

# December 2009 Newsletter



Calendar Winners: Congratulations Cason Family!

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## Calendar Fundraiser

Thank you for your part in making our calendar fundraiser a success! MSOA students sold over 200 calendars. That's doubled from last year! Wow! The profits received will go towards upgrading our computer lab with desperately needed, new monitors. Congratulations to the Cason family for selling the most calendars. We had a lot of families who sold over 20. We're so proud of all of you and thank you again for your dedication to our school. Fundraisers are what make it possible for us to keep our tuition and fees low.

## Secret Pal Gift Exchange

December 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> is our annual student's Christmas party. The party will take place during the lunch hour. All classes will take place during our normal schedule. Please bring treats to share with everyone, and if you drew a name, don't forget your wrapped gift for your secret pal gift exchange.

## CHRISTMAS BREAK - ANNUAL SCHOOL PARTY

During Christmas break, many of our students do not go away on vacation and look for something creative to do; plus this gives parents time off to shop. MSOA is open **Tuesday, December 22nd from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. It is not a usual school day. There will be various fun activities going on throughout the day. Students paint, make decorations, jewelry and gingerbread houses. Also, be sure to bring a white elephant gift for a fun gift exchange. A white elephant gift is something that is in good condition, useful, fun, but no longer needed. No junk or embarrassing gifts please. 😊

Non-MSOA siblings and/or friends are welcome to attend for a \$15 all-day fee. Students must bring their own lunch, although we ask that they bring Christmas finger foods and desserts. MSOA provides the graham crackers and icing for the gingerbread houses, but the students must bring their own decorations for their houses.

Again, we need volunteers to help with this fun party. This is an RSVP event, so e-mail Lisa ([lisa@msoaonline.com](mailto:lisa@msoaonline.com)) if you, your children and/or siblings and friends plan on attending. Thank you.

# Holiday Break

MSOA will be on Christmas and New Year's break from December 19<sup>th</sup> to January 6<sup>th</sup>. We will resume classes on January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> to finish off our current term.

## Salem Satellite School

Salem's Fall term ends this week. Lori Ethell is taking applications for the Spring term, which will begin Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Lori at [lethell@usvbs.com](mailto:lethell@usvbs.com) to register. All are welcome to come to Salem's Fall term Art Exhibit this Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. The Art Exhibit will be held at Salem's Evergreen Presbyterian Church.

## Pre-Registration Enrollment

Pre-registration enrollment for our Spring 2010 term is going very well. We have a lot of classes that have filled, especially for our Thursday School. Friday school still has plenty of available classes but there are some on the verge of closing. So, if you are pre-registered, be sure to get your class picks to Lisa Barnes as soon as possible. You can see our Spring schedule on our website at [www.msoaonline.com](http://www.msoaonline.com). Be sure to check back before you send in your class picks as the schedule is being updated frequently. Email your class picks to [lisa@msoaonline.com](mailto:lisa@msoaonline.com). She will send you a confirmation email or let you know if there are any problems with your choices.

We have added another class to Thursday School during the 4<sup>th</sup> hour (1:15 – 2:10pm). Marlene Williams has agreed to come teach a Computer Art 101 class on Thursday. If you have already enrolled, but would like to take this class, please contact Lisa and she will help you adjust your schedule.

We are also in the hopes of adding a Watercolor class to our Friday School schedule. We will know soon, so be sure to keep an eye on our Spring schedule on the website for updates!

If you have not yet registered for our Spring term, please go to our Admissions page on the website and download an application. Then simply mail the application, along with your \$35 registration fee, to the PO Box listed on the

application. If you are brand new to MSOA, then please also download our Agreement form and Medical Release form. Mail them in along with your application. If you have any registration or enrollment questions, please contact Lisa.

## Custom-Made Mats for Art Exhibit

With the Art Exhibit quickly approaching, it is time to begin thinking about preparing your artwork for display! Since finding mats in the right sizes is sometimes difficult, this term you will have another option - custom cut mats. Mats will be available in black, with an optional foam board backing piece. Prices will be determined based on size and complexity. Orders should be placed as soon as possible, to ensure completion in time for the Exhibit. If you are interested, or if you have any questions, please contact Kaitlin Rogers at [kaitlinmarie@mac.com](mailto:kaitlinmarie@mac.com)

## Student Recognition

We want to give a special recognition to one of our younger Foundational Studies students. 10 year old, Claire Monroe's artwork "Tigressa" was selected for inclusion in the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art's third annual K-12 student art show. Congratulations Claire for your recognition!



## Need a van?

Karen Williams is selling her little white van. This is a 1993 Plymouth Voyager. It seats seven, but as a minivan it is easy to park. It has air conditioning and cruise control. It starts easily and runs well, but needs a little patience on cold mornings. This is understandable at 233,000 miles. Karen is asking \$1500, but will consider any reasonable offer. Call her cell at (503) 358-2519.

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**We want to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!**

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## Glory in the Highest

### **Luke 2:8-14**

*<sup>8</sup> Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. <sup>10</sup> Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: <sup>14</sup> " Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"*