

OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, October 6, 2009



Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

When Eulalie Durocher was growing up in a little town outside Montreal, she wanted only a quiet and simple life for herself. She enjoyed riding her horse, Caesar. Marie-Rose (the name she took when she became a religious) was the 10th of 11 children. Even as a teenager, she was so competent that when her mother died she was able to take over the household. Then her brother, a priest in a town near Montreal, asked her to become the housekeeper and host at the rectory where he lived. Although she was never very healthy, she had a great deal of energy and she worked hard at serving others.

In those times most Canadians lived in rural areas. The huge country had about half a million Catholics, most of whom had received no religious education. There was a severe shortage of clergy to serve the needs of this large, spread-out population. Marie-Rose had the advantage of a few years of formal education as well as the religious education she had been given by her mother. Realizing that the children of the parish needed catechesis, she began to teach them. After encouragement from her spiritual director and the bishop of Montreal, she founded a religious congregation to do this work. She was then 32 years old.

Marie-Rose lived only six years longer. She would have been surprised to learn that some day her actions would touch not only her homeland of Canada but also the United States, South America, Africa and Japan. Those are the places that have been served by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, the religious congregation she founded.

Blessed Marie-Rose, pray for us.



DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Tuesday, October 8th**, "What's after eighth grade?" informational meeting for Senior Elementary and Middle School parents, 6:30 p.m. in Room 218
- **Tuesday, October 6th**, Girls V Volleyball, at St. Michael's, 3:30 pm
- **Thursday, October 8th**, Girls JV (5) Volleyball, home game, 3:30 pm
- **Thursday, October 8th**, JV (6) Volleyball, St. John's, 3:30 pm
- **Friday, October 9th**, Jeans Day (free dress with jeans)
- **Friday, October 9th**, Junior Golf begins
- **Friday, October 9th**, **deadline to turn in** unsold Entertainment books or payment
- **Monday, October 12th**, Football (O'Keefe Field) OMMS vs. St. Patrick's, 3:30 pm
- **October 12th - 22nd**, ITBS Testing (2nd through 8th grades)
- **Tuesday, October 13th**, School Picture orders are due
- **Thursday, October 15th**, Restaurant Night at Capozzoli's
- **Friday, October 16th**, Profession Growth Day, **NO SCHOOL**
- **Monday, October 19th**, Parent/Teacher Conferences begin

- **Friday, October 30th**, Harvest Hoe Down, Primary through Transition classrooms (Volunteers needed - see your child's Teacher)



Congratulations to Our New Student Council Members

Gabriel Martinez - President
Darlene Nacional - Vice President
Hailey Dube - Secretary
Dallas Fatseas -
Varsity Sports/Athletic Representative
Xavier Snaer-Williams -
Jr. Varsity Sports/Athletic Rep., Rm. 206
Christopher Ontiveros -
Jr. Varsity Sports/Athletic Rep., Rm. 212
Sera Stotelmyre - Environmental Coordinator
Conor Telfer - Social Coordinator
Diana Visco - Peace Monitor

Class Representatives

Giana Acosta	Room 6
Connor Gillespie/Andrew Torres	Room 9
Gabriel Dagdagan	Room 14
Lea Marquez, 4th Level	Room 206
Kimmy Kelly, 5th Level	Room 206
Lauren Bell, 4th Level	Room 212
Kate Fatseas, 5th Level	Room 212
Michael Dyblie	Room 217

Keane Johnson
Sabrina Torres

Room 218
Room 222

Congratulations and thank you to all who ran for office - you all showed great school pride!



School Picture Proofs Go Home Today!

Included in today's Tuesday Packet is your child's school picture proofs. Please return your orders by Tuesday, October 13th. If you place an order after October 16th there will be a \$6.00 handling fee. If for any reason you are not pleased with your child's photo, please contact Mr. Anthony Brillo at (760)295-7004. He will be happy to schedule an appointment with you to re-take your child's photo (at no additional charge).



Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets

As is our tradition, OMMS "adopts" several families in need from our community and from within our Marine Corp community at Camp Pendleton.

Our Thanksgiving baskets supply each family in need with a Thanksgiving meal (and a little extra). Then at Christmas our goal is to supply each of these families with not only the makings for a Christmas meal, but also a gift for each of the children in the families. This is a stewardship project that helps us all "live" our faith so we encourage all of the children to get involved in. So moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, start thinking of chores or other ways that your child will be able to "earn" the items he/she will want to share with our "adopted" families! May God bless you always for your continued support and generosity!



