

# Our Lady of the Assumption School

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September 3, 2013



## With Hands to Serve and Hearts to Love

### **2013-2014 Progress Reporting Dates and SchoolSpeak**

Since OLA School adopted the SchoolSpeak progress reporting system, the policy for progress reporting at OLA has been for teachers to send notifications a minimum of once every three weeks. To ensure consistency, we have set dates by which these progress reports will be sent out to families, and they are listed below. Some teachers will choose to send out progress reports more frequently.

Progress reporting keeps a parent informed about their child's performance in school and helps to avoid surprises come report card time. If you need more information about your child, please contact the teacher by e-mail or phone. SchoolSpeak is a great tool for parent/teacher communication, but in the past we have had some parents who don't use it to check report cards. Please make sure that you are logged into the system and tracking your child's progress throughout the year.

#### **First Trimester:** August 21 through November 15

SchoolSpeak Progress Reports Dates:

- September 16
- October 8
- October 28
- November 18

End of Trimester Friday, November 15

Report Cards Friday, November 22

#### **Second Trimester:** November 18 through February 14

SchoolSpeak Progress Reports Dates:

- December 16
- January 21
- February 10

End of Trimester Friday, February 14

Report Cards Friday, February 21

#### **Third Trimester:** February 18 through June 7

SchoolSpeak Progress Reports Dates:

- March 17
- April 7
- May 5
- May 27

End of Trimester Friday, June 6

Report Cards

Friday, June 6

### **Allergy Awareness and Food Policy**

Last Thursday at Back to School Night, we delivered to families our newly drafted Allergy Awareness and Food Policy. Amy Kuzmich, Selena Srabian, and Anna Ryan, three registered nurses who serve on our Safety Committee, presented an explanation of the plan. In addition to the food aspect of the policy, there are other pieces in place that are going to make our school a much safer place, not just for students who have food allergies, but for all students. Over the next few weeks we will be implementing the plan. Our OLA nurses are available by e-mail to answer any questions and provide clarifications, so please contact them at [olanurses@gmail.com](mailto:olanurses@gmail.com) if you need assistance.

## Classroom Tools

As was mentioned on Back to School Night, we had a busy summer installing new tools for our teachers to use in their classrooms. Each classroom now has an interactive projector and screen. These projectors will offer teachers some of the interactive capability that SMART Boards have. The projectors are linked to teacher's computers and to the new tablets that the faculty were given over summer. They will be a terrific tool for projecting information from the Internet, showing slideshows made by students or teachers, and teaching lessons that are interactive and require visuals and sound.

We also have purchased a class set of Android-based tablets for the students to use. They are called LearnPads, and they will provide students the opportunity to research, write, create presentations, and more in a classroom setting. These tablets come with a powerful suite of software that enables our teachers to deliver instruction in a timely fashion and limits students to completing only those tasks on which the students should be focused. The slogan of Educational Resources, the company that manufactures the LearnPad, is "Purpose built for education," and the management system that it comes with is true to their claim. We are piloting the LearnPads this year with the plan of moving into a one-to-one classroom environment where every student has a tablet in the near future. We will keep you updated on how the LearnPads are working. Most of our students have seen them and are excited to start using them.



Our students will also be using *Google Tools for Education* this school year. This cloud-based software will enable students to store their work on their *Google Drive* and have access at school or home to a variety of software programs to complete their assignments individually, or when given the option, in a team. We are currently setting up accounts for all of our students and faculty, and we will be using it soon.

Our Lady of the Assumption School is able to bring these tools to the classroom because of the fundraising that our parents organize. Some of the funds from last spring's Cougar Classic Golf Tournament were used to procure the projectors and some of the LearnPads. I would like to thank our Cougar Classic committee from last year, which includes: Kelly Brothers, Robert Deaner, Scott Gordon, Steve Lawver, Scott Lippi, Dennis McGuire, Todd Sanfilippo, Glenn Seitz, Kelley Smith, Mike Tooley and Steve Vassar. I would also like to acknowledge the OLA Technology Committee for their work in creating and following-through on a technology plan for our school. Members of the Technology Community include: Rodora Antonio, Matt Enmark, Rod Hill, Steve Lawver, Vince Madden, Clayton Renzo, Cathy Rutledge, and Keegan Smith.

Finally, we are re-setting our alarm codes for all church and school buildings on September 6. If you will be accessing our buildings off hours for parish or school business, please see Kelley Smith in the rectory to get the new codes.

