

Small School
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Our Savior's Lutheran School



Elementary Newsletter

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APRIL 2017 ~ JUNE 2017

April - May Dates

- Apr 3-7: NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
- Apr 12: Chapel Presentation, Mrs. Johnson's K2 class: Gentleness
- Apr 12: PTF Mtg, 9:15am, Founders Rm
- Apr 12-13: Field Trip: Ocean Institute California Time Capsule, 4th grade
- Apr 14: NO SCHOOL, Good Friday
- Apr 17: NO SCHOOL, Easter Monday
- Apr 18: School Board Mtg, 6:30pm
- Apr 19: Chapel Verse, 4th grade
- Apr 21: Field Trip: Helen Modjeska House, 3rd grade
- Apr 21: Free Dress Day
- Apr 24-26: Field Trip: Catalina Island 4th and 5th grades
- Apr 26: Chapel Verse, 1st-2nd grades
- Apr 28: Spirit Awards
- Apr 28: Lunch w/your kids, 12:10-1pm
- May 1-5: Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 1-2: Meet the Masters, featuring John Hopper
- May 2: P.E. Off-campus Swimming, 4th and 5th grades
- May 3: Chapel Awards - Gentleness
- May 9: P.E. Off-campus Swimming, 4th and 5th grades
- May 10: Chapel Presentation, 3rd-5th grades: Self-control
- May 10: PTF Mtg, 9:15am, Founders Rm
- May 10-11: Achievement testing, 2nd-5th grades
- May 11: Muffins w/Mom, Preschool (Tu/Th), 8:45-9:45am
- May 12: Muffins w/Mom, Preschool (MWF), AM class: 8:45-9:45am; PM class: 12:45-1:30pm
- May 15-17: Achievement testing, 2nd-5th grades
- May 16: School Board Mtg, 6:30pm
- May 17-24: Book Fair
- May 18-19: Make-up Achievement testing, 2nd-5th grades



Spring is finally here and everything is brighter and more vibrant—including our students! We've had a wonderful few months with some of the highlights being Grandparent's Day, our 23rd Annual Spring Gala, Golf Ball Drop fundraiser, and the 15th Annual Preschool Trike-a-Thon. All were very successful events, thanks to the many, many wonderful, dedicated parents who are like magic—they can turn candy into computer technology and needed supplies for our classrooms!

We have an incredible school up here on the hill in San Clemente! Not only are we fully accredited but it has been heard—from more than one school—that they love having Our Savior's Lutheran students join their student body. We continue to encourage families to re-enroll for the 2017/2018 school year. The sooner we have a good grasp of the number of returning students, the sooner we can plan for next year's textbooks, supplies, facility use, and even teachers. Enrollment for the 2017/2018 school year is found on our website: www.oursaviorsschool.net. Please take a moment to review, on this page, dates for

Spring Things

upcoming events—including Open House, Spring Recital, 5th Grade Graduation, last day of school, and important dates for *next* year. (Note: dates reflect some changes from those previously published because we were unable to schedule the Spring Recital on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, as originally planned.)

Speaking of Memorial Day, the City of San Clemente has asked Our Savior's Lutheran School to sing at their annual Memorial Day Celebration! The event is open to all and will be held at the Community Center (100 N. Calle Seville @ Del Mar) on May 29th from 9:00 to 11:00am. This is quite an honor for us since the City asks only one school to perform at the event!

Happy Spring, everyone!

Kitty Schmitt, OSLS Principal

Please come celebrate a joyous Easter Sunday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church!

All children and youth are invited to join the Easter Choir at the 9:30am service (arrive at 9:10 to practice singing, "Alive Forevermore"). Then, enjoy "EGGStravaganza" at 10:45 for an egg hunt, crafts, and games!



