



## OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Our first town hall was a huge success. I thank everyone who helped organize the event and I appreciate all those who were able to attend this important meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the deficit in our 2015-2016 school budget. This deficit has been caused by the following: the need for scholarships this year is greater than what was available and in keeping with our faith we want to try and make a Catholic education available for everyone who wants to attend; although our auction was well organized and a wonderful event, we did not raise the budgeted amount planned for; the third reason for the deficit is the unexpected increase in teacher salary.

In the meeting we discussed ways to close this gap and there were many good ideas presented and great conversations occurred on ways to implement those ideas. Increasing the participation in the scrip program and fundraisers were the two major solutions.

Bishop Ochoa, Father Jesus and Superintendent Mona Faulkner all spoke at the meeting. The Bishop shared his love of and dedication to Catholic education. Father Jesus shared his commitment to the school and encouraged us to be involved and active in the school community.

Ms. Faulkner shared some exciting news. Bishop Ochoa is implementing a pilot program that will change the governance model for two schools. Beginning January 1, 2016 both Our Lady of Victory and Saint Helen's Schools will become diocesan schools. This is primarily an administrative change. Father Jesus will continue to be our spiritual leader and he will be involved in all major decisions regarding the school. Going forth he will not have to deal with the day to day business of the school. I will report directly to Ms. Faulkner and she will attend our school advisory board meetings. I am very excited by this change and I believe we will continue to thrive under this new model.

Yesterday I received a letter from Mr. Gary Bethke, the CEO of the Diocese of Fresno, on behalf of Bishop Ochoa. Because this is the Year of Mercy, the Bishop has reduced a portion of our health bill. This \$35,000 gift will greatly help us clear our deficit. Our community is blessed!

My dear friends, Bishop Ochoa, Superintendent Faulkner, and Father Jesus have demonstrated their commitment to our school. Now it is up to us to do the rest. If every family will use our scrip program and help out with our remaining fundraisers we will end the year in the black. It will not always be easy but *our children are worth it!*

Have a Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in 2016!

Sincerely,

Deborah J.V. Nettell  
Principal OLV School

# OLV SCHOOL REVISED CALENDAR 2015-2016

As of December 21, 2015

Academic Information	
2 <sup>nd</sup> trimester	3 <sup>rd</sup> trimester
January 22, 2016 – Progress Report	April 15, 2016 – Progress Report
March 4, 2016 – end of trimester	May 27, 2016 – end of trimester
March 4, 2016 – report cards	May 27, 2016 – report cards
Optional Conference Day – March 14, 2016 – after 2:15pm	HAVE A GREAT SUMMER REBELS!

Dismissal Reminders	No School Days
<b>11:30am release</b> – Friday March 25 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday	Feb 15, 2016 - President's Day
	March 28 - April 1, 2016 - Easter
<b>12PM release days:</b>	
<b>Jan:</b> none/ <b>Feb:</b> none/	
<b>March:</b> Friday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> - WASC preparation/	
<b>April:</b> none / <b>May:</b> 26, 27 - last days of school	
<b>2PM release days:</b>	
<b>Jan:</b> 4, 11, 18, 25/ <b>Feb:</b> 1, 8, 22, 29/ <b>March:</b> 7, 14, 21/ <b>April:</b> 4, 11, 18, 25 / <b>May:</b> 2, 9, 16, 23	

## SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION THE FOLLOWING DAYS

Jan 18, 2016 - MLK Jr. Day
March 18, 2016 - OLV Golf Tournament
May 2, 2016 - Carnival clean up

Major OLV Fundraisers	Class Parties
Msgr. Moreton Crab Feed - Jan 30, 2016	January 6, 2016 - Epiphany
OLV Rebel Golf Tournament- March 18, 2016	February 12, 2016 - Valentine's Day
Carnival/Cash Raffle Drawing - May 1, 2016	

Special Days	Testing Days
Catholic Schools Week - Feb 1-5, 2016	Jan 11-22 - ACRE 5 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Pictures - March 23, 2016	
Spring Book Fair - April 11-15, 2016	
Booster \$2 free dress day – May 11, 2016	<b>Special Mass Days</b>
Spring Music Concert – May 19, 2016	Feb 10, 2016- Ash Wednesday
PreK Promotion – May 24, 2016	↔ 9:00am Mass – students must wear
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – May 25, 2016	↔ formal uniform
Kindergarten Promotion – May 27, 2016	

### CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

For the most current information please log on to SchoolSpeak and view online calendar:  
[www.schoolspeak.com](http://www.schoolspeak.com) or [www.fresnoolv.org/calendar](http://www.fresnoolv.org/calendar)

## 5 Tips for Scrip

- Don't panic and don't feel overwhelmed
  - There's plenty of time to still buy scrip and plenty of ways to make purchases
- Buy scrip for places you already spend money
  - Everyone has to eat and get gas
- Think of "Shoppportunities"
  - Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries
- Register at [shopwithscrip.com/MyScripWallet.com](http://shopwithscrip.com/MyScripWallet.com)
- Remember, you are not spending more, you are just spending differently 😊

