

December 3, 2021

Dear Old Mission School Parents,

Happy Friday! We have had a nice first week of Advent and our days continue to be full! Next week we celebrate several traditional activities and the time is sure to fly by.

Monday is the Feast of <u>St. Nicholas</u> who often stops by OMS to leave a treat in the children's shoes after our morning assembly (or sends a representative to do so).



Wednesday is the <u>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception</u> (the article is from 2019 when December 8th fell on a Sunday). We have our regularly scheduled Mass for the feast day which is a holy day of obligation.

Next Friday, December 10th, our third-grade students will present the <u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> play. Her feast is December 12th. Students are also invited to wear a festive Christmas sweater or tee with jeans! In addition to the play, we will have our first of five brief Advent performances at our morning assembly. I've attached the schedule

On Monday, December 13th, the Church celebrates the <u>Feast of St. Lucy</u>, another fun feast to celebrate with your family during this Advent season.

COVID Reminder- As cases are once again on the rise, we are cautioned to anticipate a winter surge. Please partner with us in reminding your children to be diligent in following all protocols and avoiding unnecessary close contact with others. We appreciate your intentional efforts as families, particularly on weekends and during holiday activities, to limit group activities. Remember, we cannot accept a home test for return after quarantine or during a modified quarantine observance.

We received an update from County Health yesterday (following an update from CDPH last week) regarding extracurricular activities which I've attached.

Have a great weekend!

Upcoming events:

December 3 First Friday Birthdays, spirit wear, minimum dismissal day

December 10 OLOG Play by 3rd grade,

Festive Christmas sweater/shirt (with jeans) day

Progressive Advent Program begins

December 17 Kindergarten Christmas play, Minimum Dismissal, NO ASA

December 18-January 2 Christmas break!

Monday, January 3 NO School, Teacher workday Tuesday, January 4 Students return to school

The Old Mission Catholic School community is dedicated to the development of socially responsible citizens who are spiritually enriched, academically empowered, and morally accountable for their actions.