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Our Savior's Lutheran School



Elementary Newsletter

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FEBRUARY 2017 ~ MARCH 2017

February Dates

- Feb 1: Vision Screening
- Feb 1: Chapel Awards - Kindness
- Feb 1: Lockdown Practice, Stage 2, Inside Status
- Feb 3: Author Visit Salina Yoon, 9am Elementary, 10:15am Preschool
- Feb 3: Kindergarten Open House, 11:45am-12:10pm
- Feb 3: Permanent Impressions
- Feb 7: Traveling Scientist
- Feb 8: Chapel Presentation by 1st Grade: Goodness
- Feb 8: PTF Meeting, 9:15am, Founders Room
- Feb 10: Kindergarten Open House, 11:45am-12:10pm
- Feb 10: Free Dress Day
- Feb 13: Kindergarten Open House, 6:30-7pm
- Feb 13: Chancy & Bruce School Readiness Presentation, 7pm (Preschool)
- Feb 6-10: 2nd-5th Grade "Sneak Peak" Preview Days, 3:15-4:15pm
- Feb 17: Priority Enrollment Ends
- Feb 17 & 20 : NO SCHOOL, President's Day (Elementary)
- Feb 20 & 21: NO SCHOOL, President's Day (Preschool)
- Feb 21: Field Trip: Crystal Cove, 5th Grade
- Feb 22: Daycare Winter Party
- Feb 22-24: NO SCHOOL, Parent/Teacher Conferences (Preschool)
- Feb 24: Lunch w/Your Child, 12:15-1pm
- Feb 24: Field Trip: Wild Wetlands, 2nd Grade
- Feb 27-March 3: Meet the Masters, Featuring Paul Cézanne



As we reach the halfway point of this incredible school year, we busily are planning for the next year. Priority enrollment, which began 1/20, offers currently enrolled families and church members the opportunity to reserve admission spots before enrollment opens to the public on 2/17. To qualify for priority enrollment, one of the following criteria must be met: 1) currently enrolled students; 2) siblings of currently enrolled students; 3) family is active OSLC member; 4) siblings of preschool and elementary alumni.

Since OSLS is a small, secure, highly-regarded school, we strongly recommend registering during priority enrollment to ensure your child's placement for 2017-2018. Additionally, enrolling early helps ensure we are ready for next year. Offering multiple grade level classrooms, hiring appropriate number of qualified teachers/staff, and ordering books and supplies are dependent on the number of students enrolled. To easily enroll online, visit:

www.oursaviorschool.net and click **Admissions** (district code: **OS-CA**). The RenWeb system automatically gives

2017—2018 Enrollment: It's Priority!

you the packet corresponding with the recommendation for your child's age. If you wish to apply for a different program, contact the office prior to submitting and we will make the change. Acceptance letters will be distributed via e-mail beginning late February. Registration fees will go up after 3/31 so we encourage you to enroll early. Note that your enrollment is NOT complete until all contracts and payment forms are signed and submitted to the office.

For questions, concerns, or enrollment guidance, please feel free to contact me, your child's teacher, or the school office.

Thank you, OSLS families—we have the BEST families in San Clemente and we look forward to seeing you all next year!

Kitty Schmitt, OSLS Principal

Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

Great news—in addition to Preschool thru 5th grade, OSLS will offer Transitional Kindergarten next year! The elementary TK will differ from preschool Junior Kinder as it will run FULL DAY with advanced curriculum. TK students will be those not quite ready for Kindergarten but are 5 by 12/31/17 (no exceptions). TK is a 2-year program: succession is TK to Kindergarten then upward. (Kindergarten students are those who are 5 by 9/1/17.)

