

# WILDCAT NEWS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



August 2009

## From the Principal...

Welcome new and returning Wildcats to the 2009-2010 school year!

Our school and church family have been truly blessed with our new Pastor, Father José De La Rosa, as well as Associate Pastor Father James Seiwert. Please extend your warmest "Wildcat Welcome" when you see them on campus.

It has been an exciting and busy summer. The fifth grade classrooms have had a complete facelift and we are anxiously awaiting new desks and chairs to complete the project. The front entry way has been painted and has a new, brighter smile as you enter the building. And from there Mr. Ralph has worked hard with general summer maintenance of floors and windows. However, that final beautification will take place when you join us for Campus Clean-Up on Saturday, August 8 from 8:00am through 12:00noon. Even though it may seem like a work-day it is the perfect opportunity to reconnect with our school community and share summer stories. We also have new Wildcat families who are anxious to meet you.

We welcome to our faculty and staff Mr. Eric Lopez, teaching in the music department, Ms. Veronica Mendiola will teach Kindergarten, Ms. Sarah Nunez, teaching Pre-K 3 at the CDC, and in our cafeteria we welcome Ms. Rebecca Fimpel and Ms. Monica Segovia. All of these folks will be a great asset to our school community.

Redesign of the school website is almost complete. The project team is working hard to have the first phase of the site ready within the next few weeks. We are very excited to bring in a new design that will hopefully make finding things that are important to parents and new families easier. And in conjunction with our new site we will continue with our Wednesday Wildcat Family Folder and as always we welcome your comments and suggestions that will better service and improve our communication with you, our partners.

With God's Blessings,  
Jackie Palermo

## IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

<u>August 2009</u>	
1-2	Scrip Sales after Masses
3	PTC Board Meeting (7 pm-CDC)
7	Last Day of CDC Summer Fun Program New Teacher Orientation (Archdiocese)
8	Campus Clean-Up Day (8:00 am - 12 noon)
8-9	Parish Ministry Fair after All Masses
10-14	Faculty/Staff In-Service Week
11	1st-8th New Student/Parent Orientation (7 pm-Café)
12	CDC Open House (6:30-8:00 pm) Kinder New Student/Parent Orientation (7 pm-Café)
14	K-8th Open House (1:30-3:00 pm) *bring supplies*
15	<u>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u>
17	<u>First Day of School</u> Boo-Hoo/Ya Hoo! Parent Breakfast (8:15 am-Café) K-8th Opening Day Prayer Service (9:30 am-Gym)
19-20	Volleyball Tryouts 6th-8th Girls (3:45 pm-Gym) Soccer Tryouts 6th-8th Boys/Girls (3:45pm-Soccer Field)
19	CiCi's Pizza Night (Starting at 4:00 pm-Forum Only) School Council Meeting (7:00 pm-PC)
20	Development Committee Meeting (8:30 am-Café) Halloween Carnival Meeting (7:00 pm-Library)
21	School Liturgy (8:30 am-Church)
22	<u>2009-2010 School Year Kick-Off</u> Mass-5:30 pm-Church Family BBQ Picnic-6:30 pm
23-28	Book Fair (see <i>Library News</i> inside this edition)
24	<u>K-8th Meet the Teachers Night</u> Prayer Service (6:30 pm-Church) K-5th (7:00 pm-Classrooms) 6th-8th (7:00 pm-Café)
26	Golf Team Interest Meeting 6th-8th Boys/Girls and Parents (4:00 pm-CDC)
28	School Liturgy (8:30 am-Church)
<u>September 2009</u>	
4	Scrip Orders Due
5-6	Scrip Sales after Masses
7	No School/CDC Closed (Labor Day)

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## We're on the Web:

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### School Principal:

Jackie Palermo

### School Vice-Principal:

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### CDC Director:

Claudia Ogrin

### Pastor:

Fr. José De La Rosa

### Associate Pastor:

Fr. James Seiwert

### School Council President:

John Trayhan

### PTC Board President:

Monica Hoover



## Child Development Center (CDC) Corner

### From the Director...

Welcome new and returning families to another year at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Child Development Center. We hope that you had a wonderful and blessed summer. Thank you for choosing us to provide your children with the best early childhood care and education possible!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at anytime. My door is always open.

