

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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*The love of the angels be with you and cherish you. Celtic Prayer*

May 11, 2011

Dear Parents,

During the Easter Holiday, five members of our faculty went to the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Convention in New Orleans. This spiritual and educational experience was a wonderful way for us to be enriched and then bring all this new knowledge back to our school.

New Orleans is a city rich in Catholic culture and heritage. The roots of Catholic education can be traced back to the arrival of the Ursuline nuns in 1727 that arrived to educate not only the children of European families but also slaves and free people of color.

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans said that "The mission of Catholic education, to form young people spiritually, academically, and physically, is a gift that we must all come together to safeguard and continue in our nation." In New Orleans, every Catholic school student at the end of the day prays to our Blessed Mother. They say, "Our Lady of Prompt Succor Hasten to Help Us." They believe that Mary will watch over them and be there when they call upon her especially in times of hurricanes.

As a faculty, we have decided that we too would like to end our school day with a prayer to Mary. Our prayer to Mary would be, "Our Lady Queen of Angels, Pray for Us." We want our students to feel the power of prayer and draw comfort from it. (Student Learning Expectation – A Faith-Filled Catholic Who Demonstrates basic understanding of the Catholic Faith and traditions)

## **PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Please pray for Carter Quinn, father of Ashley, Lauren, and Savannah. He is undergoing cancer treatment.

Please pray for Rick Ready and Miguel Soria for God's support.

## **EIGHTH GRADE SPRING LUNCHEON**

Yesterday, our Eighth Graders were honored at a luncheon. Each year your Parent Service Auxiliary hosts our graduating students to a lunch of their choice. This year, the Church Hall was magically transformed into a 50's Diner. During this celebratory luncheon the Eighth Graders present to their family and friends a multi-media documentary of their time here at OLQA. Mrs. Van, Mrs. Donovan, and Ms. Matias did a masterful job helping the students to create this special memory. Thank you, Mrs. Berty and Mrs. Otterbein, OLQA School Auxiliary Vice-Presidents of Programs and the K-3 mothers who volunteered for this wonderful event.

## **DRESS CODE UPDATE**

Feathers in the hair are not acceptable. Please take note and make a change if necessary.

## **HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW**

It is our pleasure to welcome back Mrs. Jennifer Bartz again this year to talk our Eighth Graders and their parents about what to expect in high school next year. This valuable presentation is on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. in the Conference Room in the Parish Center.

Mrs. Bartz was the Associate Director of College Counseling at St. Margaret's Episcopal School and also worked in Los Angeles as a college counselor in the Palos Verdes School District and as the Director of Academic Counseling at Immaculate Heart High School. As an independent counselor, she has worked with families from Mater Dei, Newport Harbor, CDM, and JSerra Catholic.

## **COACH K'S CORNER**

### **Track and Field**

Over 155 students are signed up and ready to run for OLQA! Come out and cheer for your school.

### **Track Meet**

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>) begins at 8:30

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) begins at 8:30

### **Location:**

Saddleback College

## **MAY CROWNING**

Please note that the date for May Crowning will be on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at the 8:30 Mass. This day is set aside to recognize Mary in a very special way. The Second Graders will wear white dresses and the boys will wear their Sunday best.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Summer School Enrichment Program for Grades Kindergarten to Third Grade will be held the first two weeks of August. This enrichment program is for incoming Kindergarten students and children who will be in First, Second, and Third Grade in the fall. An information flyer/registration form will be posted on our webpage at [www.olqaschool.org](http://www.olqaschool.org). Please print, complete, and return to our school office to enroll.

This year we are pleased to announce that Ms. Gabriel, our Kindergarten Coordinator, will be teaching the Summer Kindergarten Class. Mrs. Yacenda, our elementary Spanish Teacher, will be teaching the first grade class. Mrs. Yacenda is a Teacher of the Year in the Santa Ana School District. Ms. Swanson, our Second Grade Teacher, will be teaching the second grade class. Ms. Gipson, our Third Grade Teacher, will be teaching the third grade class. Coach K will teach P.E. to all classes.

Please remember that space is limited to 15 students. The time is 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Each session includes Reading, Math, Creative Writing, and P.E. Curriculum will be different each week. You may sign up for one or two weeks. Students are not required to wear uniforms.

## **CELEBRATE FIRST COMMUNICANTS**

Please join with me and the entire OLQA Community as we celebrate all the students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion during the Sunday Masses in the month of May.



## **THANK YOU**

The faculty and staff enjoyed the Cinco de Mayo luncheon last Friday. The helpers this month were Carol Noya, Marija Compean, Lisa Callahan, Adriana Ocampo, Janae Houfley and Shannon Pozzuoli. Thank you, Anna Riddlesperger and Gisela Roufs, PSA Hospitality Chairpersons, for all the wonderful luncheons this school year.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 11	Children's Choir Party
May 13	Jr. High Spring Fling Dance
May 17	Cantor Ice Cream Social
	Student Council Inauguration
May 23 & 26	Talent Show Practice
May 24	Sports Banquet
	Instrumental Music Presentation
May 27	Talent Show
May 30	Memorial Day – School Holiday
May 31	May Crowning

*May the Risen Christ be yours today and always,*

*Eileen Ryan and Faculty*