



OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope all of you had a restful and productive summer break! There has been a lot of activity at the school and this letter is to update you on all the exciting news.

Teaching Staff 2017-2018

At this time there are nine students enrolled in first grade and ten in the second grade. Because of the small sizes of each class, I have asked Mrs. Sutton to teach a combo class. She will be assisted by Ms. Hirata and Mr. Bartell throughout the school day. At Back to School Night on August 4th at 6pm, Mrs. Sutton and I will explain how the class will function and answer any of your questions. If your questions can't wait until Back to School Night, please contact me.

I am excited and pleased to announce the 2017-2018 faculty. Please note we have new teachers in third and sixth grade.

K through 8th

Justina Marquez- Kindergarten
Allison Sutton- First and Second grade combo
Jordon Faiman- Third grade
Cathy Cash- Fourth grade

Debra Cabral- Fifth grade
Megan Sexton- Sixth grade homeroom
Lynn Mason- Seventh and Eighth grade homeroom
Deborah Nettell- Jr. High rotation

Preschool Staff

Amy Hirata- Preschool Director
Stephanie Wagerer- teacher
Treaa Nyiri- teacher

Support Staff

Betty Kempen- Activities Coordinator
Bernadette Martin- Librarian
Sara McCraw- Book Keeper
Amy Hirata- Preschool and assisting in the first and second grade combo class

Clemencia Cardinale- Office Assistant
Paul Bartell and Susan Luna- Classroom Aides
Patricia Benavides and Treaa Nyiri- Extension Care
Rocky Vang- Custodial

Update on Capital Improvements

The interior of the classrooms and the exterior of the school have been painted. There is still a small amount of painting going on, but I am hopeful that it will be done in time for Back to School Night. It has been at least 10 years since our school has been painted, so next time you see Father Jesus please thank him and our parish for their support!

Preschool has a fresh coat of paint, new tile, and carpet. Thank you Mr. Antonio Gasca, Mr. Luis Gomez, and Father Jesus for making this upgrade possible! Over the next four months, a new mural will be painted on the back wall of the preschool. It is being painted by Miss Paulina Cruz, a student at Fresno High School and the sister of seminarian Jorge Cruz.

We now have a built-in sound system in Mary's Grotto. Thank you to the OLV Booster Club and especially John Esquivel for making this possible.

Advertisement

The development group has been working on a marketing campaign since last year. The school now has three billboards in various parts of the city. I have seen the one in the Tower District and it looks amazing! Irvin Marquez took the lead on this project and I thank him and the Development Group for work in promoting our school. We are increasing our presence on Facebook. Make sure you like the school's Facebook page and spread the word about the school!

We also did recruiting at the OLV Parish Masses. Students, parents, and alumni gave testimony and information about our school. I was at all of those Masses and our presenters were wonderful!

Volunteers

The Parent Club has been busy planning our annual fall auction. The auction will be held in Mary's Grotto on September 30th. You will receive more information about this fundraiser at Back to School Night.

There have been many people who have worked tirelessly on our campus this summer repairing and improving our campus. The appreciation and admiration I have for them goes beyond words! Please keep these volunteers in your prayers.

Thank you to:

Patricia Benavides
Derik Cheeseborough
Gary Easley
Megan and Neal McCraw
Eric Hirata
Halen and Angie Gamino
Diego Barba

Jorge Cruz
Gasca Family
Tom Nettell
Williams Family
Romero Family
Guerrero Family
Labrador Family

Valdez Family
Kempen Family
Chavez Family
Moya Family
Cardinale Family

New Curriculum

We have been updating our curriculum! Look for changes in these areas:

Science- 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th

Math- 6th, 7th, 8th

Super Kids-Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd

The new curriculum comes with training for the teachers. More information will be available at Back to School Night.

I am very excited about this school year and I am looking forward to seeing the faces of our beautiful students. Year 66, here we come!

Go in peace and enjoy the rest of your vacation!