March Dates

- Mar 1: Chapel Awards - Goodness
- Mar 3: Pre-Auction Wine Donation & Dinner Party, 5:00-10pm, The Griffin's home, San Clemente
- Mar 5-11: Lutheran Schools Week
- Mar 6-10: Dr. Seuss Week, (Preschool)
- Mar 7: Crazy Hair Day
- Mar 8: Chapel Presentation by 3rd-5th Grade: Faithfulness
- Mar 8: PTF Meeting, 9:15am, Founders Room
- Mar 9: Crazy Sock Day
- Mar 9 & 10: Grandparents Day, Preschool
- Mar 10: Grandparents Day, Elementary, EARLY DISMISSAL, 12pm
- Mar 17: Free Dress Day, Wear Green
- Mar 18: Spring Party/Auction at Bella Collina Club, San Clemente
- Mar 21 & 24: Speech and Hearing Screening
- Mar 24: End of 3rd Quarter, EARLY DISMISSAL, 12pm
- Mar 27-31: Meet the Masters, Featuring Pierre-Auguste Renoir
- Mar 28: Traveling Scientist
- Mar 29: Chapel Awards - Faithfulness
- Mar 30 & 31: 15th Annual Trike-A-Thon (Preschool)
- Mar 31: Lunch w/Your Child, 12:15-1pm
- Apr 3-7: NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
- Apr 14-17: NO SCHOOL, Easter Holiday

2017 Spring Party & Auction ~ March 18th

This year's annual Spring Party & Auction is March 18th at Bella Collina San Clemente—the evening includes dinner, drinks, and an exciting auction. Look for more details about the event in the coming weeks. In the meantime, **we are requesting donations for the auction as well as sponsorship of this event.** This is our biggest fundraiser of the year—raising funds for field trips, special programs/events, classroom technology, and maintenance/repairs. Those interested in donating or sponsorship, please contact the office or Liz Hueg: LizHueg@gmail.com; 949-212-9558.

Pre-Auction Party ~ March 3rd

Please join us at the San Clemente home of Randy & Peggy Griffin on March 3rd, 5 -10pm, for a taco bar

dinner, wine and fun! (More details coming soon.) All OSLs parents are welcome and are asked to bring 2 bottles of wine—one to share at the party and one to donate for the Wine Cellar at the Spring Party & Auction. This is a great opportunity to mingle with OSLs staff and families away from school! **Bring friends & neighbors who are interested in learning about OSLs and meeting our teachers.** This is for adults only, but your children may join Mr. Cooper, Miss Cindy, and the OSLs Youth Group on campus that evening for pizza, movies, games, & fun! Contact Theresa Alvarez:

Theresa@teamalvarez.net; 951-265-5819.

Tom, Chase, Julie DeNault



Family FOCUS

We are thankful to all our families who help make OSLs a great place to “live.” In this issue, we focus on the **DeNault Family** whose OSLs association goes “way” back—Tom is an OSLs Preschool alumni! He has directed our Golf Tournament for two years and looks forward to a third. Julie teaches our 3rd grade and has served as Room Mom, OSLC MOPS Leader, Preschool Substitute and Enrichment teacher, Parent Liaison, and helped initiate “Muffins w/Mom” and “Donuts w/Dad.” The family’s OSLs connection continues with son, Chase, who began as a Preschooler and now is in 4th grade. He loves riding motorcycles, playing football, basketball, drums and guitar—jammin’ with Mr. Cooper in the Youth Group band! The DeNaults enjoy camping, game nights, dining (weekly) at La Siesta, and vacationing in Mammoth and Hawaii. (*When does this service-oriented family have time for vacation?!*)

CLASSROOM CONNECTION

Kindergarten finds us teachers looking over at our students at various points of the day and just smiling! Not because they did something truly amazing, but because this is who God blessed us with! We are so lucky that they all are eager to learn, utilize their inquisitive minds, and give us their whole hearts. We are busy becoming better readers every day; the students are up for the task—reading in some capacity at this point—wow! They continue to amaze us with their math comprehension skills as we introduce complicated addition and subtraction concepts. We enjoy spirited discussions about the world we live in, our culture and customs, and completed some inspiring Martin Luther King Jr. activities and artwork. In science, we’ve experimented with the water cycle; with our current weather, we’ve been able to make first-hand observations! As always, we encourage each other to reflect on the Fruit of the Spirit and tie in our chapel theme throughout our days. On that note, go forth and be

kind to one another. As Pastor Jeff says, “kindness is putting feet on nice!” ~Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Moore

