

# MARIA REGINA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: CHARGERS

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS & MERRY CHRISTMAS

### Special points of interest:

Christmas Program:  
Dec. 14

Class Parties  
Dec. 15

Dec. 16...  
**EARLY DISMISSAL:**  
**12:00NOON**

**No Lunch**  
**No Daycare**

Dec. 16  
Christmas Break  
Dec. 19– Jan 2nd

**School resumes:**  
**January 3rd.**



### Principal's Message:

The Holiday season is upon us and we have much to be thankful for. I hope that you and your family have many opportunities to share quality time with family and friends. This time of year is very magical and it can be seen on the faces of children and adults alike. I also hope that as everyone takes a break from the hustle and bustle of the season that we all are able to make a difference for one person.

As we prepare for the New Year and think about our resolutions, let's remember to keep some important things in mind. Some suggestions are: Students can make a

simple resolution to read 30 minutes daily. They can resolve to put forth their best in school and home. They can also resolve to use various conflict strategies they have learned to make good decisions. As parents you can make resolutions to complete your volunteer hours, get fingerprinted so that you can attend fieldtrips and complete your Virtus training with your child.

Thank you to all parents once again, for the shared discussions with your child reminding them that their education is important to their future and you.

The Son of God was born and in that moment Hope and rejoicing came into the world. Let us rejoice in the birth of our savior, at Christ-



### Christmas Program

All are invited to our Christmas program on **Wednesday December 14, 2010 @ 6:00pm in the Social Hall**. The students and teachers have been preparing for this joyous occasion. All students are expected to be in attendance and in their rooms by 5pm. The PTO will be serving bowls of gumbo for the evening at \$5 in addition to hot chocolate, coffee and other items. Please continue to support the PTO fundraising.



**South Bay Galleria**  
School Rewards: Help us to earn points at the South Bay Galleria by doing what you love best. **SHOP! SHOP! SHOP!** Remember to get your receipts stamped at **the information desk.**

As we approach the Holidays it seems appropriate to consider the *art of giving*. Many educators feel that by helping others children can learn responsibility, build character and citizenship, and discover the special joys of doing or giving something special. Although you will find a variety of school projects focused on helping people in our community, kids need to see that the enthusiasm for giving is also strong at home.

Some ideas you might like to try with your family.....

**\*Start young.** Encourage even your youngest child to look for ways to help others. There is almost always someone “littler” who needs a “big girl” or “big boy” to help or someone older who will, with a wink and a nod, be eager for a youngster to “help” them with a job.

**\*Show that YOU care.** Whether you can give an hour a day or an hour a month, let your children see you volunteer your time to help those in need. If you can, bring your children along as extra hands and let them see the smiles on the faces of the people you are helping. Los Angeles County has so many wonderful places where volunteers can lend a hand.

**\*Go outside of your regular areas of interest.** For many families, the core of their charitable involvement is their church, temple or other place of worship. If that’s the case in your household, look around for occasional ways that you can step in to help others as well. Broadening your family giving to other parts of the community can help your children grow up to be even more dedicated to helping others.

**\*Use the news, but in moderation.** Many children respond enthusiastically but very emotionally to crises like hurricanes and other disasters. They hear about them on the news and feel the need to help. Talk with your children about ways that they might be able to help—from making homemade cards to brighten a child’s day to participating in a local charity fund drive.

**\*Tap into their talents.** Is your little one a budding chef? Encourage him to bake a cake to take to the Senior Citizen’s Center. Do you have an artist in residence? See if she would like to deliver her paintings to a nursing home to brighten the walls for someone who doesn’t get out much anymore. And, anyone can pick-up litter, give love to pets in the shelter, or read to children who just need some extra attention.

**\*Make it a family affair.** Everyone wins when the whole household gets involved in an effort to help others. Some families even make volunteering a part of their children’s weekly allowance requirements or family holiday celebrations.

**\*Cast-offs can be a first step.** As your children outgrow toys, games and clothes, make a big deal of how you are going to pass them on to others who need them—either younger relatives or to your local Family Resource Center. Encourage your kids to come with you to pick names off our Community Gift Board. Shopping for something special for someone we don’t even know can be fun and very rewarding.

**\*Trade off.** Invite your friends’, relatives’ and neighbors’ children to join you when you are working on a community service project for others and then maybe they will include your children in their future giving projects. Kid’s enthusiasm is contagious!

Finding ways for your children to focus on the needs of others is a way to help them learn how to make the world a better place. **Best Holiday Wishes for Fun Family Giving!**



DATES TO REMEMBER



**Wednesday, December 14**

Christmas Program  
Social Hall @ 6pm

Students are to be in their classrooms by 5:30



**Thursday,**

**December 15**

Class Parties  
3:00pm Dismissal  
Daycare will be provided

**Friday, December 16**

School Mass @ 10:00am

12:00noon Dismissal

**NO LUNCH ; NO DAYCARE**