Blessings,



Deborah J.V. Nettell
Principal

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 6 PM - Back to School Night	4	5
6	7 First Day of School! 12 PM - dismissal	8 12 PM - dismissal 6 PM - Parent Club Meeting	9	10	11 9 AM - School Mass 12 PM - dismissal	12
13	14 2 PM - dismissal	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation 3 - 8 PM - Chipotle Fundraiser [5128 N. Palm Ave., Fresno, CA 93704]	16 6:30 PM - School Board Meeting	17	18 Lunch fundraiser 9 AM - NO School Mass	19
20	21 STAR Testing 2 PM - dismissal	22 STAR Testing Fall Pictures	23 STAR Testing	24 STAR Testing	25 STAR Testing PREVIEW "Wild West " Book Fair 9 AM - School Mass - 8th Grade Commissioning Mass	26
27	28 "Wild West" Book Fair STAR Testing 2 PM - dismissal	29 "Wild West" Book Fair STAR Testing	30 "Wild West" Book Fair STAR Testing	31 "Wild West" Book Fair STAR Testing 5 PM - OLV School Adoration [OLV Church]		

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 "Wild West" Book Fair STAR Testing 9 AM - School Mass 11:30 AM - 1 PM - Grandparent Luncheon	2
3	4 No School Labor Day	5 Fine Arts begin 4th through 8th grades STAR Testing	6 STAR Testing	7 STAR Testing	8 STAR Testing Progress Reports go home 9 AM - School Mass	9
10 9:30 AM - School Mass w/ School Choir [OLV Church]	11 No School Parent Teacher Student Conferences	12 6 PM - Parent Club Meeting	13 \$2 Booster Club Free Dress	14	15 Lunch fundraiser Superintendent Mona Faulkner visit 9 AM - School Mass	16
17	18 2 PM - dismissal	19 Fall Picture Retakes	20 6:30 PM - School Board Meeting	21	22 9 AM - School Mass	23
24	25 2 PM - dismissal	26	27	28	29 9 AM - School Mass 12 PM - dismissal preparation for OLV Dinner Auction 12:30 PM - set up for OLV Dinner Auction	30 5:30 PM - OLV Dinner Auction

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 2 PM - dismissal	3	4	5	6 9 AM - School Mass Celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Victory	7 The Feast of Our Lady of Victory 11 AM - Blessing of the Animals [Mary's Grotto]
8 9:30 AM - School Mass w/ School Choir	9 2 PM - dismissal	10 6 PM - Parent Club Meeting	11	12 Assistant Superintendent Donna Smith visit	13 9 AM - School Mass	14
15	16 Teacher Inservice - No School	17	18 6:30 PM - School Board Meeting	19	20 End of 1st Trimester 9 AM - School Mass	21
22	23 Start of 2nd Trimester 2 PM - dismissal	24	25	26	27 Report Cards go home 9 AM - School Mass	28
29	30 2 PM - dismissal	31 8:30 AM - Academic Awards				

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 STAR Testing 9 AM - All Saints Day Mass - Students must wear their formal uniform 2:15 PM - All Saints Day Class Parties	2 STAR Testing	3 STAR Testing 9 AM - No School Mass	4
5	6 STAR Testing 2 PM - dismissal	7 STAR Testing	8 STAR Testing	9 STAR Testing	10 No School - Veteran's Day	11
12 9:30 AM - School Mass w/ School Choir	13 STAR Testing 2 PM - dismissal	14 STAR Testing	15 STAR Testing 6:30 PM - School Board Meeting	16 STAR Testing	17 STAR Testing 9 AM - School Mass	18
19	20 Thanksgiving Vacation	21 Thanksgiving Vacation	22 Thanksgiving Vacation	23 Thanksgiving Vacation	24 Thanksgiving Vacation	25
26	27 2 PM - dismissal	28	29	30 5 PM - OLV School Adoration [OLV Church]		

