

# OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, September 22, 2009



**St. Matthew**

Tax collectors have never been popular people, but in our day at least they are considered respectable. In the time of Jesus, tax collectors were social outcasts. They worked for the Romans, who had conquered and oppressed the Jewish people. Worse, many tax collectors were dishonest, forcing people to pay more than they really owed.

We do not know what kind of tax collector Matthew was. Jesus chose to call him to be one of the Twelve, in spite of what people would think. Jesus attended a party at the home of his new disciple. (The story is told in the ninth chapter of Gospel of Matthew.) Matthew invited all his friends, the other outcasts of society—tax collectors and public sinners. The religious leaders were horrified that a teacher like Jesus would keep such company. When Jesus was questioned about it, he said, "I did not come to call the virtuous, but sinners."

After the death and resurrection of Jesus, when the Holy Spirit brought gifts of courage and wisdom to the apostles, Matthew preached the gospel. The gospel that bears Matthew's name was written in Greek, perhaps around the year 80. Many of the stories in this gospel remind us that all people are welcome to follow Christ. An example is the story of the Magi who were led by a star to visit the infant Jesus. The Magi were not Jews, and yet they came to honor this Jewish child, Jesus. The story of the Magi is found only in the Gospel of Matthew.

**St. Matthew, pray for us.**



## **DATES TO REMEMBER!**

- **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**, drop off your recycling Tuesday morning (horseshoe drive)
- **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**, School Pictures Primary Rooms 1, 2, and Middle School
- **Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, School Pictures, Transition Rooms 17 & 18, and Sr. Elementary, Rooms 206 & 212
- **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**, School Pictures, Jr. Elementary, Rms. 6, 9, 14
- **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**, Chess Club begins
- **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**, Free Dress Day
- **Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**, Restaurant Fundraiser at Shakey's, 5:00 - 8:00 pm
- **Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 11:00 am, all school Mass, 12:30/12:45 pm dismissal
- **Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**, Junior Golf begins

*Education requires parents, teachers, and child/student to work together in cooperation; a weakness in any one of these decreases the efficiency of the others while inhibiting the success and development of the child/student.*

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our OMMS parents who attended our first semester General PTG Meeting; our PTG Board who created such a wonderful venue within the McKeon Center;

Many parents have already determined what interests them and what gifts they can share with our community at OMMS; have you? If not why not consider being part of a committee; not certain what committees are available then why not consider contacting Nicki Nugent our PTG President to find out! All of us greatly appreciate the energy, enthusiasm and sense of community that was demonstrated throughout the meeting. Many of our parents took advantage of the on site LIVE SCAN that evening, but if you were not able to do so remember just stop by the office for the required form and we will gladly inform you of the locations to obtain your LIVE SCAN.



## **SCHOOL PICTURE DAY REMINDER**

School Picture Days are this week. If you have P.E. scheduled on your picture day, you will not need to wear your P.E. uniform on that day. We would like to encourage students to wear their Mass uniform for their class pictures and any color polo for individual photos.



Thank You

### The OMMS PTG Board would like to thank...

- ~Albertson's on Mission Avenue for donating doughnuts for our Welcome Back Coffee.
- ~Starbucks on Mission and El Camino Real for donating coffee for our Welcome Back Coffee.
- ~Einstein Bros Bagels on Jefferson and Vista Way for donating bagels for our Welcome Back Coffee.
- ~Souplantation on Marron and Jefferson for donating muffins for our Welcome Back Coffee.
- ~Albertson's San Elijo Hills and Denise Benjamin for donating the baked goods served at both our Welcome Back Picnic and our General PTG Meeting.
- ~Everyone who was able to attend the General PTG Meeting last Thursday. We appreciated your support and interest in volunteering.

For those who weren't able to attend, please feel free to contact Nicki Nugent at 758-1173 or [nickiandsean@cox.net](mailto:nickiandsean@cox.net) or your Room Parent to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Please support these donors in our business community who generously support our school!!



### Our Annual Horse Drop/ St. Francis Day Celebration

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 raffle tickets.

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 Sandra Smith or the school office.

### JUST THE HEALTH FACTS

**KEEP HANDS CLEAN** by washing with soap and water or by using alcohol based hand rubs. Sick people should clean their hands too!

**DISPOSE OF USED TISSUES** immediately into a trash or waste can.

Always clean hands after using a tissue.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

**KEEP SURFACES CLEAN** by using household cleaners. Make sure to clean shared surfaces often such as faucets, light switches, and handles on doors and cabinets.



### Recycle Tuesdays

Don't forget to drop off your recycling every Tuesday morning as you drop your students off. Please see the attached flyer for more information on the recyclables that OMMS collects.



### Volunteers Needed!!

We are in great need of volunteers for the upcoming St. Francis Day Picnic on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We need people to help set-up, man some booths/activities, and help clean-up afterwards. We are looking for people that can volunteer for at least one shift. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Caso at 760-521-6841 or [lisacaso@cox.net](mailto:lisacaso@cox.net).



