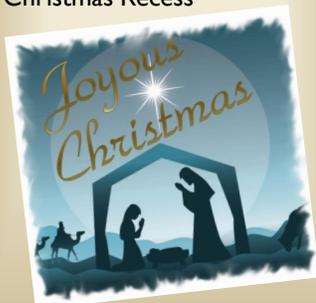




December Dates

- Dec 1: 3rd Grade Field Trip Environmental Nature Center
- Dec 3: Puttin' On the Glitz
- Dec 5: Meet the Masters, Featuring Faith Ringgold
- Dec 6: See's Candy Order Forms Due
- Dec 7: HH Cottons, OSLS Family Night, 5:00-8:00pm, (10% goes to OSLS)
- Dec 12-20: Winter Book Fair, Room 1, (See Book Fair Article for times) Classroom Preview is 12/12
- Dec 14: PTF Meeting, 9:15am, Founders Room
- Dec 15: Christmas Recital, Preschool, 6:00pm, Chapel
- Dec 16: Lunch w/Your Child, 12:15-1:00pm
- Dec 18: Book Fair and See's Candy on sale during Sunday Church Services
- Dec 20: Christmas Recital, K-5, 6:00pm, Chapel
- Dec 21: Chapel Awards - Fruit of the Spirit ~ Patience
- Dec 22: Free Dress Day, Red Green or Holiday Attire
- Dec 23-Jan 6: NO SCHOOL, Christmas Recess



On behalf of Our Savior's Lutheran School, I wish you a wonderful holiday season, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Please take a breather from the hustle and bustle of the season to sit down and do something with your kids. Enjoy those moments with your family and friends; times you'll remember for years to come—more so than the deal you got at the department store.

Think back to your childhood. What were some of your

Forging Family Memories

fondest Christmas memories? Mine were putting up the Christmas tree, stringing popcorn and cranberries for the tree, decorating Christmas cookies, and putting together large puzzles. I took those traditions with me to college and continued them after school. Now, my kids appreciate them as much as I always have.

These traditions and memories are enjoyed and carried on by everyone in my home.

I encourage you to make time to forge holiday traditions with your own families. These precious memories are the best part of the holidays—after, of



The Giving Tree ~ Giving is Love



The holidays are here and the Social Concerns Ministry Team and Character Council need your help!

In partnership with Family Assistance Ministries, we will provide **NEW TENNIS SHOES**



It is more blessed to give than to receive Acts 20:35

for children who are in need within our community. Here's how you can help:

- 1) Visit the Giving Tree in the Narthex between Nov. 21st and Dec. 16th.
- 2) Choose a gift tag(s) from the tree; the tags indicate shoe size/gender.
- 3) Tape the tag on the unwrapped shoebox; place it under the tree by Dec 16th.

January Dates

- Jan 9: School Resumes
- Jan 11: PTF Meeting, 9:15am, Founders Room
- Jan 11: Chapel, KI Presents
- Jan 16: NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 19: New Enrollment Open House, 9:00am-4:00pm
- Jan 20: EARLY DISMISSAL, 12 noon, Elementary, End of Second Quarter
- Jan 20: Free Dress Day
- Jan 20: Priority Enrollment Begins, Preschool/Elementary
- Jan 23: Meet the Masters, Featuring Henri Rousseau
- Jan 24: 1st Grade Enrollment Open House, 3:15-4:30pm
- Jan 25: Chapel Awards - Fruit of the Spirit ~ Kindness
- Jan 27: Lunch w/Your Child, 12:15-1:00pm

course, Jesus' birthday!

Kitty Schmitt
OSLS Principal



Please join us for Cookies w/Santa during the Preschool/TK Christmas Recital, Dec 15th, 6pm, Chapel All are welcome!

Looking Back, Giving Thanks, Eager for More!

As the first part of the school year comes to a close, I would like to thank our teachers, staff, students, parents, and everyone for a great start! Your time, efforts, smiles, and friendliness make OSLS a great place to be. It has been especially nice to see so many of you at Lunch w/Your Child. It's one of the things I love about OSLS—the sense of community and getting to know all of you. It's something not typically found in suburban areas and makes our school unique and special!

Looking back, we've had some incredible, community-building, enriching, and fun events—e.g., Loose Ends Day, H.H. Cotton's Meet & Greets, Free Dress Days, Lunch w/Your Child, Rally Day, Back-to-School Nights, OSLS 2nd Annual Golf Tournament, Wine & Wigs, Barnyard Bash, Trunk or Treat, Harvest Festi-

val, Red Ribbon Parade, Character Counts Food Drive, Parent Teacher Conferences, Chapel Days, and over 65 days of incredible learning experiences—in & out of the classrooms.