*Claudia Ogrin*

### Immunizations

Immunizations required by the Texas Department of Health must be observed for children to attend the CDC.

Children going into the Pre-K 4 Program for the 2009-2010 school year, must have their immunization record up to date. Children should receive a booster shot when they turn four years of age.

Please provide Sarah Wildman in the CDC office a copy of your child's updated immunization record, after your child's appointment.

### Clean-Up Day

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, August 8th from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon to help at the Child Development Center. Our goal once again at the CDC is to clean up the playground, power wash the outside of our beautiful building and to pull weeds.

If you have a power washer that we can use, please contact us in the CDC office at (210) 651-6819.

We hope to see you there!

### CDC Open House

Please join us on Wednesday, August 12th from 6:30—8:00 pm for our Open House. Snacks will be provided, and this will be the perfect opportunity for you to meet all the faculty and staff members that will be working with your child this year.

### Center Hours

OLPH CDC is open from 7:00 am—6:00 pm. If your child arrives before 7:00 am and/or is picked up after 6:00 pm, you will be charged an extra fee.

### CDC School Day Schedule

The Pre-K class schedule runs from 8:00 am to 11:15 am. Please make sure your child arrives before 8:05 am. Also, for your convenience, teachers have a full day schedule posted in their classroom.

### CDC Cafeteria News

Cafeteria service will begin on the first day of school. Monthly hot lunch menus will be provided in advance for planning purposes. For the 2009/2010 school year hot lunches cost \$2.50 which includes milk. Milk is available for those who bring a sack lunch for 40¢. If your child will not be eating hot lunch, please pack him/her a well balanced lunch. **All menu items are served to the Pre-K students. No item can be turned down.**

CDC's lunch count is due to the cafeteria manager by 8:45 am. If your child will be arriving late and will need a hot lunch, please inform the CDC office by 8:30 am.

***Please note that lunch will no longer be included in the monthly tuition and you will be billed separately at the end of each month.***

### Scrip/HEB/Texas Shine Car Wash

Thank you for your continued support with these programs! Our first monthly Scrip order is due Friday, September 4th, but remember HEB and a few select cards are always available in the office.

### CDC Faculty/Staff Changes

The CDC family is saying "good-bye" to Ms Katie Burg and wishes her all the best of luck with her new teaching adventure. We welcome Ms. Sarah Nunez as our new Pre-K 3 teacher, and wish her a huge, warm welcome to our CDC family!

## **CAMPUS CLEAN-UP DAY**

Make plans to participate in the annual campus clean-up day on Saturday, August 8 from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon. Volunteers are needed to help ready the campus for the new year.

Middle school students will have the opportunity to earn service hours during this time. Please sign in when arriving in the cafeteria; then pick up a service sheet to be completed by teachers as service time is completed that morning.

We hope to see there!

### **1ST-8TH NEW STUDENT/PARENT ORIENTATION**

**Tuesday, August 11th, 7:00 pm, Cafeteria**

**and**

### **KINDERGARTEN NEW STUDENT/PARENT ORIENTATION**

**Wednesday, August 12th, 7:00 pm, Cafeteria**

Parents, there will be a brief presentation in the school cafeteria, and then you and your child may visit your new teacher and classroom. You are also invited to bring any school supplies with you so the first day of school will be a little easier.

### **K-8TH AFTERNOON OPEN HOUSE**

On Friday, August 14th between 1:30—3:00 pm. Returning students are invited to come meet your new teachers, visit the classroom, and bring your supplies for the new school year.

### **PARENT BREAKFAST**

Once again it is time to Boo Hoo and Ya Hoo because summer break is over, and a new school year has begun. For some it is a first and for others it will be their last first day of school at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School.