God bless,

*Robert Loue*

## This Week at OLA

### **Food Locker**

Grade 1 - September 3 through September 6.

### **Due This Week**

- If you have not already done so, please turn in your Emergency Form **immediately**. It is critical to the safety of your student that we have this information on hand right from the first day of school.
- Miscellaneous Expense Worksheet and payment is due. Please remember to circle milk or yearbook (or both) if ordering.
- If you intend to drive on field trips during the year, the Verification of Auto Insurance form is required, along with a copy of your California Driver's License. Copies can be made in the school office.

### **Walking Passes**

Students who will be leaving campus without a parent escort must have a current (2013-2014) walking pass. Permission forms were sent home with 7th and 8th grade students the first week of school. Students must pick up their walking pass in the school office.

### **FRIDAY - WHAT TO WEAR?**

We will attend Mass on Friday, September 6, at 11:00 a.m. Wear school uniforms. Friday is also a minimum day. School is dismissed at noon.

## Next Week at OLA

### **Food Locker**

Grade 2 - September 9 through September 13.

## Health and Wellness

### **Allergy Awareness and Food Policy**

Thank you everyone for your positive feedback and your "what about this" questions regarding the new Allergy Aware and Food Policy. Last week was a whirlwind of development and the next few weeks promise to be busy with working our new policies into everyday practice. Please reassure your children that Mr. Love, the faculty, staff, lunch vendors, lunch volunteers, extension staff, and OLA nurses are trying very hard to achieve this goal of a peanut and tree nut free school. Any questions and clarifications are welcome at [olanurses@gmail.com](mailto:olanurses@gmail.com).

### **FARE Walk**

For our first Fitness Walk of the year, we will be joining the Giorgi Family at the FARE Food Allergy Awareness walk on September 15th. If you are interested in joining the team, please use this link: [Natalie's Sunshine Team](#) and look for the "Join Our Team" button. (You can register as an individual or, if you'd like to sign up as a family, please look for that option). If you have questions about the walk, please contact Jennifer Hall at [JenCobbinfla@hotmail.com](mailto:JenCobbinfla@hotmail.com)

There is no cost to join the walk. We hope to see you there!

## Sports News

### **Mandatory Parent Meeting For OLA Sports**

For all new parents and 5th-8th parents who did not attend the OLA parent meeting last spring, there will be a make-up meeting on September 5th @ 7:00pm in the OLA gym. For your child to be eligible to play a school sport at OLA this year, one parent or guardian must attend this meeting. Failure to attend will mean your child WILL NOT qualify to play in any OLA sport during the 2013-2014 school year. There will be no additional make-up meetings this school year, so please be sure to attend this meeting.

## Bits and Pieces

### Trunk-or-Treat

We tentatively have this year's OLA Trunk-or-Treat scheduled for Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. However, we currently do not have a parent (or two or three) to chair this fun, annual event. Unfortunately, if we do not have someone who would like to chair this PTG event, we will have to cancel it. Please contact Christy King as soon as possible if you are interested in taking on this position.

### Lunch Volunteer

Are you interested in helping out at lunchtime and earning volunteer hours? Check out the Lunch Volunteer Calendar selection via SchoolSpeak. Sign-up now, and schedule your entire year. If you have any questions, please contact Colene Crowley: [jimcol@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jimcol@ix.netcom.com).

### OLA Garden Area

Progress can be seen in the OLA garden area. The plan is to try to revive the OLA God Squad Garden and see if we can once again produce vegetables for the SVdP food locker. Thank you to all the families whom have helped put this new garden together, you know who you are! If you are interested in participating in this garden adventure, please contact Colene Crowley at [jimcol@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jimcol@ix.netcom.com).

### Cub Scout Round-up

Cub Scout Pack 225 is having a round-up for new scouts on September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm, in St. John's Hall. Boys in the 1<sup>st</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome to join. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Herold at [herold1966@yahoo.com](mailto:herold1966@yahoo.com) or 419-4061.

### Lunchtime

If your student does not receive milk with lunch, please remember to pack him/her a drink.

### Label Clothing/Lunchboxes

Please take a moment to label your child's clothes and lunchbox. Items with names in them that reach the lost and found can be returned. Items without names are truly lost.

