

WILDCAT NEWS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



November 2009

From the Principal...

The entire school community would like to offer a “Monstrous” Wildcat “**Thank You**” to Mr. Albert Salazar, Mr. John Torrez, Mrs. Katie Asadourian and Mrs. Linda Jaskinia along with all the members of all the Halloween Carnival committees for the best Halloween Carnival ever at OLPH. The costumes, the food, the games, the prizes, the rides and the super haunted house made the evening a *thrilling* memory.


We have completed our program with our students on Safe Environment. It seems the perfect opportunity to ask you as parents to take extra precaution and be very involved in your child’s internet usage. As it is brought to my attention that there may be pictures on social networking websites with our students in attire that relates them to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School, I will be notifying you and requesting that those pictures be removed. This is simply for their safety. The faculty and staff are extremely vigilant with all the students; however, we all know that there are people waiting and looking for opportunities. Thank you very much for cooperating with the important concern.

Moving on to the month of November, let us remember our loved ones who are now our Guardian Angels watching over us from Heaven. The Thanksgiving season reminds us all of the blessings we share as a family and a school community. This season, in particular, I am thankful to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the unconditional support and dedication you provide as parents.

Don’t miss out on all the exciting upcoming events on our campus! Please continue to volunteer your time, talents and treasures to this outstanding school.

With God’s Blessings,
Jackie Palermo

IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

<u>November 2009</u>	
1	All Saints Day Daylight Saving Time Ends
2	All Souls Day PTC Board Meeting
2-3	6th-8th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts
3	Vision Screenings
4	Pies For Our Partners Scrip Order Forms Distributed
4-5	6th-8th Grade Boys Basketball Tryouts
5	Spiritual Life Committee Meeting
6	<u>K-8th 2PM Dismissal/CDC Open until 6PM</u> School/CDC Liturgy
7-8	Scrip Sales after Weekend Masses
8	Parish Blood Drive
11	Veteran’s Day/Veteran’s Day Prayer Service CiCi’s Pizza Night-Forum
13	School/CDC Liturgy Progress Reporting Period Ends Scrip Orders Due
14	Echoes of Faith-PC
15	3rd Grade Sings at 10:00 am Mass
16-20	Thanksgiving Food Drive
16	Spirit Dress Basketball Games Away-St. John Bosco PTC Meeting
18	Progress Reports Distributed Scrip Order Forms Distributed Family Read Night School Council-PC
19	Development Committee Meeting Basketball Games Away-Holy Spirit
19-21	Holy Spirit <i>A</i> Teams Basketball Tournaments
20	School/CDC Liturgy Middle School Fun Night Last Day to Purchase Torch Tokens 
21	Parish Christmas Pageant Parent Meeting
24	K-8th School Advent Retreat
25	PK3-8th No School CDC Open Until 6:00pm <i>With Advanced Reservations Only; Sack Lunch, Drinks and Snacks Required</i>
26-27	PK3-8th No School/CDC Closed
28	Parish Giving Tree Begins
29	First Sunday of Advent New: All Spanish Mass 1:00 pm Change: 7:00 pm Mass changed to 5:30 pm

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PTC Board President:

Monica Hoover



Child Development Center (CDC) Corner

Field Trip Information

Our first fieldtrip of the school year will be on Wednesday, November 4th. We will have a twenty-five minute in-house fieldtrip with "Science Made Fun". The fieldtrip will start at 8:30 am. They will talk about animals and the imprint they leave on our earth. More information will come from your child's teacher.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The annual OLPH Catholic School and CDC Food Drive will be held November 16th-20th. All Pre-K children are asked to send in various non-perishable food items on these days. We will be bringing this food with to Mass on Friday, November 20th. All food collected will be distributed to families in need at Thanksgiving.

PK3 Classes

The PK3 classes will be participating in the Thanksgiving Food Drive Mass on Friday, November 20th. Please remember your nonperishable food items and we hope to see you there!

Also, please remember on Mass days to have your child in the classroom before 8:05 am, we leave for the church at 8:10 am. If you arrive after this time, you must walk your child to the church. Thank you!