First graders are enjoying the season of winter and fun activities in the classroom—reading stories about the weather, different kinds of maps, and location of places on maps. They are writing winter-themed stories and poetry. Math topics include place value, problem solving, number patterns, counting on a hundreds chart, and number facts. In religion, they are reading stories about Jesus as a young man calling His disciples, teaching at Nazareth, and blessing the children. In science, students are learning about the changing seasons and characteristics of each. They enjoy learning about traditions and culture in our country and others and sharing their own family traditions. Every day is busy and fun in 1st grade! ~Mrs. Moore

Second grade February and March are exciting in 2nd grade! In Science, we are busy exploring the earth’s surface, past and present, and

in Social Studies we are studying landforms, maps, weather, and climate. We began reading *Mr. Popper’s Penguins* in class and will be preparing an Animal Act Project to coincide with the book. In February, we will embark on our first field trip of the year to the Wild Wetlands in Upper Newport Bay. We are practicing our presentation for Grandparent’s Day on 3/10—the last Friday of Lutheran Schools Week. It is so fun to have our Grandparents come and spend the morning with us at our school. ~Mrs. Crowe, Mrs. Griffin

Third graders have begun their Native American research project! They are researching, note taking, paragraph writing, and typing away. Reports are due 2/16 and will be displayed 2/22—come by and check them out! In Science, we will study animals—mammals, reptiles, amphibians, oh my! In Math, we have finished our multiplication topic. However, is one really ever finished with multiplication? Not really! We are using it to introduce and understand division. Did you hear, 3rd grade recently was trapped in a snow globe? We have been having fun with adjective poems, informative, narrative and expository writings. We continue to work hard and do our best! ~Mrs. DeNault

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Fourth grade has completed their first research report which was about our beautiful state of California. We learned fascinating facts about our state and its four regions. In Math, we are studying Geometry—lines, angles, shapes, and solids. In Science, we are learning about plants. Our bean plants are grown in a hydroponic environment.—you should see those sprouts! Whether we are learning inside the classroom or on the playground, we are committed to be lifelong learners. ~Mrs. Ayers

Fifth graders are working hard to complete their History Day projects. Students learn how to research a topic, form a thesis statement, develop an annotated bibliography, create a poster presentation, and write a 500-word process paper. Students use Google Apps every step of the way. This year's theme is "Taking a Stand in History." History Day is fun, but it's a lot of work! ~Mrs. Cooper

Computer Lab **K**indergarteners are working on an art project that will be a "surprise" for their parents at Open House—so, that's all I can say about that! **F**irst graders continue working with Microsoft® Excel® as they create daily schedules for themselves. **S**econd graders have completed their 12-month 2017 Calendars and are designing elaborate cover pages for them using MS Paint and CorelDraw®. **T**hird grade is using CorelDraw to assemble 3D style maps using landforms learned in their homeroom class. **F**ourth & **F**ifth graders are learning the different of importing text and images from, and into, varying formats for use in future classroom projects. ~Mr. Wallace

Physical Education **K**–5th graders are learning the muscular system including muscles and their location on the body: biceps, triceps, deltoids, pectorals, quadriceps, and hamstrings. Among other things, we've learned

there are 630 muscles and 2 muscle types—voluntary & involuntary—with examples of each; we'll have a quiz on this unit. We are working on: a) Intro to Badminton; b) Warm up laps (K is up to 2 laps; 1st–2nd up to 3 laps; 4th–5th up to 4 laps; c) Pull ups (K–2 holding 3 secs); and d) Chin ups (3rd–5th: 3 to 5 chin ups). ~Mrs. Hammond

Music **K**–2nd graders are singing lots of songs! The primary goal is to build a repertoire of songs and work on rhythm and pitch. We listen to Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Mozart, and Williams, to build an appreciation for, and familiarity with, the classics as well as basic instrument recognition, tempo, dynamics, and other musical components. **3**rd–**5**th graders are playing recorder, violin, and guitar, respectively. They are reading the treble clef and basic rhythm and notation, practicing scales, chords, and group performance techniques. Students listen to a variety of classical, traditional, Christian, patriotic, and folk music. Listening tests are comprised of classical pieces where students must recognize the piece and name the title and composer. Our current test includes pieces from Gershwin, Strauss, Mozart, John Williams, Beethoven, Henry Mancini, Chopin, Hans Zimmer, and Wagner. ~Mr. Swart