### Medication

If you would like Mrs. Albers and Mrs. Eaddy to help administer medication to your child(ren), a Medication Permission Form is required. Forms are available in the school office. The completed form must be returned with the medication. **MEDICATION MAY NEVER BE SELF-ADMINISTERED AT SCHOOL.**

### PTG Reimbursements

All requests for reimbursement **must** be accompanied by a completed Reimbursement Form. A hard copy of the form is available for pick-up in the school office. A PDF version is available on the school website.

### Parking Lot Instructions

Please take the time to carefully review the handbook concerning proper parking lot procedures. It is important to the safety of all our students that special care is taken to drive slowly in the parking lot and to follow the guidelines in the handbook.

### Exciting News

To thank the students at OLA School, the young adult dance troupe from Bethlehem will be visiting the school during their stay in Sacramento. They will meet with the students to share friendship and dance moves! If you are interested in attending their evening performance, Mrs. Gilmour is selling tickets at a reduced rate: \$5.00. See information below.

*Bright Stars of Bethlehem Sister City proudly announce Room for Hope: A Celebration of Palestinian Dance at the Guild Theater on Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00pm. The Guild Theater is located at 2828 35th Street in Sacramento. Tickets are \$10. Don't miss this amazing and inspiring performance by this youth dance troupe from Bethlehem, Palestine! For tickets and information contact Mrs. Gilmour in grade 7.*

### St. John The Evangelist Fall Family Festival

Saturday, September 7, 2013, 3:00 - 10:00pm. There will be children's games and activities, a classic car show, casino games, beer, wine, and bbq and feature live music by The Pickups! Entrance to the event is free. Wristbands for the children's carnival area will be \$10.00 at the door. Please contact Paula Deterding at [pding@aol.com](mailto:pding@aol.com) or 379-1773 for more information.

## Scrip News

### Print Your Raley's 2nd Quarter Extra Credit Report!

It's Time! Please remember that you will only get scrip credit for your Extra Credit dollars if you turn in your report. You will need to:

- Log into your account at Raleys.com
- Click on "Manage Your Account" (on right hand side of screen)
- Click on "Extra Credit" (on right hand side of screen)
- Be sure the 2013 Quarterly figures are showing. If not, click on 2013 and that will expand the information box and show the figures.
- Click on the blue "Print" link (in the middle of the page under the Extra Credit banner but above the OLA designation)
- Be sure to put your LAST name on the report.
- Turn the report in to your teacher or the school office.

**For our new Families** - You will need to sign up the Extra Credit program. Once you have established your Something Extra account, you will need to:

### Log in at Raleys.com

- Click on the green "Start Here" button on the right hand side of the screen and create your account.

### Then to link your account to OLA:

- Click on "Manage Your Account" (link is on the right hand side of the screen)
- Click on "Extra Credit" (the link is on the right hand side of the screen)
- Search for Our Lady of the Assumption School
- Scroll down and select Our Lady of the Assumption School
- Choose 100% to be donated to OLA

**Take a look at the NEW scrip form.** By popular request, we have included the percentage of profit offered by each of the vendors. The "%" column shows the profit percentage that the school earns when you purchase that particular card.

As always, the Scrip Order form will be the last page of every bulletin. Any questions:

Email [AngelicaFortin@att.net](mailto:AngelicaFortin@att.net)

## Auction News

- **AUCTION NEWS:** The OLA Auction is fast approaching. You should have all received your packet and raffle tickets. These are a huge component to our successful auction. Please sell, sell, sell, and help OLA School!
- Your reservation form and official invitation was also included. Get a group of friends together and get those reservations in today. If you are trying to find others to sit with, do not despair! Our friendly reservations chairs will help you find a great group for the evening. We look forward to seeing you there! For reservations questions, please contact our reservations chairs at [auctionreservations@hotmail.com](mailto:auctionreservations@hotmail.com)
- **Got Points?** If you are a frequent traveler and have too many hotel points and miles - don't despair. We can help you use them! Just contact our live auction chair, Candace Lucchetti, and she will help you out. If you're not a traveler but a wine aficionado and are willing to part with some of your cellar favorites, we would be glad to include your wine in our "Wine Cellar" live auction item.
- **Volunteer Shifts** - We are fortunate at OLA to have such a vibrant community to support us. We thank all of you who have already signed up for your shifts. This would not happen without your support. If you have not yet had a chance to go to SchoolSpeak, new shifts have just been added, including some double hour shifts! Shifts will LOCK on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are holding a shift as of this date, you are responsible for its completion.
- **Questions for the chairs?** Please email us at [olauction@gmail.com](mailto:olauction@gmail.com)



# Parish News

## **An afternoon with Immaculee: A Story of Hope and Forgiveness**

Rwandan Genocide Survivor and author of *Left To Tell*...Immaculee Ilibagiza. Immaculee's story has captured the world's attention and is sure to be one you will never forget. Approximately one million Rwandans were massacred in just over three months in 1994. Immaculee found her faith and ability to forgive while hiding with seven other women in a 3x4 foot bathroom for 91 of those days of horror. *"Truly, truly there is potential in every human being, in the worst person who has done the worst thing, there is potential to be an angel."* We hope you will join us in witnessing this miraculous true story of faith, hope, and forgiveness.