### HAVE TIME AND WANT TO HELP?

If you would like to help in any of these areas below just contact the office, leave your name and number, the area in which you would like to offer help and we will contact you ASAP. Thank you in advance for your willingness to share such a valuable commodity..... your time!

- ✓ Consider lending a hand and help serve lunch on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday
- ✓ Consider sharing a little of your valuable time listening to our early readers
- ✓ Consider joining a group of former parents who are making plans to "spruce-up" our Parish and School environments
- ✓ Don't forget October 3<sup>rd</sup>, when we celebrate St. Francis and of course find out "Where will the Horse Drop its LUNCH"!



### Restaurant Night

Our first restaurant fundraiser will be on **Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** from 5pm until 8pm at **Shakey's Pizza Parlor** on Oceanside Blvd. (west of College Blvd.). This will be a fun event for everyone! Come together with friends and family to share good food and good times. Whether you crave to eat-in or take-out, just mention our school to the cashier and Shakey's will donate 25% of your transaction to OMMS! No flyer is necessary.



## OMMS Gift Cards

**First Order is Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

OMMS Gift cards are available once again. At the end of last year, we raised enough money to buy playground equipment for the upper grades. This year, we are going to try to get more items from the wish lists our teachers have. The first item we would like to get is another MICROSCOPE for Ms. Lida's classroom. Our goal is to raise \$400. If half the families bought a \$100 gift card to one of the participating grocery stores—money you already spend—we could achieve this in one order. **Make your order by Friday, and the gift cards will be available the following Friday.**

### How do you make an order?

Fill out an order form and turn it into the school office. Or, place your order online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), where you can find hundreds of shopping options and more information. Please see attachment for more details. Make check out to OMMS.



## First Communion Preparation

Third graders attending OMMS are eligible to make their First Communion and First Reconciliation this May. Forms are available in the school office, and they are due in the Parish Office of Religious Education no later than the end of September.

Parents requesting Sacraments for their children are required to attend one of the following meetings: September 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, Parish Dining Room, or October 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, McKeon Center.



## My God

My God, you are the sunshine of the world.  
My God you help everyone through hard times.  
My God, everyday you are with us as we go.  
Every day and every night you are here for us.  
You keep us safe every day.  
You are always with us, no matter how far we are.  
My God, I love you!!

by  
*Macy Sotelo-King*  
Room 206



## Music Classes to begin!

Students (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> levels), please bring in your recorders from last year to your teachers. If you are a new student, or wish to order a new recorder, please bring in \$3.00 per recorder. Place your payment inside an envelope with your name and classroom # on it. You may then drop it off in Recorder Payment folder in the school office. Please have payments in the school office by Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you, Mr. Tom.

## DAILY HOT LUNCH SERVICE STARTS THIS WEEK!

*Provided by Eat Your Lunch Deli & Grill*

- ~ Each lunch includes a hot entrée, fresh fruit, baby organic carrots, homemade chocolate chip cookie and water or milk
- ~ A build your own sandwich option is also available
- ~ Students may also order individual milks

Hot or sack lunch prices:

Primary \$4.75 per day

Transition through 8<sup>th</sup> \$5.50 per day

Milk only \$1.00 per day

Order forms are available in the school office. You may place your order in the Hot Lunch Envelope in the office, FAX it to the Deli or you can call your order in!

Deli FAX: 760-744-0310

Deli Phone: 760-744-8391

Deli Email: [eatyourlunch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eatyourlunch@sbcglobal.net)



Girl Scouts.  
Where Girls Grow Strong.

## Daisy Troop 1676 – First Meeting of the Year!

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> in the music room from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is the same troop of FIRST GRADE girls that met last year. Remember, you will be filling out forms at the end of the meeting, and please bring the information requested in the e-mail. If you have any questions, please contact Nicki Nugent, Sandy Smith, or Nikki Rubio. We are looking forward to another fun year of Daisies!



## Congratulations to the Alvizo Family!!

Cristian Alvizo has a new baby brother, Evan Rey. Evan was born on September 16<sup>th</sup>, weighing in at 7 lbs. 7 oz. and measuring 19 inches!



## Prayer Corner

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

- ~ The Armen/Madden Family
- ~ Natalie and Allison Rubio's Great Grandma Marseille
- ~ The Grigsby Family
- ~ Donnah Snaer-Williams
- ~ The Fidellow Family
- ~ The Osorio Family
- ~ Michael and Kevin Dyblie's uncle, Daniel Mlocek
- ~ The Rocha Family
- ~ Blanche Lindsey
- ~ The Nugent Family
- ~ The Paredes Family
- ~ The Vorndran Family
- ~ Sister Patricia Boyd, BVM
- ~ Our deployed men and women of the armed forces