December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9 AM - School Mass	2
3	4 2 PM - dismissal	5	6 Feast Day of St. Nicholas	7	8 Progress Reports go home 9 AM - Holy Day of Obligation - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass	9
10 9:30 AM - School Mass w/ School Choir	11 2 PM - dismissal	12 1 PM - Christmas Program Rehearsal [OLV Church] 6 PM - Parent Club Meeting	13 \$2 Booster Club Free Dress 1 PM - Christmas Program Rehearsal [OLV Church] 5:30 PM - Preschool, K and 1st Christmas Performance 6:30 PM - 2nd - 8th grade Christmas Program	14	15 9 AM - School Mass 12 PM - dismissal 1 PM - Extension care & Preschool close @ 1pm	16
17	18 Christmas Vacation	19 Christmas Vacation	20 Christmas Vacation	21 Christmas Vacation	22 Christmas Vacation	23
24	25 Merry Christmas! Christmas Vacation	26 Christmas Vacation	27 Christmas Vacation	28 Christmas Vacation	29 Christmas Vacation	30
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January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Christmas Vacation	2 Christmas Vacation	3 School resumes	4	5 9 AM - School Mass	6
7	8 2 PM - dismissal	9 6 PM - Parent Club Meeting	10	11	12 9 AM - School Mass	13
14 9:30 AM - School Mass w/ School Choir [OLV Church]	15 No School - MLK Holiday	16	17 6:30 PM - School Board Meeting	18 Mrs. Nettell @ Principal Meeting off campus	19 9 AM - School Mass	20
21	22 2 PM - dismissal	23	24	25	26 9 AM - School Mass	27 5 PM - 10th Annual Msgr. Moreton Crab Feed @ Holy Spirit Parish Hall
28 Catholic Schools Week	29 Catholic Schools Week 2 PM - dismissal	30 Catholic Schools Week	31 Catholic Schools Week			

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Catholic Schools Week	2 Catholic Schools Week 9 AM - School Mass	3 Catholic Schools Week
4 9:30 AM - OLV School Mass Catholic Schools Week [OLV Church]	5 2 PM - dismissal	6	7	8	9 9 AM - School Mass	10
11	12 2 PM - dismissal	13 2:15 PM - St. Valentines Day Parties 6 PM - Parent Club Meeting	14 9 AM - Ash Wednesday Mass - Students must wear formal uniform	15 6 PM - Kindergarten Orientation	16 End of 2nd Trimester 9 AM - School Mass	17
18	19 No School - Presidents Day	20 3rd Trimester Begins	21 6:30 PM - School Board Meeting	22	23 Report Cards go home 9 AM - School Mass	24
25	26 2 PM - dismissal	27 8:30 AM - Academic Awards	28			

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 9 AM - School Mass	3 Academic Decathlon - Fresno
4	5 2 PM - dismissal	6	7	8	9 9 AM - School Mass 7 PM - Living Stations [OLV Church]	10
11 School Mass w/ School Choir [OLV Church]	12 2 PM - dismissal	13 6 PM - Parent Club Meeting	14 1 PM - OLV Talent Show	15	16 PREVIEW Spring Book Fair 9 AM - School Mass	17
18	19 Spring Book Fair 2 PM - dismissal	20 Spring Book Fair optional spring pictures	21 Spring Book Fair 6:30 PM - School Board Meeting	22 Spring Book Fair 6 PM - OLV Open House	23 Spring Book Fair 9 AM - School Mass	24
25	26 2 PM - dismissal	27	28	29 Holy Thursday 9 AM - Living Stations [OLV Church] 12 PM - dismissal Ext Care & Preschool close at 1pm	30 Good Friday No School	31

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday He is Risen!	2 Easter Vacation	3 Easter Vacation	4 Easter Vacation	5 Easter Vacation	6 Easter Vacation	7
8	9 2 PM - dismissal	10 6 PM - Parent Club Meeting	11	12	13 Progress Reports go home 9 AM - School Mass	14
15 9:30 AM - Last OLV School Mass w/ School Choir [OLV Church]	16 2 PM - dismissal	17	18 6:30 PM - School Board Meeting	19	20 9 AM - School Mass	21
22	23 2 PM - dismissal	24	25	26	27 9 AM - School Mass	28
29 Pastor Appreciation Day 9:30 AM - 3rd Grade First Holy Communion [OLV Church]	30 2 PM - dismissal					

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 9 AM - School Mass	5
6 11 AM - 8 PM - OLV School Carnival	7 No School Carnival Clean Up	8 6 PM - Parent Club Meeting	9	10	11 9 AM - School Mass	12
13	14 2 PM - dismissal	15 7 PM - OLV Spring Music Concert [OLV Church]	16 6:30 PM - School Board Meeting	17	18 9 AM - 8th Grade Graduation Mass 10:30 AM - Graduation Reception	19
20	21 2 PM - 2pm dismissal	22	23 \$2 Booster Club Free Dress	24 Field Day Free Dress 12 PM - 12pm dismissal	25 Last Day of School 9 AM - School Mass Kindergarten Promotion 10:45 AM - Academic Awards 12 PM - 12pm dismissal Extension care & Preschool close @ 1pm	26
27	28	29	30	31 5 PM - OLV School Adoration [OLV Church]		