Capozzoli's Pizzeria - Restaurant Night

Thank you to all of you who came to Shakey's last Wednesday and supported OMMS! Shakey's donated \$183 to our school. Funds raised from restaurant nights benefit our school's art, music, drama and Spanish programs. Mark your calendars for our next restaurant night which will be held at Capozzoli's on Thursday, October 15th. Information and tickets for our first Casino Night will be available at Capozzoli's that evening.



6th Grade Camp Update!

This past weekend at the St. Francis Day Event, the eleven 6th graders started their campaign to get to camp! This important week away from home is coming up in May and the kids will be holding several fundraisers to earn the money THEMSELVES to get to

camp. Their first fundraiser was a total success—mostly because of your support. THANK YOU for buying those nachos, snow cones and ice cream cones, and for decorating those cookies! Their efforts raised enough money to send two children to camp. That's awesome!



What's next? CHRISTMAS!

The 6th grade elves are now selling incredibly beautiful, fresh, Grade A WREATHS, GARLANDS and CHRISTMAS TREES. These gorgeous items will be delivered directly to OMMS the first weekend of December, just in time for your family to begin the Christmas season.

Let's continue to help them out! Buy the family Christmas tree, order a wreath or a garland for your relatives, decorate your place of business! Please complete the attached order form and return it to OMMS by October 23rd. Don't be surprised to find all the 6th grade elves spreading cheer when you pick up your tree on December 5th!

Please contact Laura Visco (tlvisco@cox.net) or Manou Allison (akemo5@aol.com) for more information. We'll continue to update you on their progress... THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Entertainment Values Coupon Book Sales

The deadline to return your unsold coupon book or payment is Friday, October 9th. You may return either of these to the office or to your child's classroom. Feel free to contact Michelle Shebest at 619-607-5144 or michelle_shebest@yahoo.com with any questions.



Care for the most important part of your child.

As Catholic parents, we know that our child's soul is the most important part of the body but sometimes we put off nurturing it in favor of more immediate priorities. Yet we know that the body eventually will fail but the soul will live forever. Consider these ideas for raising a strong, healthy soul in your child's body:

~ **Feed the soul like you would the body.** Spiritual nourishment can come from attending Mass every weekend, receiving the Sacraments, and encouraging a regular prayer habit. Encourage prayer as a family, too.

~ **Educate the soul.** Denying a child a proper academic education is unthinkable, so make sure to provide ample opportunities to learn about our faith through religious education programs. Give religious education class the same priority as any other essential subject.

~ **Show by example.** When we teach our child to ride a bike or tie his shoe, we do so by showing him how. Make sure to also show your child ways to live the faith. Discuss what you do to keep your own soul healthy and strong.

~ **Daily exercise is key.** We only get better by practice. Make sure your child practices his/her faith every day. Prayer and service to others are two easy ways to start.



MOP at work beautifying our school grounds! You probably have already noticed how wonderful the front of our school looks (by the front black fence on Mission Avenue). We owe a debt of gratitude to the M.O.P. (an organization at MSLRP which stands for "Maintain Our Parish"). The MOP's goal is to clean-up our parish and school environment. Everyone is welcome to join in this stewardship every second Saturday of the month. Many hands make light work!! Hope to see you there.



Our Annual Horse Drop/ St. Francis Day Celebration

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Annual Horse Drop/St. Francis Day Celebration. The day was a wonderful experience for all thanks to the tireless efforts of our OMMS parent and parish volunteers! Our appreciation to all of our parents who contributed and created the beautiful St. Francis Baskets that raised over \$1200! Congratulations to the Morgan Family who won the Horse Drop.



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

Code: DA1245Bf17557

Order by Friday - pick up next Friday.



What's After 8th 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 and a representative from J. Serra High School 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 8th in Room 218 at 6:30 p.m. All Middle School and Senior Elementary parents are welcome to attend.



Just the Health Facts

Remember to be diligent about HAND WASHING and remaining home if ill, especially if you have a fever. Our goal is to remain HEALTHY!

Who will be recommended to receive the 2009 H1N1 vaccine?

CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended that certain groups of the population receive the 2009 H1N1 vaccine when it first becomes available. These target groups include pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, persons between the ages of 6 months and 24 years old, and people ages of 25 through 64 years of age who are at higher risk for 2009 H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems.



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