



Old Mission School

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Dear Parishioners and Supporters of Catholic Education,

I came to Catholic Education at a time when the church expected every child in the parish to attend Catholic school. Times have changed but our dedication and commitment to education is the same as it was in the 70s, 80s, and 90s. We still make balancing a faith-based education and a strong academic program a priority. Our students are asked to think critically while keeping the creative power of God's love in mind. They discuss making the ethical choices that are key to strong leadership. We invite respectful discussion of all philosophies.

Our academic teams come together to make grade-level decisions that support the progress of our students. We want to have academically-competent graduates who become successful high school and college students. We offer a variety of options, including:

- 1 and 2-year kindergarten programs (our two-year program is one of the only in the county)
- After-school enrichment program at our preschool/kindergarten campus
- At middle school level, we can coordinate advanced math classes during the school day at our neighboring Mission College Preparatory.
- Spanish is introduced into our curriculum beginning in preschool.

Time and again, we have alumni returning to thank us for their writing skills. All OMS teachers are credentialed in the state of California. Our national test scores are some of the highest, not only in the Monterey diocese, but in the county as well. Each year, we place somewhere near the top in the Mathcounts competition at Cal Poly where we compete against schools who are much larger.

While we take pride in our academic program, it is daily religious study that truly educates the whole child. We actively celebrate our Catholic faith. At OMS, each class chooses service projects every month. We honor the Feast of St. Francis with the blessing of the animals when every type of student pet makes an appearance. We explain the significance of Mardi Gras and live the season of Lent. We study the religious significance of Christmas, St. Valentine, and the crowning of the Blessed Mother in May. We live Thanksgiving with food drives. Our students participate in our annual "Our Lady of Guadalupe" play. They become part of our living rosary and the contemporary stations of the cross. We celebrate our blessings and we share our fears.

If you have a school-aged child, consider a Catholic education for them. Come and visit our campus or sit in on a class. . . make a call. OMS might be the answer to your prayers.

With warmest wishes,

Teri Stegman, Principal

P.S. We do have a financial aid program. In light of the current economic times, we have chosen to freeze our tuition rates at the current level for the next academic school year. Visit our website at oldmissionschool.com. New student applications are available both online and in our office. →