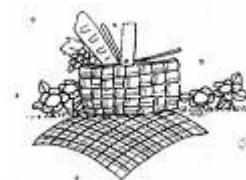
Student Assembly:

Today we had our "welcome back" assembly for our students. We acknowledged and applauded our incoming eighth graders for their accomplishments. These students represent mentors for our younger classes and role models for the entire school; this academic level carries responsibilities plus offers some privileges. If your child is in a primary or transition class you might see these students assisting on the playground, in the class listening to readers or reading a story to the children, please be assured that these students are always under a teacher's direct supervision. Our eighth graders also understand that this is a privilege; with their own academic expectations remaining a priority!

Many other topics were discussed at this first assembly including the three "R"s. WE reminded students that the "R"s represent expectations. The first being RIGHT: always thinking before acting, making the right choices, deciding instead of following; the second being RESPECT: always being respectful towards not only yourself but also those around you; the third "R" is being RESPONSIBLE: always behaving in a responsible manner, responsible for your actions and accountable for work expectations. The teachers will continually remind students and we will ask you as parents to assist us by discussing the three "R"s with your child. Parents always remain the primary educators of their child and this responsibility continues even with their entry into school. Remember as parents and teachers we are a team, supportive of one another for the benefit and/ or success of your child! We thank you for choosing OMMS for your child's faith-based, academic journey and for allowing us the opportunity to be part of that journey; *together* we will encourage that never-ending quest for knowledge, an avid desire to understand what they have learned and the process of how we as individual learners continue to develop that knowledge throughout a lifetime; LEARNING NEVER CEASES!

OMMS Contact Information Preferences:

We have attached a copy of the "OMMS Contact Information Preferences" form. If you have not already done so, please read and complete the form And return it to the school office at your earliest convenience.



Annual OMMS Family Picnic

This Saturday, September 12th, at 11:00 a.m., we will be holding our Annual OMMS Family Picnic, which will take place on the lawn in front of OMMS. Please bring sandwiches or an entrée of your choice for your family and blankets and/or beach chairs.

This picnic will be a great way to make new friends, renew old friendships for both your and old! We hope to see everyone there.

OMMS FUNDRAISING

Tuition fees cover just a percentage of the total cost of educating your child(ren). Our school's fundraisers supplement these fees by providing the monies needed to operate our school and to support our enrichment programs. While participation in the fundraising activities during the school year is voluntary, it is essential to point out that these activities are important in providing extra funds for our school programs.

Throughout the years, we will run a variety of fundraisers in hopes that something can appeal to everyone. We try to focus on "No Cost" fundraisers and products that we all tend to buy anyway. For

example, our school receives contributions from grocery stores, retail stores and gas stations with just your regular shopping. Learn how you can help by reviewing the attached flyer.



Fundraisers (2008-2009 School Year)

Christmas Gift Wrap	\$1,894
Kids Kreations Art	\$ 877
Christmas Trees	\$1,600
Restaurants	\$ 574
Scrip	\$1,054
Book Fair	\$3,409
TOTAL:	\$9,408

Entertainment Values Coupon Book Sales

This week, your child will be bringing home an Entertainment Values book and order form. Each book costs only \$20 and up to \$10 comes back to the school. There are hundreds of coupons and the savings potential is incredible! The book literally pays for itself with the use of just 2 restaurant coupons.

Use the book as a sample to show family and friends and bring back the order form and payment (checks made payable to "OMMS") to your child's classroom. If you do not wish to sell or buy the book, simply return the book to the classroom. Each teacher who has "100% Participation" from his/her classroom will receive a FREE Values 2010 book. This means every student has returned payment or any unsold book.

Michelle Shebest and Yvette Heinze,
Fundraising Coordinators

HEADS UP (OR RATHER, TAILS UP)!!!

The annual Horse Drop Raffle is coming up soon. This annual OMMS tradition is part of the St. Francis Day Celebration, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, this year. Each school family is encouraged to sell six \$10 tickets to the raffle. Watch your Tuesday packet next week for your tickets and instructions.

Here's how the Horse Drop Raffle works: a pony or horse comes to spend the afternoon at the picnic and wanders around in a corral munching hay and enjoying our company. The corral is divided into 1,000 squares, and each of the 1,000 tickets available is randomly assigned to one of those squares. When the horse drops its lunch, we determine which square it landed in, and the corresponding ticket holder wins 10% of the total tickets sales (up to \$1,000). If the ticket corresponding to the "winning" square was not sold, the winner is drawn from the sold tickets. If the horse doesn't drop its lunch, the winner is also drawn from the sold tickets.

If all the tickets are sold, we can raise \$10,000 for the school (less the \$1,000 prize and about \$300 in expenses). Won't that be a great start for the school year? For more information, call Lorraine Doering at 760-729-8834 or visit the Horse Drop table at the Welcome Back picnic on Saturday, September 6, at 11:00am.



Prayer Corner

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

~ Our deployed men and women of the armed forces.