All parents are invited to stop by the cafeteria the morning of the first day of school, Monday, August 17th for coffee and doughnuts from 8:15 –9:15 am.

### **K-8TH OPENING DAY PRAYER SERVICE**

Everyone is welcome to join us as we begin the school year with a prayer service led by our new pastor, Father José L. De la Rosa. K–8th grade students, faculty and staff will meet in the gym at 9:30 am on the first day of school for this blessed beginning to the 2009-2010 school year!

## **K-8TH SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE**

Classes will be from 8:10 am-3:30 pm beginning the first day of school.

7:00-8:00 am	Students meet in the CDC Building
8:00 am	Classroom doors open; students go to classrooms
8:05 am	First bell rings; parents depart classrooms
8:10 am	Tardy bell rings; classes begin with prayer and pledge
3:25 pm	Kindergarten dismissal
3:30 pm	Grades 1st-8th dismissal
3:30-4:00 pm	Extended Day students meet in cafeteria
4:00-6:00 pm	Students in Extended Day classrooms

**PLEASE NOTE:** *In the mornings, parents should not enter classroom buildings before 8:00 am, and should leave the classrooms promptly as the first bell rings at 8:05 am. Parents, if you arrive at 8:10 or later, you must park in the front parking lot, escort your student to the school office, and sign them in.*

*At the end of the school day, parents are also asked to wait for their children outside the school buildings. After 3:45 pm, no student should be on campus unless they are directly supervised by their parent/guardian or at their designated after school location. Remember: there is no charge for CDC care between 3:30-3:45 pm.*

*It is expected that everyone, students, parents, faculty and staff, follow these procedures for the well being and safety of our children.*

### **EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM**

The Extended Day Program is open from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. All students arriving before 7:45 am and/or remaining after 3:45 pm (or 15 minutes after early dismissal) will be enrolled in the Extended Day Program. Those students arriving at the CDC after 7:45 am or leaving before 3:45 pm are not charged through the Extended Day Program. For more information, contact Ms. Claudia Ogrin, CDC Director at 651-6819.

### **STUDENT UNIFORMS**

Please note that only approved uniform sweater, sweatshirt, and/or windbreaker are allowed to be worn on campus. Please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook page 13, Section V-Uniform Policy/Personal Appearance, # 3.

## **DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES**

- **The parking lot behind the Primary Building is the *only* drop-off parking lot on campus.** Parents may leave their students in the drop-off lane beginning at 7:55 am. (No student may be dropped off here before 7:55 am.) Students will be met and supervised by faculty and/or staff members until 8:00 am when classrooms open. *The drop-off lane will be closed at 8:10 am. If you arrive after 8:10 am you must park in the front parking lot, and escort your child to the school office, and sign them in.*
- **All children arriving before 8:00 am must be dropped off at the CDC building.** Remember there is no charge for CDC care between 7:45-8:00 am. Upon arriving at the CDC, *parents must park and escort their children into the CDC building.*
- **The parking lots in front of the main building and next to the cafeteria are park-and-walk-in areas only.** Parents must park and escort their children into supervised areas. Please use the painted crosswalks as you exit the parking lot and enter the school grounds. Once in the courtyard or past the fence (gate), parents may escort their child to the classroom or allow the child to continue on at this point to his or her classroom. **DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF IN THESE PARKING LOTS!**
- **The parking lot behind the Primary Building is the *only* drive through parking lot on campus.** Students in grades K-4th (who depart through drive-through) will be escorted to this area to await pick-up. 5th-8th grade students will go to the drive-through pick-up area upon being dismissed from their homerooms.
- **The parking lots in front of the main building and next to the cafeteria are park-and-walk-in areas only.** Parents must park and walk onto the campus to meet their child for departure. After meeting your child(ren), personally escort them to your vehicle. **DO NOT STOP OR PARK AND SIGNAL YOUR CHILD TO EXIT SCHOOL GROUNDS BY HIM OR HERSLF TO COME TO YOUR VEHICLE!**
  - ⇒ **K, 1ST AND 3RD** grade students will be dismissed to parents/designated persons in front of the church. Please do not pull your student out of the class line before they arrive at the church; please wait for your child's class to arrive at the church and the teacher will hand your child off to you.
  - ⇒ **2ND AND 4TH** grade students will be dismissed to parents/designated persons in front of the pastoral center. Please do not pull your child out of the class line before they arrive at the pastoral center; please wait for your child's class to arrive at the center; the teacher will hand your child off to you.
  - ⇒ **5TH-8TH** grade students and their parents need to establish a meeting area for after school departure time.
- **After 3:45 pm, no student should be on campus unless they are directly supervised by their parent/guardian or at their designated after school care location.** Remember: there is no charge for CDC care between 3:30 and 3:34 pm.

