

# OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, September 29, 2009



## The Feast of St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael, The Archangels

This great day is a triple celebration of the glory of God. The feast days of Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, who used to be remembered separately, have been combined into one joyful feast. Although angels are mentioned in the Bible many times, only these three are specifically named. They are messengers of God, which is the meaning of the word "angel." St. Michael's role was to defend Christians from the powers of evil. This day, which comes as the nights grow longer and longer, is the church's fearless welcome to the dark and cold.

Michael's name means, "Who is like God?" The 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Revelation tells of Michael casting out of heaven those angels who presumed that they were like God. Michael is considered the special protector of Israel and also the protector of the church.

Gabriel was the archangel who brought the news that John the Baptist would be born to Zechariah and Elizabeth. It was Gabriel who appeared to Mary to ask her to become the mother of God. His name means "God has healed."

Raphael's name means "God has healed." Raphael plays an important part in the Book of Tobit, where he guards a young man on a journey and restores sight to the man's elderly father. He describes himself as one of the seven angels who stand in the presence of God.

**For centuries, this day has been an occasion for a holiday feast.**

**Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, pray for us.**



### DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **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
- **Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, **Horse Drop/St. Francis Day Celebration**
- **Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**, "What's after eighth grade?" informational meeting for Middle School parents, 6:30 p.m. in Room 218
- **Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**, Junior Golf begins
- **Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**, **deadline to turn in unsold coupon books or payment**



### 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.



### Earthquake and Disaster Provisions

If you have not already done so, please be sure that your student's Earthquake and Disaster Provisions are in your child's classroom as soon as possible.



### 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.

### Entertainment Values Coupon Book Sales

The deadline to return your unsold coupon book or payment is Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. You may return either of these to the office or to your child's classroom. Additional books are available in the office.



### OMMS Gift Card Goal

**\$400 for a microscope for our Middle School**

**With only 8 participants we have raised \$100!**  
**We only have \$300 more to go! Have you bought your OMMS gift cards yet?**

### How do you make an order?

Register online at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)  
 Code: DA1245Bf17557  
 Order by Friday - pick up next Friday.



### What's After 8<sup>th</sup> Grade?

High school is right around the corner! There are so many questions, choices and decisions to make. OMMS would like to help make the process and easy one. We have invited a couple of alumni parents to answer questions regarding:

- ~Open Houses
- ~Interviews
- ~Placement Tests
- ~Tuition
- ~Classes, clothing, books, etc.
- ~Transitioning into high school

The informational meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in Room 218 at 6:30 p.m. All Middle School parents are welcome to attend.



### Music Classes have begin!

Students (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> levels), if you have not already done so, 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 the 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.



### Prayer Corner

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

- ~ Evan Chiariello, Andrew's brother
- ~ 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