Dance Class

There will be no dance class on Thursday, November 26th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. *Class for this day will be held on Monday, November 23rd.*

Happy Birthday

November 16th-Mrs. Maricela Garcia

November 28th-Mrs. Dolores Fernandez

PK3-8th Grade No School

On Wednesday, November 25th there will be no school for PK3-8th grade students. The CDC will be open for kid care with advanced reservations only. Also, on this day children must bring a sack lunch, drinks and a snack.

On Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th there will be no school and the CDC will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Health Screenings

If your child received a "referral" paperwork from us for either hearing or vision, please make an appointment with the appropriate healthcare professional. It is vital to your child's well being that hearing and vision problems be addressed. Please let us know your doctor's findings so that your child's health file can be updated.

Phone-Books Wanted Contest/Fundraiser

OLPH needs your old phone-books! Once again the 6th grade class is collecting phone-books for a competition sponsored by HEB. The school/CDC can win up to \$1,500!

Please bring your books by Room 402 or drop them outside the exterior door of the old music room, Room 102, under the covered porch.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for helping make the school and CDC Halloween Carnival a howling success! We could not have done it without you.

PTC CORNER:



Halloween Carnival

The annual Halloween Carnival was a howling success! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, treasures and talents to make this happen and a special kudos to Mr. Albert Salazar the Halloween Carnival Committee Chair.

Torch Tokens

Lighting the way...to a brighter experience at our Catholic School. Formerly known as the Torch Club. This fundraiser is our chance to raise over \$20,000 for our school and Child Development Center. The PTC is currently selling Torch Tokens for \$50 each and with one token you have the opportunity to win 55 times!

PTC Meeting

Attend and win! The next PTC meeting will be held on **Monday, November 16th at 7:00 pm** in the school cafeteria. Remember there is free childcare available, you can win a Scrip Gift Card just for attending and your child's classroom can win one also for having the highest attendance.

Scrip Gift Card Program

The "**Extended Holiday**" monthly Scrip Gift Card order is due by **12:00 noon on Friday, November 13th** in the CDC or school office. Order forms were sent home in the October 21st and November 4th "Wednesday Wildcat Family Folders". If you are in need of another order form, you may stop by the CDC or school office and pick one up or you may print order forms off of the school website www.olphselma.org. If you have any questions about the Scrip Gift Card Program please, contact Claudia Ogrin at (210) 651-6819.

Scrip/HEB/Texas Shine

In addition to Scrip gift cards, HEB and Texas Shine cards will be sold after weekend Masses on November 7th-8th. If you can help with these sales, please contact Alice Pfeiffer at epfeiffer@satx.rr.com.

Got 30 Minutes to Spare?

Make a huge difference in your children's school! There are countless ways to make a difference and one of the most beneficial and rewarding ways is volunteering your time. Each and every month there are plentiful opportunities. Please contact any PTC Board member or Mrs. Newquist for information.

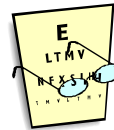
PARKING LOT SAFETY

Reminder: The back parking lot behind the cafeteria will not be used for drop-off or pick-up of students. Parents must park their vehicle and escort students to and from the school grounds. This policy is necessary for the safety of our children!

STUDENT UNIFORMS

Reminder: Only **Solid Navy Blue** jackets and sweaters in addition to school uniform jackets and sweaters may be worn on campus. Please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook 2009-2010.

*Our school considers modesty, neatness and pride in one's appearance as both essential for the students' learning environment as well as important training for our children's future. Thus, uniforms are required of all students. Students out of uniform are indicating their unwillingness to be prepared for school and therefore will be sent to the office to call their parents. They will not be allowed back in the classroom until they are in proper uniform, have a valid written explanation from a parent, or have a note from a physician exempting them for medical reasons. **The uniform policy will be strictly enforced.***



HEALTH SCREENINGS

Vision screenings will take place on **Tuesday, November 2nd** for students in Kinder, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and all new students. Parents, if your child wears glasses or contact lenses, please make sure they are wearing them on the scheduled day of screening.