May - August Dates

- May 19: Spring Recital, K-5, 6pm
- May 23: EARLY DISMISSAL, 12pm
- May 23: Open House, All School:
 - Family Spaghetti dinner, 5-6pm
 - State of the School Parent Mtg, 6pm
 - Classroom visitation, 6:30-7:30pm
- May 24: Chapel Verse, TK
- May 25: Free Dress Day
- May 25: Breakfast w/Dad, Preschool (Tu/Th), 8:45-9:45am
- May 25: Wear Pajamas Day
- May 26: Breakfast w/Dad, Preschool (MWF), AM class: 8:45-9:45am; PM class: 12:45-1:30pm
- May 26: Wear Pajamas Day
- May 26: Spirit Awards
- May 26: Last day Enrichment, Preschool
- May 26: Lunch w/your kids, 12:10-1pm
- May 29: NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
- May 29: K-5th grades sing @ City of San Clemente Memorial Day Ceremony, 9-11am
- May 30: Field Trip: Legoland, Kindergarten
- May 30: P.E. Off-campus Swimming, 4th and 5th grades
- May 31: Chapel Awards: Self-control
- Jun 1: Last day of Preschool (Tu/Th)
- Jun 2: Last day of Preschool (MWF)
- Jun 2: Elementary Field Day
- Jun 2: End of 4th Qtr, Elementary, EARLY DISMISSAL, 12pm
- Jun 5: Elementary Awards, 8:45am
- Jun 6: Yearbook signing, 8:45am
- Jun 6: 5th grade Graduation, 3pm
- Jun 7: Last day of school, Elementary, EARLY DISMISSAL, 12pm
- Jun 7: Chapel, 11:15am
- Aug 1: 1st install due, 2017-2018 Tuition
- Aug 9: Loose Ends Day, 9:30am-12:30pm (Includes Used Uniform Sale)
- Aug 9: New Student Orientation, 11am
- Aug 22: Meet Your Teacher Day:
 - Elementary, 9am-12pm
 - Preschool Tu/Th and TK, 9-10am
 - Preschool MWF, 10-11am
- Aug 23: 1st day school, Elementary, EARLY DISMISSAL, 12pm
- Aug 24: 1st day school, Preschool Tu/Th
- Aug 25: 1st day school, Preschool MWF

Meet Us After School

After-school options at Our Savior's abound! Elementary students can join their schoolmates for educational, creative, and fun programs including:

- Origami, 3:05-4:05pm, Tues
- French, 3:00-4:00pm, Tues
- Local Color Art, 2:00-3:30pm, Thurs
- Chess, 2:05-3:05pm, Thurs
- Piano, 1:50-2:20pm, Thurs

For details, pick up enrollment forms in the office, or visit the "After School Programs" page on our web site.

Preschool's
Kindergarten
Prep Fun Camp



6/19-23; 6/26-30; 7/10-14; 7/17-21
M-F, 8:45-12:30, For Preschoolers.

Vacation Bible Camp

6/26-30, M-F, 9:00-3:00 or 5:30
For kids entering K-6th in the Fall.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

7/24-28; M-F, 9:00-12:30
For kids 4 years old thru 4th grade.

OSLS enrollment not required to attend our summer programs.

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We are thankful to all our families who help make OSLS a great place to "live." In this issue, we focus on the **Simons Family** whose OSLS association began when Wyatt and Tara's eldest son, James, began Preschool—he is now in Mrs. DeNault's 3rd grade! Brothers, Nicholas (Kindergarten) and Christian (Preschool), join him at OSLS; it's the only school the Simons children know—making it home away from home for the trio. Tara volunteers in many capacities, including Meet

the Masters, centers and classroom help, hot lunch, Room Mom, Field Day, and Barnyard Bash. She most enjoys helping with classroom parties. The Simons enjoy poolside and beach swimming, reading, and sports.

The Simons Family



Local Color

A six-week course for grades 1-5 offering an engaging, informative look into the many mediums and techniques of the art world. Past topics were 3D Mixed Media Portraits, Animal Drawing, and Silk Painting. Paper Mache Sculptures begins 4/13. Taught by our own Mary Knapp on Thursdays at 2pm. Family discounts available.



3D Mixed Media

CLASROOM CONNECTION

Kindergarten is always fun at OSLS! Spring is on the horizon and we can feel it in the air. We celebrated Groundhog Day and learned about the legend of Punxsutawney Phil—he saw his shadow this year. Will there be 6 additional weeks of winter? Kindergarten students continue to amaze us as we learned teamwork, living things, our Presidents, Martin Luther King Jr., and shadows in Language Arts. We jumped right into geometry, patterns, and continued work on addition and subtraction. In Science, we are learning how things grow, life cycles, and seasons. Students are eager to read and impress us daily with their growth. We have introduced "writer's workshop;" they could not be more excited to show off their clever, well-constructed sentences. They are an ambitious, curious, and incredibly bright group! They had a most memorable time showing OSLS off to their grandparents. As is customary at OSLS, they showed no fear singing their hearts out in front of the entire school and over 100 grandparents. They constantly work on public speaking as they lead the school in

opening flag ceremony, sing during Chapel, and recite verses. Above all, we are proud of Kindergarten's ability to take the character traits we learn in Chapel and religious studies and use them on the playground, in class, and at home. ~Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Moore

