

Our Lady of the Assumption School



For over 50 years Our Lady of the Assumption School has served children in Kindergarten – 8th graders and their families. We are one of the oldest established ministries of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Community. Our mission statement explains why we do what we do and for whom: to provide an education for children who incorporate strong, academic skills, social awareness and personal responsibility, and ethical and moral values as taught in the Catholic faith. The School administration and faculty, in collaboration with parents, promote a learning environment, which fosters academic excellence, integrity, cooperation, and mutual respect.

Our wonderful Faculty and Staff comprises the principal, 17 full time class teachers, 5 full and part time support teachers, 7 full and part time office and classroom support staff, and 6 full and part time daycare staff. On average they have served OLA for 10 years, the longest being 30 years.

With two classes per grade our enrollment is around 475 children, approximately 320 families. Our children come from a wide variety of ethnicities; a small majority is Anglo, with Hispanic and Asian (mainly Filipino or Vietnamese) being the next largest groups, African American being the smallest minority group. All but 10 of the children are Catholic. Our families travel from a wide geographic region covering Claremont, Upland, and North Pomona, with still others come from as far as Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, Fontana, Ontario, and Chino Hills.

Parent involvement is critical to the success of our endeavors. Parents are regular visitors to the classrooms for day to day events in school, such as picture day, listening to reading and ‘center’ support in the lower grades, chaperoning field trips and helping out at all our celebrations. We have enjoyed a long and successful relationship with the Parent Faculty Association, who have increasingly managed to combine major fundraising events, such as a winter social, annual golf tournament and ‘jogathon’ with days when parents, teachers and children come together to celebrate being OLA.

Our Religion program is second to none. In the celebration of our faith, the OLA school community comes together for Reconciliation Services in Advent and Lent, Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent presented by grades 4 - 8, a Christmas program presented by grade K – 3, as well as weekly mass. Each service is researched and planned meticulously so that it truly reflects the dedication of time and effort in making sure that the entire community can participate fully and consciously as possible. From music provided by well known Christian artist Trevor Thomson, to the organization and preparation before each service, we are proud to provide rich prayer and worship experiences for our students.

In the classroom teachers and support staff work hard to ensure that they meet the needs of the individuals as well as maintaining and surpassing the standards required by the state of California and Los Angeles Archdiocese. The majority of our children attend Catholic High Schools, Damien HS, St Lucy’s Priory HS, Pomona Catholic HS, Bishop Amat HS, La Salle HS, and/or Don Bosco HS. A few children each year go on to the local public high schools. In recent years we are pleased to have had several children accepted to the Webb Schools.

We look forward to a bright future with continued successes and another 50 years of serving the families and children of Our Lady of the Assumption.

Bernadette Boyle
Principal
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