**When and Where:** Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm, at Our Lady of the Assumption.

Tickets \$15 General Admission, \$35 Reserved (limited), \$100 VIP includes private reception with Immaculee one hour prior to the talk (limited to 50). Tickets are available online at [www.PresentationWYD.org](http://www.PresentationWYD.org), also at Easter's Catholic Books (916-338-7272), and at the Catholic Book Store (916-457-1970). If you have questions, please call Charmaine (916-595-8008) or Jean (916-801-1242) or email [JMark9876@comcast.net](mailto:JMark9876@comcast.net).

## **First Day of School Pictures - O. L. A. Students and Alums - Wanted**

Each year, social networking sites bloom as people share pictures of their child's (or children's) first day of school. Pictures of our current O. L. A. students and alums - whether taken at home or at school - adorn many of our parent's pages. We would like to repost these photos on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ourladyoftheassumptionschool>). Photos may be sent as attachments to [pbm@olaparish.net](mailto:pbm@olaparish.net), as an attachment to a message to our Facebook page or some other means that we may not be thinking of. Please include your child's name (for security, we only post the first name), grade and, if they are alumni, the name of their school. Thank you to those who have already sent in pictures and to those who will be sending them in!

## **Parish Service Hour Opportunities**

Please consider helping us with our mail-outs and reminder calls for the Diocesan ONE Campaign.

Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:30. Prepare mail out.

Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:30. Prepare mail out.

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:30. Prepare mail out.

Reception Reminder Calls can be done from home. Please contact Jane Ricci (481-5115) for details.

**You are welcome to come for all or part of any of the above referenced opportunities. If possible, let me know when you are planning on helping out.**

## **Prayerful Parents Mass Group**

Please join us for daily Mass on Tuesday mornings after student drop-off. We will attend Mass together, experience Adoration, and spend time reflecting on the readings of the day...this will be a wonderful way to build community and bring peace to your day.

## **RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Catechism classes for adults wishing to become Catholic begin on Sunday. These classes are for adults who have attended our Inquiry sessions this summer. Please attend 11am Mass, as this will be our regular dismissal. We will have the *Rite of Acceptance* to welcome our new participants, so sponsors will need to be present. If you are interested in becoming part of this or future groups, please contact Kimberly at 488-4626 for more information.

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Adoration has now resumed on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am-7:00pm. We welcome everyone and would love new volunteers!

## **Adult Faith Formation**

We will be offering "Walking Towards Eternity II, Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart" this month. This study focuses on learning to live your purpose. In this eight-part CD series, Jeff Cravins offers insights and commentary on a number of obstacles that aggravate us, discourage us, and can even hinder our relationship with Christ. Poignant stories of those who have struggles with these obstacles are presented to encourage and challenge us to put our faith into practice. Call Kimberly at 488-4626 to participate and reserve your journal today.

## **ONE Campaign Volunteers**

We are so grateful for the tremendous response to our plea for assistance with the Diocesan ONE Campaign. If you turned in a volunteer card and have not been contacted via standard mail, phone call, or email please contact Jane, as any lack of contact was unintentional. Jane Ricci [development@olaparish.net](mailto:development@olaparish.net) or 481-5115 (M-F, 8:30-4:30). Again, thank you very much for sharing your valuable time with our Faith Family.



Our Lady of Assumption School  
September 2013

For the 2013-2014 school year your school has contracted Mercy Education Resource Center to provide an on-site Resource Program to assist your children. Our instructors are professionals holding a Bachelor Degree and/or teaching credential. They also have teaching experience and/or credentials in special education. A wide variety of resources are available to them at Mercy Education.

The Resource Program provides formal and informal assessments to identify students who require academic support. This support is provided by consultation with faculty, small group instruction and ongoing parent communication. The instructor may also make appropriate referrals and attend Student Support Teams or IEP (individual education plan) meetings.