Looking ahead, we're ready for a wonderful Advent Season as December brings Christmas Recitals, the Winter Book Fair, the Giving Tree, and Puttin' on the Glitz. In January, we are eager to ring in a new year with enrollment open houses and continuing monthly events like Free Dress Day, Lunch w/Your Child, and Perk Day (join us on the black top on the 2nd Wed. of the month, pre-Assembly, for complimentary coffee—then, consider staying for the PTF meeting at 9:15). Most importantly, we continue to focus on your children's education and development—following our school motto to:

"Love, Learn, Serve."



We are thankful to all of our families who give of themselves—in small and big ways—helping to make OSLS a great place to “live.” In this issue, we focus on the **Hueg Family**, who we are grateful to have as part of our community—for their service, caring,



Eric, Liz (PTF President), and Ella

and commitment to our school, students, and families. Thank you!

CLASSROOM CONNECTION

Kindergarten has been busy! Our current theme in Language Arts is Finding Friends—something Kindergarten already excels at. We are working on letters and sounds. It is so exciting to see Kindergarten reading! We read Accelerated Reader books daily and students are flourishing with their comprehension tests. We are working diligently on foundational math skills. In science, we pretended to be real scientists and dissected pumpkins, learned about the water cycle, and how things grow. Social Studies focused on how citizens work and the difference between “needs” and “wants.” Kindergarten hearts are so full! The students are very motivated and curious about our Fall Food Drive and will help the Character Council fill the cars that will deliver the food to FAM. As the holidays approach, we want you to know how thankful we are for these amazing students!

First graders have learned so much already! They are reading stories about community helpers and

being responsible at school, at home, and in the community. They are learning the long vowel sounds reinforced through blending words, dictation, and writing. They wrote invitations to their parents for Thanksgiving lunch, and will write an informational piece about an animal habitat. In math, they are learning about patterns. The students use iPads to reinforce their reading and math skills, and are learning to write stories and draw pictures on the computer. Recently, they were introduced to coding, which teaches using logic to complete a task. Recent study topics included Native Americans and Pilgrims in social studies and animal habitats in science.

Second grade has been very busy this 1st quarter. After weeks of preparation, we performed “The Land of Many Colors” chapel presentation on Peace & Citizenship. We concluded with a wonderful rendition of “We are the World.” In science, we have been studying how the human body changes and grows. We concentrated on the digestive sys-

tem—concluding the lesson with an experiment that recreated the process of breaking down a piece of bread from the time it enters the mouth, flows into the stomach, passes into the small intestines, and makes its way through the large intestines—so much fun!

Third grade has just completed their science unit on plants through experiments and research. Art and Math? Absolutely! We made angles with Q-tips! We have been studying angles, polygons, and quadrilaterals as well as memorizing our multiplication facts. We have been doing persuasive and descriptive writings, as well as poetry. So far, we have learned to write the letters r, h, k, b, f, l, e, u, w, i, t in *cursive*. In social studies, we are learning about communities and our environment—about the different types of landforms. Third graders are working hard, learning a ton, and having fun!

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New afterschool enrichment class to be offered: Japanese Art of Origami and Japanese Culture.

Fourth & Fifth grades are “Going Google!” Students will use G Suite (formally Google Apps for Education™); a free suite of productivity tools for student collaboration. Students will have their own Gmail accounts (managed by their teachers). In addition, Google Docs™ will be used to create, store, share, and collaborate on documents. Projects can be accessed any time, anywhere, from any online computer. They can share their work online with teachers, where editing notes can be placed directly within text; teachers quickly can see the delta between 1st and 2nd drafts. G Suite is a great way to integrate a variety of 21st Century learning projects.

Computer Lab. Kindergarten has just finished eye-to-hand-to-screen exercises and is learning the layout of Microsoft® Office products, such as Excel®—learning to identify and color cells as they create artwork within the

program.

First grade has completed several art projects using various graphics programs. Now, they are creating a colorful database of the class' food preferences using Microsoft Excel.

Second grade is deep into their first project using Excel: a twelve-page, twelve-month 2017 Calendar listing all national holidays and their class and family birthdays. Soon, they will create custom cover pages for their calendars using MS Paint and CorelDraw®.

Third grade has finished a series of projects teaching them to sort, organize, and format documents in Microsoft® Word® and now are using CorelDraw to create a 3D map featuring landforms they learned in their homeroom class.

Fourth and Fifth graders are using raw data from the recent presidential election to create original charts and maps illustrating the election results

in Microsoft Word and Excel, with a little help from Adobe® Photoshop®.

Physical Education. We have covered so much already! We began with Physical Education safety rules; problem solving and consequences; critical thinking (be a leader); good sportsmanship rules; kickball, rolling balls, catching, kicking, changing directions, running bases, and learning about personal space—individually and with a partner. Warm ups include running laps, with a different exercise each month (jumping jacks, push ups, and plank hold). We have worked on short and long jump rope, soccer, and basketball. Fourth and Fifth graders participated in off-campus golf!