First graders are busy engaging in many fun and interesting activities. They are learning about plants in Reading and Science; their favorite story is *Plants That Eat Animals!* When the weather is warmer, they will grow lima bean plants. After learning about plants, they will study pushes, pulls and magnets. They enjoy performing experiments, including making their own magnets. The students are writing an original *Frog and Toad* story using dialogue. Next, they will write a poem about rain, a book report, and a summary. They will research a rain-forest animal, create a habitat, and present their projects to the class. In Religion, they are learning about the Parables, and will read about the Easter story and some of the miracles that Jesus performed. In Math, topics are graphing, money, unit size

and measuring, adding 2-digit numbers, and story problems. iPads and computers are used to practice reading, spelling, and math. Discovery Science videos add to our science and social studies curriculums. In Social Studies, we are learning about landforms and water and will create models of each using clay. There is lots of excitement and enthusiasm in 1st grade! ~Mrs. Moore

Second grade can't believe we are into our first few weeks of the last quarter! April and May find us finishing Celebrating our Traditions social studies unit. We will learn about Our Nation Past and Present—tying in nicely with our next reading unit, *America's People*. In Science, we continue our unit on Matter and Motion—specifically, changes in matter. We are learning so many things in Math; it's hard to list them all! We will concentrate on 3-digit addition and subtraction and multiplication and division concepts. We finished introducing cursive; 2nd graders really enjoy trying out their new letter formations. We have done so much so far this year, we are very excited for, and proud of, our 2nd graders! ~Mrs. Crowe, Mrs. Griffin

Third grade had so much fun presenting Dr. Suess' *Horton Hatches an Egg* with 4th and 5th grade for their Chapel performance. An elephant is 100% faithful, especially Horton!
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3, 2, 1, blast off! Our next Science unit is Earth, Moon, and Stars. In Math, we had fun learning fractions using Hershey chocolate bars! We just finished simplifying fractions and begin multiplying greater numbers next. We are writing bible verses in cursive, and boy, do they look nice! For Social Studies and Book Reports, students will present an oral report on a famous American. After Spring Break, we have our 2nd field trip of the year—this one to the Modjeska House. Students will experience life (hands on) in rural Orange County in the early 1900's. We love to read and write and are currently having fun with onomatopoeias and alliteration. More persuasive, descriptive, expository, and creative writing is in the works. What a great 3 quarters of learning it has been! ~Mrs. DeNault

Fourth graders have begun their California Mission research project! They are researching, taking notes, writing rough drafts, and peer editing. And, we are reading *By the Great Horn Spoon*. In Math, we are solving equations with variables. In April, we participate in the Ocean Institute's California Time Capsule field trip. We begin the adventure at San Juan Capistrano Mission where we learn about Native Americans in our area. Next, at Lazy W Ranch we focus on four cultural eras of California's history. Fourth grade is on the move! ~Mrs. Ayers

Fifth graders will be using Write About, a digital writing, online pub-

lishing platform made for schools to help students become better writers. It provides a safe and fun way to encourage students to write and share their writing. While it is an online program, their writing will not be shared beyond their classroom community. 5th graders also explored a web tool called VoiceThread that allowed students to present their American Revolution Hero Speech to grandparents and VIP's. VoiceThread is a collaborative, multimedia slide show that holds images, documents, and videos and allows navigation of slides.

~Mrs. Cooper

Computer Lab

Kindergarten explores Microsoft® Word® as they learn to type, edit, and format text for the first time. **F**irst grade is so far ahead of schedule that I gave them a chance to show off their computer design and engineering skills while creating an animated snow park using the Line Rider program. **S**econd grade is working with vector graphics in CorelDraw® as they design 3D looking mythological creatures of their own creation, plus the worlds their creatures live in. **T**hird grade is using CorelDraw to finish their 3D style Island maps using landforms learned in homeroom class and the map components they previously created in Computer Lab. **F**ourth grade is producing their own animated video of Space (planets, rockets, etc.) using Flash technology in R.A.V.E. **F**ifth grade is deep into Adobe® Photoshop® and their "My Unreal Vacation" project in which

they select high-resolution world images from the library of renowned photographer QT Luong, and then recreate the lighting and appropriate costumes for themselves in front of a green screen in our classroom photo studio. The next step is to superimpose themselves into their favorite global photos. This year they also are creating a 2nd set of images to collaborate with their homeroom "State Report" projects. ~Mr. Wallace