We welcome this opportunity to be an additional resource to you and your children. We believe that by providing resource services, your children will feel more confident and successful in the classroom. If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact us at Mercy Education at 737-6026. We are looking forward to a wonderful year at your school.

Sincerely,  
Mary Bartron  
Pat Friesen  
Instruction Coordinators



## COUNSELING SERVICES for:

ADULTS  
CHILDREN  
COUPLES  
FAMILIES  
TEENS

Day and evening appointments available

Session Fees: \$35-\$85 per session hour.  
Our fees are based on your ability to pay.  
Payment plans and financial aid available.

Please contact our Counseling Coordinator,  
Kym Weinandy, at (916) 737-6026 if interested.

A team of teachers, counselors and clinical psychologists work with students and families in all aspects of learning to help students cope with life issues such as:

ANXIETY

BEREAVEMENT  
AND LOSS

CHILD AND  
ADOLESCENT  
DEVELOPMENT

COUPLES AND  
PREMARITAL  
COUNSELING

DEPRESSION

TRANSITIONS

# SAVE THE DATE



Our Lady of the Assumption School

Invites you to Roar Into The 20's

Saturday, October 12, 2013

Registration at 5:30 pm

Cocktails, Heavy Hors d'oeuvres.

Silent & Live Auction to follow

# Scrip Order Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:  
 Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Retailer	%	Price	#	Total
Ace Hardware	4	\$25		
Ace Hardware	4	\$100		
Aeropostle	7	\$25		
Amazon	3	\$25		
Am Eagle Outfitters	10	\$25		
American Express	1.25	\$25		
American Express	1.25	\$100		
Applebee's	8	\$25		
Arco	1.50	\$50		
Arco	1.50	\$100		
Bed, Bath and Beyond	7	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9	\$10		
Barnes & Noble	9	\$25		
Bath & Body Works	13	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	13	\$25		
Best Buy	3	\$25		
Big 5	8	\$25		
CA Pizza Kitchen	4	\$10		
Century Theatres	4	\$25		
Cheesecake Factory	5	\$25		
Chevron	1.50	\$50		
Chevy's/El Torito	8	\$25		
Children's Place	12	\$25		

Retailer	%	Price	#	Total
Chilis/Macaroni Grill/On the Border	11	\$25		
Chipotle	10	\$10		
Claire's	9	\$10		
Cold Stone Creamery	8	\$10		
Crate & Barrel	9	\$25		
CVS Pharmacy	6	\$25		
Disney	2	\$25		
Disney	2	\$100		
Game Stop	3	\$25		
GAP/Old Navy/Ban. Rep.	14	\$25		
groupon.com	7	\$25		
Gymboree	13	\$25		
Hallmark	4	\$25		
Hagen's Orange Freeze	10	\$20		
Home Depot	4	\$25		
Home Depot	4	\$100		
iTunes	5	\$15		
iTunes	5	\$25		
J. Crew	13	\$25		
Jamba Juice	7	\$10		
Kohls	5	\$25		
Leatherby's	10	\$5		
Macy's	10	\$25		
Marshalls/TJ Max	7	\$25		
Michael's	4	\$25		
Panera	9	\$10		
Peet's Coffee & Tea	8	\$20		
PetSmart	4	\$25		
PinkBerry	5	\$10		
Pottery Barn/Williams & Sonoma	8	\$25		

Retailer	%	Price	#	Total
Quiznos	10	\$10		
Raley's	4	\$25		
Raley's	4	\$100		
Red Lobster/Olive Garden	9	\$25		
Red Robin	9	\$25		
REI	8	\$25		
Safeway	4	\$25		
Safeway	4	\$100		
SaveMart	2	\$25		
SaveMart	2	\$100		
See's Candy	20	\$17		
Shell	2.50	\$50		
Shutterfly	9	\$25		
Smart & Final	3	\$50		
Smash Burger	10	\$10		
Sports Authority	8	\$25		
Staples	5	\$25		
Starbucks	7	\$10		
Starbucks	7	\$25		
Subway	3	\$10		
Subway	3	\$50		
Taco Bell	5	\$10		
Target	2	\$25		
Target	2	\$100		
Toys-R-Us	1.50	\$20		
UA/Regal Cinemas	8	\$25		
Walgreens	6	\$25		
Wal-Mart/Sam's Club	2.5	\$100		
Wendy's	4	\$10		
Whole Foods	3	\$25		
Whole Foods	3	\$100		
Zappos.com	8	\$25		