Please follow these procedures exercising diligence and common sense. Younger children require a greater level of supervision than older ones. Therefore, we ask for your assistance and request that you provide appropriate supervision for your children dependent on their age. Do not assume that someone else is watching your child, but provide the necessary supervision you would exercise at any public place.

Also, remember that in the front parking lot, the first lane of traffic directly in front of the main building is one-way and flows away from the church and toward the perimeter road.

In addition, please use extreme caution when backing out of parking spots and watch your speed!

*Do not hesitate to report violators to the school or CDC office; safety comes first!*

## **“WEDNESDAY WILDCAT FAMILY FOLDER”**

We will again this year use the “Wednesday Wildcat Family Folder.” This process was implemented last school year in an effort to consolidate all family news, and send it home once a week, with the youngest or only child. Please look for the blue, plastic family folder each Wednesday. Also, please do not hold onto the folder; it is due back on Thursday through the same child it was sent home with. There is a replacement fee of \$2.00 for folders not returned, lost or damaged.

## **K-8TH ORIENTATION PACKETS**

On Wednesday, August 19th, Orientation Packets will be distributed. Please check your “Wednesday Wildcat Family Folder”.

## **CICI’S PIZZA NIGHT (In the Forum)**

Please join the school community for an evening of food, fun, and conversation. The first monthly CiCi’s Pizza Night for the school year will be held on Wednesday, August 19th starting at 4:00 pm.

CiCi’s in the Forum donates a portion of all sales that evening to the school and CDC. In addition, the class with the highest attendance will receive a pizza party. See you there!

## **HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL MEETING**

All parents are invited to attend this year’s first carnival planning meeting on Thursday, August 20th at 7:00 pm in the school library. This is a ghoulishly, fun opportunity for you to help plan and implement this annual event!

## **NEW SCHOOL YEAR KICK-OFF**

Save the date *Saturday, August 22nd* for our first *Wildcat Welcome Family Mass and Picnic*. This celebration will kick-off the 2009-2010 school year.

The School Council and PTC Board members will be hosting this wonderful event. Together we will attend the regularly scheduled Saturday, 5:30 pm Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church followed by a BBQ picnic.

Please gather for fellowship and fun beginning at 5:30 pm on Saturday, August 22nd in the church. BBQ will be served shortly following the Mass.

Hope to see you there!



## **K-8TH “MEET THE TEACHERS NIGHT”**

Monday, August 24th is a great night for all parents to attend (new and returning). It is an opportunity for you to meet your child’s teachers as well as learn about classroom procedures, homework policies, discipline plans, and school programs, organizations, and initiatives.

The evening will open with a prayer service in Church at 6:30 pm, after which the informational workshops will begin at 7:00 pm.

We highly encourage all parents to attend this event; it will mean a great deal to your child and allow us to work together in their development and growth.

**Parents of students in grades K-5th should report to homerooms at 7:00 pm.**

**Parents of students in grades 6th-8th should report to the cafeteria at 7:00 pm.**

**For Families with more than one child, the informational workshops will be repeated at 7:50 pm.**

## **HEALTH INFORMATION**

Immunizations required by the Texas Department of Health must be observed for children to attend OLPH School and Child Development Center (CDC).

