

The Raider Report



News From OLA School

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Give Thanks Edition



Principal's Column:

Dear Families,
Despite being a little sleepy after celebrating

Halloween, we enjoyed another great All Saints Day here at OLA. The sixth graders took their time to research and explore the lives of the saints. With their help this holy day of obligation gave us time to reflect and wonder about those who devoted their lives to serve God. Thank you sixth grade!

I will be working with past and present PFA boards as well as our students as we move forward on the playground upgrade. If you would like to be part of our buildings and grounds committee to help drive our maintenance efforts, please let me know!

Finally, I ask for your full cooperation and help as we enter cold and flu season and as our weather swings from hot to cold, **PLEASE** keep sick children at home until they are fully recovered! I have asked the maintenance crew to pay special attention to bathrooms, and I know the teachers and children do their best to keep tables clean using the wet wipes, but when there are uncontrolled coughs, sneezes and even fevers, it can feel like we are fighting a losing battle. Thank you all for your love for all our families. May God continue to bless us abundantly.

Ms. Boyle

New Playground Planned

After a few years of fund-raising and planning, new playground equipment is expected to be installed within the next six months. PFA funds have been set aside and will cover the cost of the project.

Ms. Boyle is in the process of choosing the appropriate equipment and manufacturer. She is asking interested parents for assistance. Parents are needed to visit other school and park playgrounds, with their children, to test out differ-



ent styles.

Parents will also be needed to remove the old equipment. In-house removal of the equipment will save OLA several thousand dollars in removal and hauling by a contractor.

Once the new equipment is in place, the ground surrounding the playground will be padded with wood chips.

Anyone interested in assisting Ms. Boyle with choosing equipment or removal of the old playground may contact the office.

OLA Food Drive has begun. Bring in your canned goods to help our community.



Reminders:

Scrip available after
Mass Nov. 6

Free Dress for Oct. Scrip
Nov. 7

Pajama Day Nov. 9

Veterans Day - no school
Nov. 11

No school - Thanksgiving
break
Nov. 21-25

PFA News: Lots Going On

The PFA has several events coming up for students and families, so make sure to mark your calendars.

This Saturday, don't miss the Turkey Shoot. Kids from preschool through eighth grade get an opportunity to show off their basketball shooting skills. Turkey Shoot is in the parking lot courts from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shoot for a prize!

Saturday is also E-waste recycling day at OLA. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot, bring your electronic waste.

Don't miss the PFA meeting on Nov. 8. Hear first-hand about PFA events and updates, plus you could win a free dress day for your child's class.

Fill up on pancakes on Nov. 17 at the Pancake Breakfast, beginning at 6:30 a.m. There is still time to donate. Contact Stephanie Peltomaa at (909) 223-7797. Each \$20 donation equals one

hour of service time.

A new event, the Father/Daughter dance is Dec. 2. Themed Winter Wonderland, tickets are \$25 for father and one daughter, \$5 for each additional daughter. The dance will be in the school auditorium.

Coming up in the future is Catholic Schools Week and the Book Fair in January and February; the Abbey Road Beatles tribute concert Feb. 4; Jog-a-thon Feb. 24; and the PFA Parent Social on March 17.

The social committee is in need of donations, sponsors and business advertising for the event

program. Contact Marilyn Blackburn at

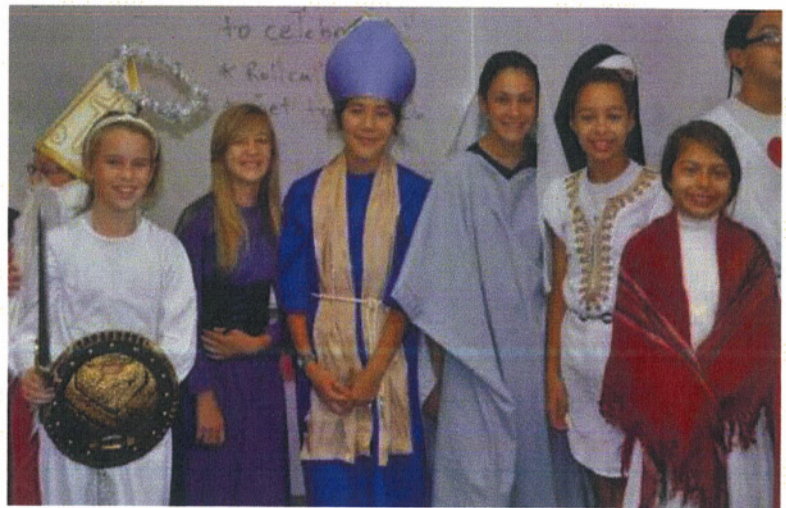
(951) 741-0537 do donate or purchase a sponsorship or advertisement.



OLA Prays and Celebrates



Above, OLA students present their prayer cards during the Living Rosary.



Above, students in Mr. Ortiz's class dressed as saints for the All Saints' Day Mass.