Physical Education Spring is in the air! **K-5th graders** did an excellent job on the Muscular System unit; I am so proud of them! We are moving on to the Skeletal System and having fun in T-ball (**K-2nd**) and Pitch ball (**3^{rd-5th}**). After Spring Break, **4th and 5th grades** begin "Fun in the Kitchen" where they create a healthy snack and prepare it for their classmates. ~Mrs. Hammond

Music **K-2nd graders** are singing lots of songs—building a repertoire—and working on rhythm and pitch. Listening to Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Mozart, and Williams, they gain an appreciation for the classics and basic instrument recognition, tempo, dynamics and other musical components. **3^{rd-5th graders}** are playing recorder, violin, and guitar, respectively; reading the treble clef and basic rhythm and notation, practicing scales, chords, and group performance techniques. Students listen to classical, traditional, folk music, Christian, and patriotic music. They take listening tests where they must identify a classical piece and its composer. In my view, the tests, along with learning to play instruments, are the core of a good music program. Students are exposed to the music of many of the great composers enabling us to launch into other aspects of music—including instrumentation, rhythm, feel, styles, composition, even writing their own! I've had more than a few parents tell me they are impressed their child can recognize pieces heard on the radio or in movies. ~Mr. Swart

Spanish Students learned words relating to St. Valentine's Day, Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss' Birthday), and St. Patrick's Day. We continue review of all vocabulary using repetition, music, and readings. **4th and 5th grades** are conjugating regular verbs only in present tense. ~Mrs. Castillo

Field Trips



Ocean Institute's California Time Capsule, Apr 12-13, 4th

grade. From San Juan Capistrano's Mission to the Lazy W Ranch, students investigate 4 cultural eras of California's history: Native American, Spanish, Mexican, and Anglo while building a Native American shelter, making tortillas and candles, and panning for gold in a mountain stream.

Helen Modjeska House, Apr 21, 3rd grade. Students experience turn-of-the-century life at a registered historical landmark on Santiago Creek.

California Island Marine Institute at Fox Landing, Apr 24-26, 4th, 5th grades.

Students stay in comfortable cabins at the CIMI campus that includes state-of-the-art labs, classrooms, aquariums, display areas, and recreational facilities. Using well-stocked aquariums, preserved specimens, and exhibits, students are familiarized with fish observed during snorkels and introduced to classification, anatomy, behavior, and unique adaptations of fish. The Shark lab features a large touch tank with small sharks, skates, and rays. Also included are algae, invertebrates, and plankton labs, tidepools, oceanography, marine mammals.

Legoland, May 30, Kindergarten. Focus on STEAM concepts, including simple machines, robotics, tall towers, physical forces, color, and more.



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SCHOOL PRIDE!

FEBRUARY SPIRIT AWARDS!

For having the highest percentage of spirit-wear participation, February's ranking is: grades 4, 2, 1, 3, K1, K2, and 5 were tied.

Principal's Honor Roll

Joey Hagen, 5th
 Vivian Petruzzi, 5th
 Sean Ryan Smith, 5th
 Coco Johnson, 4th
 Kiana Breschers, 4th

Business for Education Banner Program

Advertise your business along our school fence for an entire year and a half for a \$1,000 donation with an 8' x 4' high-quality, durable, vinyl banner. Provide your own design or let us design one for you using your logo. All funds support 21st Century in the Classroom, Field Trips, and Music programs. Please contact Kitty Schmitt: K.schmitt@oursaviorsschool.net.



5th Grade Certificate of Achievement recipients Joey Hagen, Adam Hardison, and Ryan Javan made a strong showing at this year's County History Day competition.

MEET THE MASTERS™

"Meet the Masters" art education program's May featured artist is American Modernist, **EDWARD HOPPER**.

Help Us Grow

OSLS appreciates our amazing families who support us through a variety of fundraising opportunities that Help Us Grow! Here's how you can HUG us...

- Donate to our **Annual Fund**
- Purchase a **Business Banner**.
- Clip General Mills **Box Tops for Education**; bring them to the Office
- Sign up for **Ralphs Community Rewards** (up to 5% goes to OSLS)
- Sign up for **Amazon Smile** (.05% goes to OSLS)



open house
May 23 2017

5:00-6:00pm: Spaghetti Dinner (all are welcome)
 6:00-6:30pm: "State of the School" Parent Mtg
 6:30-7:00pm: All classrooms open for visits

Chapel Offerings

April: Habitat for Humanity
May: Lutheran World Relief

CHARACTER COUNTS!

April: CARING
May: CITIZENSHIP

The Fruit of the Sprit is...

April: GENTLENESS
May: SELF-CONTROL

Galatians 5:22