Students should remain at home when they exhibit the first symptoms of a disease. Guidelines to use include oral temperature of 100 degrees or above; vomiting, nausea or severe abdominal pain; drowsiness or malaise; sore throat; acute cold; red, inflamed, or discharging eyes; acute skin rashes or eruptions; swollen glands around the jaws, ears, and neck; earache; suspected scabies or impetigo; any skin lesion in the weeping stage; head lice; or other symptoms of acute illness.

When a student in school is suspected of having a communicable disease, he/she will be separated from other students until he/she can be sent home. Additionally, parents must inform the school when their child contracts any communicable disease so we can accurately complete our health reports. Examples of communicable diseases include chicken pox; fifth disease (slapped face fever); hand, foot, and mouth disease; impetigo; pink eye (conjunctivitis); and strep throat.

## MEDICATIONS

No student is allowed to keep any medication during the school day; therefore, all medicine must be brought to the school or CDC office upon arrival by the parent or responsible party. Only medication which is necessary for a student to remain in school will be given during school hours. By physician direction, a student may be allowed to carry and self-administer inhaler medication.

**A Medication Permission Form must accompany all medications, no exceptions.**

*Forms are available online and in the school or CDC office.*

## VOLUNTEER HEALTH SCREENING COORDINATOR

The School and Child Development Center are in desperate need of a Health Screening Coordinator for the 2009 –2010 school year. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Palermo as soon as possible.

## CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING

Sexual Misconduct, Family Life/Safe Environment Training, and Criminal Background Checks are Archdiocesan-mandated programs to enhance the safety and security of our community.

All individuals who volunteer or work at the school, chaperone field trips, or have direct contact with any children must complete this training. **There are no exceptions to this policy.**

- Sexual Misconduct Training is a one-time requirement for the school.
- Family Life/Safe Environment and a Criminal Background Check are required every three years.

*You must have an Archdiocese of San Antonio "Certificate of Training" on file in the school office.*

Training sessions for these programs will be conducted periodically throughout the year beginning in September.



## HELP US EARN—DONATE TODAY!

Once again to earn extra funding for the Science Labs we are recycling empty printer cartridges and used cell phones. Please bring your used cartridges and cell phones to the Middle School Science Lab or drop them by the school office.

## CAFETERIA NEWS

Cafeteria service will begin the first day of school. A menu will be included in each monthly newsletter so you can plan which days your child will eat a hot lunch in the cafeteria. Lunch and beverage prices remain the same as last year; lunch-\$2.50, beverage-40¢. Please ensure sufficient funds are deposited in your child's lunch account.

Adults may also purchase lunches for \$3.00 and eat with their children in the cafeteria. Please notify the cafeteria staff before school of your intention to eat lunch so they can prepare the correct amount of food.

## LIBRARY NEWS



### **BOOK FAIR**

The first book fair of the 2009-2010 school year will held Sunday, August 23rd-Friday, August 28th.

Sunday: 8:00am-1:00pm

Monday: 7:00am-8:00pm

Tuesday-Friday: 7:00am-6:00pm

**OLPH Library webpage - [www.olphlibrary.pbwiki.com](http://www.olphlibrary.pbwiki.com)**

## ATHLETICS NEWS

**PLEASE NOTE:** *All students participating in any OLPH sport must have a current medical physical and be up to date on all required immunizations as required by the Texas Department of Health .*

Physical forms are available online or in the school and CDC offices.

**VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS:** Any 6th-8th grade girl interested in trying out for the volleyball team. Tryouts will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, August 19th-20th, starting at 3:45pm in the gym. Tryouts are closed.

**SOCCER TRYOUTS:** Any 6th-8th grade boy or girl interested in trying out for this co-ed team. Tryouts will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, August 19th-20th, starting at 3:45 pm on the soccer field adjacent to the baseball field.

**CROSS COUNTRY TEAM:** Any 6th-8th grade boy or girl interested in trying out for this team. Tryout dates and times are to be determined and will be posted on the school website as soon as this information is available.