Spanish Students learned words relating to Christmas, January, winter, and clothing as well as animals, opposites, and adjectives. We continue with greetings, colors, numbers, the alphabet, verbs and review of all vocabulary learned so far. Depending on grade, students are learning the concept of feminine and masculine and using the correct article. I enjoy teaching your children skills needed to flourish in the Spanish language! ~Mrs. Castillo

Field Trips



We continue with field trips led by The Orange County Dept. of Education's "Inside the Outdoors" **F**ield **T**rip program. On Feb 21, 5th grade travels to Crystal Cove State Park in Newport to explore coastal bluffs, the sandy beach, and tide pools. On Feb 24, 2nd graders will experience "Wild Wetlands" at the Upper Newport Bay to learn about a wide diversity of habitats—including coastal bluffs, and mudflats.

Traveling Scientist

The O.C. Dept. of Education's "Inside the Outdoors" **T**raveling **S**cientist program provides students a wide range of hands-on opportunities to develop an awareness of, and appreciation for, the sciences and aligns with the California Science Content Standards. The on-campus program includes the following topics in the coming months:

February

- 2nd & 5th grades: Rethinking Resources
- 3rd grade: Feather Fun
- 4th grade: Rockin' Geology
- 5th grade: Body of Knowledge

March

- Kindergarten: Me in My World
- 4th grade: Magnets are Magnificent
- 5th grade: Surviving Our Standards
- Open to all : Rethinking Resources

OSLS is proud to include "Meet the Masters" in its curriculum. For 30+ years, the program has provided interactive, multi-media art education to elementary schools worldwide. The week of Feb 27th, students learn about French artist and post-impressionist painter, **PAUL CÉZANNE**. The week of Mar 27th, French artist and Impressionist painter **Pierre-Auguste Renoir** is featured.





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2017-2018 needs-based scholarships are available to students attending 5 days a week. To apply, submit your application online by 3/31 at: www.SmartAidForParents.com. (School ID: 10927)

Principal's Honor Roll

- Kiana Breshears, 4th
- Chase DeNault, 4th
- Coco Johnson, 4th
- Lukas Rorvik, 4th
- Savannah Salvin, 4th
- Joey Hagen, 5th



Last year's 5th gr. auction winners enjoy a ferocious fun day at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park with Pastor Jeff and Principal Schmitt on 1/31/17.

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.

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**
- Donate to, sponsor, and/or attend the **Spring Party & Auction**, 3/18
- Donate wine at the **Pre-Auction Party**, 3/3
- Sponsor our Preschoolers at the **15th Annual Trike-a-Thon**, 3/30 & 3/31
- 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)



KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Feb 3rd & 10th
 11:45am - 12:10pm
 Feb 13th
 6:30pm - 7:00pm

Drop-in and preview OSLS' unsurpassed Kindergarten program! Choose to visit Room 5 (Mrs. Moore) or Room 6 (Mrs. Johnson). Bring your child and let him or her participate in the class while you meet the teachers and learn what your child will experience next year in Kindergarten.

2ND-5TH GRADE SNEAK PEAK DAYS

Feb 6th thru 10th
 3:15 - 4:15pm

Meet our teachers and get a sneak peak at what to expect next year in each grade, including curriculum outlines. See current projects on display and ask questions of the teachers. A great chance to gain insight into OSLS' superior learning environment, programs, projects, and educational tools. Feel free to bring your child; drop in any class on any of the sneak peak days. (Each family that stops by will be entered into a drawing.)



Chapel Offerings

February: 2nd Harvest; Pennies for Peanut Butter
March: Evangelical School of Hope; Ramallah

CHARACTER COUNTS!

February: RESPONSIBILITY
March: FAIRNESS