OSLS is proud to include “Meet the Masters” art program in our curriculum. For over 30 years the program has provided interactive, multimedia art education to elementary schools worldwide. This year, our 1st-5th graders have learned the pop art of Andy Warhol and designed their own “Saturday Evening Post” magazine covers inspired by Norman Rockwell. Kindergarten will begin lessons in December. Five additional artists will be explored this year.

Field Trips

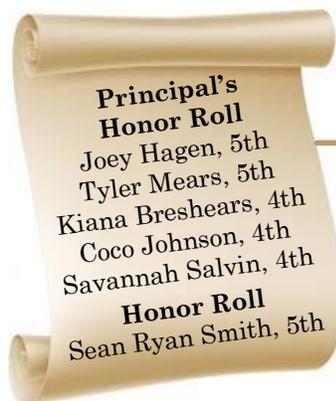


4th and 5th grade have been on the move! In September, we traveled to Idyllwild for Astrocamp to learn about atmosphere and gases, launched rockets, and explored Valles Marineris. In October, we ventured aboard the Brig Pilgrim—hoisting barrels, raising the boatswain’s chair, swabbing the deck. In November, 4th grade participated in an Orange County Dept. of Education “Inside the Outdoors” program on Animal Adaptations at Irvine

Regional Park learning about ecosystems, native plants and animals, visiting the Orange County Zoo.

Orange County’s Dept. of Education “Traveling Scientist” program came to 3rd grade demonstrating ways to explore light and its affect on animals, plants, and earth. We planted our own garden-in-a-bag to take home and played with light to see how it can reflect and be absorbed. We discussed the moon, the sun, and how daylight and sunlight affect different animals.

In **Spanish**, we’ve been reviewing and practicing vocabulary associated with greetings, introductions, commands, colors, numbers, days of the week, months, and seasons. We learned about “Dia de los Muertos” and Thanksgiving traditions. K - 2nd listen to a reading in Spanish; 3rd - 5th keep a notebook of class lessons. Worksheets made in class are sent home at the end of the month.



Congratulations to 1st Quarter Principal's Honor Roll & Honor Roll students! Principal's Honor Roll is the highest honor with straight A's in core subjects, PE, Music, Art, and Computers. Honor Roll is straight A's in core subjects and B average in supplementary courses.

Join us Dec 7th, 5-8pm, for OSLS Family Night!

H. H. COTTON'S

A great way to gather and share the holiday spirit together. There will be an activity for the kids and some fun for the adults too! **10% of the evening's proceeds will go back to OSLS!**

Save the Date!

Spring Party 3. 18. 17



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Chapel Offerings
December & January:
South Coast
Boys & Girls Club

CHARACTER COUNTS!
December:
TRUSTWORTHINESS
January:
KINDNESS

The Fruit of the Sprit is...
December:
PATIENCE
January:
KINDNESS
Galatians 5:22

Congratulation OSLS kids—proud recipients of the annual Red Ribbon Day Parade Cheer Competition trophy (competing with all San Clemente elementary schools). Thanks to their boundless spirit and expert help from Mrs. Kiana Breshears!



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
- Clip Box Tops for Education
- Sign up for Ralphs Community Rewards (up to 5% goes to OSLS)
- Sign up for Amazon Smile
- Purchase items at the Book Fair
- Order See's Candy (due Dec 6th)
- HH Cotton's OSLS Family Night, Dec 7th, 5-8pm (10% to OSLS)
- Purchase photography sessions:
 - JoeBroPhoto: 949-412-1924
 www.brocardphoto.com (\$40 to OSLS)
 - Accent Portraits by Diana:
 accentportraitsbydiana.com/specials.html (\$25-35 to OSLS)



KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE
 Feb 3rd or 10th
 11:45am - 12pm
Preschool Families:
 Bring your child; come into one of our classes; get involved and pre-view our Kindergarten Program.

FIRST GRADE OPEN HOUSE
 Jan 24th
 3:15 - 4:30pm
Kindergarten Families:
 Bring your child and learn about our Elementary Program.

Enrollment Open House

School-wide Jan 19th 9:00am-4pm Open to All

PRIORITY REGISTRATION JAN 20 - FEB 17

WELCOME

OPEN/NEW ENROLLMENT STARTS FEB 17

Scholastic Winter Book Fair

At the "Bookaneer" Book Fair in Room 1, browse through wonderful books, educational games, school supplies, posters, gift sets, small toys, and more. Think Christmas gifts! The Fair will be open during AM drop off, lunch/recess, PM pick-up, Preschool & Elementary Christmas Recitals (12/15, 12/20, 5:30-7:30pm), and 12/18 at Sunday church services. Cash, credit, or check (to OSLS). Preview Day is 12/12; kids can preview items and make "wish lists;" no purchases at Preview.

SELL A BOOK ~ EARN AN HOUR!
Volunteers needed @ Book Fair
 Get to know OSLS students & families; help raise \$\$\$\$;
 and earn your service hours!