

# OLD MISSION MONTESSORI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, December 1, 2009



## ADVENT

Preparation for Christmas is an important theme for Advent, but more is involved. Advent gives us a vision of our lives as Christians and shows us the possibilities of life. The vision of life that Advent gives us is twofold; it looks back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem, and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. In the interval between these two events we find meaning for our life as a Christian.

First we celebrate Christ-become-human. We view his life and experience his presence as a human being in our history. Christ came to show us what life can and should be. He gave us true and valid principles by which we can live true and valid lives. But Jesus knew that the human heart could not live in isolation. He formed the Church around the concept of a people held together by love. In that community we discover unlimited possibilities and meaning. Alone we can do nothing. Together we find real meaning.

When Christ left this earth, he did not abandon us. He remains with us in his Spirit, the Church, the sacraments, the Scriptures and each other. He lives in community with us and keeps his vision of life before us.

When Christ comes again, his presence will no longer be hidden behind the signs and symbols of the liturgy or the words of the Scriptures. His presence among us will be revealed in all its fullness, a presence that will never end, a presence that will perfect and complete our community.

This is the "greater significance" of Advent. In these few short weeks we take in the sweeping panorama of time - from Christ's birth to his Second Coming. The season of Advent brings us the magnificent vision of life and hope for the future given to us by Christ.

Advent is our time to become more involved, more caught up in the meaning and the possibilities of life as a Christian community. Thus we are preparing not only for Christmas but also for Christ's Second Coming. This means that when he comes again, we will be awake and watchful. He will not find us asleep.



### DATES TO REMEMBER!

- **Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, OMMS #6 vs. St. Patrick's, home game
- **Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, OMMS #5 vs. St. Peter's, away game
- **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00 am All School Mass, 12:30/12:45 pm dismissal
- **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**, Golf
- **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**, Immaculate Conception, 11:00 am All School/Parish Mass, Serra Center
- **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**, "A Christmas Carol," performed by our 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, 6:30 p.m., McKeon Center, **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

- **Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**, Annual Christmas Program, Primary through Senior Elementary, 6:30 p.m., Serra Center



### Thanksgiving Baskets

We would like to thank all of our OMMS Family who participated in our Thanksgiving food baskets for our "adopted families." We were able to provide an abundant amount of food for each of the 16 families. This note came from one of our Camp Pendleton contacts:

“Just want you all to know how very THANKFUL Iva and her family were to receive the food basket today. Iva has been going through some extreme financial difficulties and this basket was literally a Blessing, as she was in search of looking for assistance today and was not able to qualify. Her mother also called to say Thank You and was in tears - She said that Iva and the boys had a hard day today and when they received the Basket, it really turned there day around. I told her I would pass the word to those who were responsible. Sometimes it is nice to hear the impact that we have on families, especially our own. Thanks you so much!!! Many thanks for making this day so special for so many. The ‘art of giving’ lives on through each of you.”

This would not have been possible without your generosity and thoughtfulness. The OMMS staff would like to express our deepest appreciation.

## UPDATE on PROPOSED Fellowship Center

The OCEANSIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION will meet tonight at 7:00 p.m. regarding the proposed Fellowship Center, a drug and alcohol project, and their agenda includes a *Public Hearing Item* for this proposed project as copied below:

### AGENDA



#### OCEANSIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

December 1, 2009, 7:00 P.M.  
City Council Chambers  
Civic Center - North Building  
300 North Coast Highway

#### 7. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- a) CONSIDERATION OF A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA-3-07), ZONE AMENDMENT (ZA-2-07), DEVELOPMENT PLAN (D-6-07), CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (C-9-07), AND HISTORIC PERMIT (H-3-07) TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING RESIDENTIAL (SFD-R) TO PRIVATE INSTITUTIONAL (PI) AND CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (RS) TO PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC (PS) ALL WITH AN HISTORIC OVERLAY (H) INORDER TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STORY, 16,591-SQUARE FOOT, 59-BED 24-HOUR NON-MEDICAL CARE DRUG AND ALCOHOL RECOVERY CENTER ON A 1.00-ACRE SITE. THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED NORTH OF CHAPTER WAY AND EAST OF THE MISSION SAN LUIS REY DE FRANCIA WITHIN THE MISSION SAN LUIS REY NEIGHBORHOOD – APPLICANT: THE FELLOWSHIP CENTER.

Staff recommends that the OHPAC adopt Resolution No. 2009-H03 recommending denial of General Plan Amendment (GPA-3-07), Zone Amendment (ZA-2-07), Development Plan (D-6-07), Conditional Use Permit (C-9-07) and Historic Permit (H-3-07) to the City Council for final action.

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If you feel that this is **not a good site** for this facility and you are unable to attend the meeting you may send an email to Richard Greenbauer, Senior Planner for the City of Oceanside, [rgreenbauer](mailto:rgreenbauer@ci.oceanside.ca.us)

[@ci.oceanside.ca.us](http://ci.oceanside.ca.us) and reference: General Plan Amendment 3-07.



