

The Raider Report

News From OLA School



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

Dear Families,

I am sure everyone has settled into new routines. I would like to commend the teachers for all the time they have given in reaching out to families at the start of the year. This was a different approach to conferences and we will follow up with the formal meetings in February. Mrs. Columbus and her team were outstanding last week as they welcomed eight Catholic High Schools. The information evening was attended by over 300 parents and students.

Please pay close attention to the calendar on the school website for all the upcoming school and parish events, including the annual Parish Expo, Virtus recertification trainings, "Boo Bowling", student council harvest grams and Village Venture, Red Ribbon Week, E-waste day collection day and Turkey Shoot! Thanks as always to the OLA PFA for the planning and organizing of so many great events and opportunities to build and support our community.

The incredible effort, time and energy that everyone puts in makes this a truly vibrant community offering something for everyone. When I put all this into the context of a faith filled Catholic parish, God has truly blessed and graced our lives here at Our Lady of the Assumption.
Sincerely,
Ms. Boyle

School Council Works on Marketing, Retention Plan

Our Lady of the Assumption's new school advisory council is digging into its first round of tasks even as final organization efforts are under way.

The council, formed this summer, includes a series of working committees -- such as marketing, development, facilities and planning -- under the leadership of an executive committee.

During the group's first three meetings, participants selected their working committee assignments and determined the focus for their operations. This month, the council expects to name executive committee members and solidify working committee co-chairs.

But members aren't waiting to start on their first efforts. For example, the marketing committee has started a training program through the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and is pursuing grant funds that can be used to help promote the school.

The communications team is exploring the creation of an ambassadors program that would train parents and staff to showcase the school to prospective families and help mentor the families of new enrollees.

And the planning and policy committee is reviewing attendance trends and is preparing a questionnaire for families of students who departed before eighth grade to glean information useful in improving retention.

And several committees are working together to focus on recruitment in the next few months, that critical time when parents review schools and decide where their children will attend.

The group still has many other plans to review and prioritize. Many of those involve coordinating tasks that involve multiple committees, including finance and development.

First School Sunday Mass A Success

Pews were full and souls were fed on Sunday, Sept. 25 as the eighth grade students assisted in the 9 a.m. Mass. This was the first of the school-hosted Sunday Masses begun by Fr. Charles last year. Each grade will have an opportunity to assist at one Sunday 9 a.m. Mass a month. After Mass, students handed out bulletins and showed a display of their classes in the auditorium.

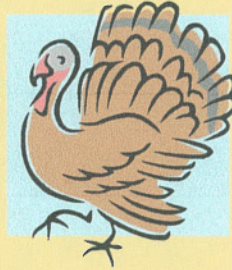
Parent-Faculty Association News

The calendar for the Parent-Faculty Association is full of events. Coming up is the Young Chef's Academy tomorrow. Don't miss the PFA meeting on Oct. 11 to get all the PFA news firsthand. All parents are welcome and will receive one service hour for attending (you must stay the entire meeting!). Also, students whose parents attend a PFA get a chance at winning a free-dress day for their class.

Boo Bowling will take

place Oct. 15 at Chapparal Lanes in San Dimas. Enjoy an afternoon of bowling with friends.

Looking to the future, Turkey Shoot will be Nov. 5 at the school basketball courts. The PFA pancake breakfast is Nov. 17. The first PFA Father-Daughter Dance is Dec. 2 - it's not too early to start planning for attire for dad and daughter.



Student Council

The Student Council will be selling Harvest Grams Oct. 17-21. Be sure to buy a gram and support the council.

The council will also be hosting the OLA school booth at Village Venture in downtown Claremont on Oct. 22. It is an awesome way for Student Council and Representatives to represent OLA school. Sign-ups begin early, so representatives will have plenty of time to get a shift.

School Rosary Oct. 13 9 a.m.



**Reminders:
Scrip Buy-Out deadline is Oct. 28**

**E-Waste disposal at
OLA Nov. 5**

Don't Miss Beatles Tribute Band

Abbey Road, a popular Beatles tribute band, will play Feb. 4 at the Garrison Theater in Claremont. The concert will raise funds for scholarships for OLA school students. The show offers great music and includes three costume changes for the band. Tickets are available now through the PFA for \$25 or \$35 per person (depending on seat location). For information and tickets, call Denise Armendarez at (909) 973-3167.