**GOLF TEAM:** All 6th-8th grade students that are interested in joining the golf team. An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26th at 4:00 pm in the CDC building. Both parents and students should attend. If you have any questions contact Coach Claudia Ogrin at (210) 651-6819.

## PTC CORNER:

### 2009-2010 PTC Board Members

The following are the names of the individuals who will represent you next year as PTC Board and Committee Chairpersons:

#### CONGRATULATIONS NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

<b>President:</b> Monica Hoover	<b>Vice President:</b> Jill Wenzel
<b>Secretary:</b> Elixandra Jardin	<b>Treasurer:</b> Maria Guidry
<b>Legislative Liaison:</b> Open	<b>Parliamentarian:</b> Theresa Mai
<b>Teacher Representative:</b> Mrs. Lindquist	<b>Fundraising Coordinator:</b> Open
<b>PK 3 Representative:</b> Sherri Velez	<b>PK 4 Representative:</b> Katie Asadourian
<b>Correspondence Secretary:</b> Open	<b>Legislative Action Committee:</b> Open
<b>Parent Resource:</b> Melissa Rhodes	

We would like to extend a big "Thank You" to our outgoing members Kelli Brimager, Gloria Vela, Tom Maroney, Hector Gonzalez, Rose Marie Wallace, and Lisa Nino. These parents were instrumental in our success and they will be deeply missed.

#### Open PTC Board

The PTC is a School Ministry that services the community at large. We are in search of parent volunteers for the above mentioned open positions. Please consider sharing your time and talents to this rewarding ministry.

Questions, please call or e-mail Jill Wenzel at [jillpwenzel@yahoo.com](mailto:jillpwenzel@yahoo.com) (830) 438-6925 or Monica Hoover at [laughngas@satx.rr.com](mailto:laughngas@satx.rr.com) (210) 566-5436.

#### Used Uniforms

The school is in need of used uniforms. If your child has outgrown their uniforms and they are gently used please consider donating them to the school. These items can be dropped off at the office.

### BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION AND LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you to all who have contributed to the *General Mills Box Tops 4 Education* and the *Campbell's Labels for Education* program. Please bring in all those labels collected over the summer and thank you again to all who take the time to make a difference for our children.

Welcome also to our new Box Tops and Labels for Education Coordinator, Amy Glatt. Anyone interested in assisting Mrs. Glatt may contact the school office.

## SCRIP/HEB/TEXAS SHINE

Thank you for your continued support with these programs!

**Monthly Scrip Order:** The first monthly scrip gift card order will be due on Friday, September 4th. Please check your August 26th "Wednesday Wildcat Family Folder" for an order form or you may print one off of the school website. Please complete the form, attach a check and send back in the "WWFF" or you may drop your order and check off at the school or CDC offices. If you have questions regarding Scrip, please contact Claudia Ogrin at (210) 651-6819.

#### Scrip Sales After Weekend Masses:

In addition to Scrip gift cards, HEB and Texas Shine cards will be sold after weekend Masses on August 1st-2nd and September 5th-6th. If you can help with these sales, please contact Alice Pfeiffer at [epfeiffer@satx.rr.com](mailto:epfeiffer@satx.rr.com).

*Remember HEB, Texas Shine and remaining Scrip gift cards are available in the school and CDC offices.*

## TORCH CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the following Torch Club Winners:

June 7:	\$50	Gilbert Reynosa
June 14:	\$50	Santos Reyna
June 21:	\$50	Barbara Steers
June 28:	\$50	Lorenda Erck
July : 5	\$50	James and Barbara Merkel
July : 12	\$50	Pat Brock
July : 19	\$50	Evelyn Miller
July : 26	\$50	Rosemary Simmons



## ALUMNI NEWS CORNER:

Do you have information about a past alumni? Please contact the school office or e-mail the news to Theresa Berger at [bergert@olphselma.org](mailto:bergert@olphselma.org)

### DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

### TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER:

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E-mail articles to Theresa Berger at [bergert@olphselma.org](mailto:bergert@olphselma.org) or drop articles by the school office

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