**Knights of Columbus present:**

### Annual Family Christmas Dinner Celebration

Saturday, December 5th, 6:00-10:00 pm  
in the McKeon Center

- o Italian Dinner
- o Christmas Caroling
- o Story Telling
- o Activities for the Kids
- o Visit from Santa Claus • Door Prizes
- o Music & Dancing
- o Cost: Make a Donation at the Door  
“ **The Best Meal in Town.**”



### OMMS GIFT CARDS/SHOPPING GUIDE

Let us do your shopping for you.

Order your Gift Cards through OMMS, and your shopping can be done in one stop, while picking up your children.

#### How do you make an order?

Fill out an order form located in the school office or go online to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) for hundreds of shopping options and more information. Then, write a check out to OMMS and drop it off in the OMMS Gift Card envelope in the office.

OMMS code is DA1245BF17557.

#### ORDER DATES:

ORDER PLACED	ORDER PICKUP
Thurs., Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tues., Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>
Mon., Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fri., Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thurs., Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tues., Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>

### GIFTS UNDER \$10

- AT&T prepaid card \$9.50
- Panera Bread \$10
- Barnes & Noble \$10
- Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory \$10



## The Annual Gingerbread House Extravaganza

(special thanks to OMMS Mom, Mary Rudick, for the tireless effort she puts into this event every year).

We would appreciate assistance with candy donations for decorating the houses which can be dropped off at any of the Transition or Junior Elementary classrooms. In addition, parent participation hours are available for those who would like to help assemble the houses on Monday, December 14, 2009 after drop-off. This is a big project, and it goes quickly if we have a large number of volunteers. Parent participation hours are also available for anyone wishing to assist the children in creating their masterpieces in the afternoon on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 (for Room 6), or Thursday, December 17 (in the morning for Rooms 17 and 18 and in the afternoon for rooms 14 and 9). All of the festivities will take place in the Music Room which is adjacent to the McKeon Center and across the hall from Room 14. We look forward to seeing you there! All extra unopened candy at the end of the week will be divided and donated to the Christmas baskets. Please contact your Room Parent(s) if you have any questions.



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

If you are interested in helping decorate the stage for our Christmas Program, on December 16<sup>th</sup>, please contact Mr. Tom. For this year's performance, all children are asked to dress in festive Christmas colors (green, red, silver, gold, black, or white). If you have any questions, please direct them to Mr. Tom, our school music teacher.



## Buick Invitational Golf Tickets

Chip-in for Charity provides our school with admission tickets to the Buick Invitational Golf Tournament scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>. The ticket price is \$17.00. These tickets are good for

any day of the tournament. The regular priced ticket is \$26.00! Not only is this a great savings for golf enthusiasts, but with each \$17.00 ticket sold, the school will receive \$15.00. We would ask that each family attempt to sell or purchase two tickets. In doing so the school could raise over \$2,000.00! Tickets are available in the school office. Thank you for your support.



## The Story of St. Francis and the Nativity

The parish is in need of shepherds, angels, friars, St. Francis, John, Joseph and Mary and the townsfolk for our Christmas Eve Nativity presentation of St. Francis and the Crèche. There will be a presentation at both the 4:00 pm Children's Mass and the 6:00 pm Family Mass. School aged children, youth and young adults are needed for one or both presentations. Practices will be on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, location to be announced. Please contact Laura Chun at (760)726-2486 or [chun@pacbell.net](mailto:chun@pacbell.net) to volunteer.



## Why Do We Sing Carols at Christmas?

The word "carol" means song of joy. St. Francis of Assisi first introduced the joyous spirit of caroling to Europe in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. He created nativity plays in which actors sang the story of Christ's birth in the language of the audience. St. Francis encouraged the listeners to join in. In time, the carols traveled from Italy to the rest of Europe and then to the United States. Today's custom has carolers go from house to house singing Christmas songs of joy.



### **Prayer Corner**

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

- ~ Carol (Armen) Madden's brother, Bill
- ~ Anthony Glodek
- ~ Samantha and the Cartmill Family
- ~ The Arguello Family
- ~ Michael Lindsey
- ~ Mr. Tom's mother-in-law
- ~ Mrs. Jill Sivage and Family
- ~ The Sam Marinello Family (Knight of Columbus)
- ~ Mrs. Jeannie Foss
- ~ Mrs. Susan Custer
- ~ Connor McWayne's Grandma
- ~ Yosuico Family
- ~ Natalie and Allison Rubio's Great Grandma,  
Marseille
- ~ Michael and Kevin Dyblie's uncle, Daniel Mlocek
- ~ The Rocha Family
- ~ Blanche Lindsey
- ~ The Nugent Family
- ~ The Vorndran Family
- ~ Our deployed men and women of the armed  
forces