In addition, if your child is not in the grades being tested and you have concerns with your child's vision and would like to have them screened, please contact the school office at (210) 651-6811.

If your child received "referral" paperwork from the school for vision or hearing, please make an appointment with the appropriate healthcare professional. It's vital to your child's performance in school that vision and hearing problems be addressed to help them better perform in the classroom.

Please respond to the school with your doctor's findings so that the student's health file can be updated.

OLPH SCHOOL FIRE SAFETY POSTER WINNERS:

This year's school fire safety poster contest was once again a difficult task for the judges. Students in grades Kinder to 8th submitted over 200 posters! 1st-6th place ribbons were awarded in each Kinder-5th grade level homeroom class, and grade levels 6th-8th, were judged as one group.

<p><u>Kindergarten</u> <u>Fox:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robin Lundy 2. Ronnie Classy 3. David Sparks 4. Ariana Avina 5. Mariah Hoover 6. Olivia Oliver 	<p><u>First Grade</u> <u>Salinas:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Victoria Cicherski 2. Benjamin Morales 3. Lauren Price 4. Erik Cordova 5. Charles Reynolds 6. Mikayla Clemons 	<p><u>Second Grade</u> <u>Miller:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ethan Hunt 2. Emily Sparks 3. Myria Jimenez 4. Nadia Wright 5. Alexa Harper 6. Emilee Hilbig 	<p><u>Fourth Grade</u> <u>Bloomingtondale:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Skylar Pulvar 2. Gavin Bailey 3. Ethan Moon 4. Delaney Smith 5. Kendall Brock 6. Christina Simmons 	<p><u>Fifth Grade</u> <u>Walsh:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meaghan Flanagan 2. Nicholas Slaughter 3. Taleen Asadourian 4. Summer Boysen 4. Grace Harper 5. Rebecca Helmke 6. Jessica Stanley
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<p><u>Kindergarten</u> <u>Higginbotham:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lillian Richard 2. Lucas Simmons 3. Samantha Lozano 4. Matthew Valdez 5. Joseph Glatt 6. Raymond Guidry 	<p><u>First Grade</u> <u>Santini:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daniel Richard 2. Reece Smith 3. Leah M. Gonzalez 4. Lyda Wersonick 5. Chance Reisdorph 6. Jacob Faustino Rodriguez 	<p><u>Third Grade</u> <u>Lindquist:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jill DeGayner 2. Madeline Sturdivant 3. Meghan Pruski 4. Forrest McLain 5. Alison Richard 6. Charles Loughren 	<p><u>Fourth Grade</u> <u>Gill:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gabriella Mayhugh 2. Joscelin Colon 3. Rebecca Campos 4. Natasha Wright 5. Aria Clemons 6. Amanda Guerra 	<p><u>Sixth-Eighth Grades:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christel Rudd 2. Samantha Rodriguez 3. TJ Flanagan 4. Ben Bailey 5. Matthew Gaston 6. Mary Ellis
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<p><u>Kindergarten</u> <u>Mendiola:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sarah Trayhan 2. Quinn Neal 3. Valerie Cicherski 4. Hunter Dionne 5. John Talafuse 6. Jacob Meinke 	<p><u>Second Grade</u> <u>Clementine:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hector Gonzalez 2. Jack Christenson 3. Kirin Wiggins 4. Parker Yuchinski 5. Angelina Valencia 6. Carol Ann Moon 	<p><u>Third Grade</u> <u>Slater:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Madison Isley 2. Lerin Loreto 3. Christina Guidry 4. Aubrey Mai 5. Alyssa Grace Tarin 6. Meghan Hunt 	<p><u>Fifth Grade</u> <u>Ott:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alyssa Fabac 2. Kyle Richie 3. Daniel Sandoval 4. Victoria Mendez 5. Katherine Gaston 6. Kayla Gero
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Posters were judged by new judges and by the SAFD poster contest divisions. The top three were chosen and sent to the San Antonio Fire Department city wide Fire Prevention Poster Contest:

<p><u>Division I</u> <u>Kinder:</u></p> <p>Robin Lundy Lucas Simmons Matthew Valdez</p>	<p><u>Division IV</u> <u>3rd Grade:</u></p> <p>Jill DeGayner Madison Isley Madeline Sturdivant</p>	<p><u>Division VII</u> <u>6th-8th Grades:</u></p> <p>Ben Bailey Mary Ellis TJ Flanagan</p> <p>Matthew Gaston Samantha Rodriguez Christel Rudd</p>
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<p><u>Division II</u> <u>1st Grade:</u></p> <p>Victoria Cicherski Daniel Richard Reece Smith</p>	<p><u>Division V</u> <u>4th Grade:</u></p> <p>Joscelin Colon Gabriella Mayhugh Skylar Pulvar</p>
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<p><u>Division III</u> <u>2nd Grade:</u></p> <p>Ethan Hunt Emily Sparks Nadia Wright</p>	<p><u>Division VI</u> <u>5th Grade:</u></p> <p>Alyssa Fabac Meaghan Flanagan Kyle Richie</p>
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Congratulations!

To the 24 students whose posters were chosen from the school and sent to the San Antonio Fire Department city wide Fire Prevention Poster Contest.

And special congratulations goes to 5th grader,

Meaghan Flanagan

who won 6th place in the 5th grade division!

LOGOS

Take "Pop's Quiz"

Head Coach and President of Spurs Basketball Gregg Popovich, recently presented the Fourth Annual LOGOS vocabulary competition for students in grades 7 and 8. Many of the words used in the contest reflected Coach Popovich's coaching philosophy of determination and hard work.

From this preliminary contest of 500 vocabulary words. Each school is eligible to send two representatives to the semi-finals. From that round, 20 finalists will be selected to compete in the final oral round on Sunday, November 15 and are provided the opportunity to win great prizes.

Representing our school on November 15th will be **Allyson Grubbs**, 8th grade and **Drew Rybicki**, 7th grade. Congratulations and Good Luck!

Go Wildcats!

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE DUKE UNIVERSITY TALENT SEARCH

The following students are eligible to participate in the 2009-2010 Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP). Students qualify for this program by having scored at the 95th percentile or higher on their last achievement tests:

Madelyn Coles	Math/Science 97	Verbal 99
Richard Farr	Math/Science 95	Verbal 98
Lauren Guerra	Verbal 95	
Matthew Martin	Science 96	
Drew Rybicki	Verbal 96	
Mitchell Sparks	Science 96	
Kaitlyn Wehrheim	Verbal 98	
Caroline Zgabay	Verbal 98	



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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

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BEE PREPARED FOR THE SPELLING BEE

Every year the winner of the OLPH School Spelling Bee competes in the San Antonio Express News Spelling Bee. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication, but our students always rise to the task and try their best to succeed. This year students can start practicing spelling words early, especially with the Spelling Bee right around the corner! Students and parents are encouraged to visit www.spellingbee.com to view various word lists for 1st-8th grade. These words will give your child/children the chance to practice spelling before the event. The login for this website is tomlinj@olphselma.org and the password is **olphwildcat**. The pamphlet we received last year is also available online at the website. In addition to the students becoming familiar with these words for the Spelling Bee, the practice will also help them for the PSIA in March 2010.

SOUNDS OF JOY

We are very excited to announce that our children have been asked to showcase their wonderful love and passion for our school through their singing ability. This month our 3rd graders will sing at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass on November 15th.

This is a great way for the parishioners at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church to see what fantastic talent we have here at our school.

Purchase your
TORCH TOKENS
today!

CLASS PIZZA PARTY

Congratulations **5th** Grade! You won a pizza party for the highest attendance during the September CiCi's Pizza Night.

CICI'S PIZZA NIGHT (In the Forum)

Please join the school and CDC community for an evening of food, fun, and conversation. The next CiCi's Pizza Night will be held on **Wednesday, November 11th** starting at 4:00 pm.

CiCi's Pizza 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. We hope to see you there!

LIBRARY NEWS



FAMILY READ NIGHT

Family Read Night will be held on Wednesday, November 18th. The library will remain open until 6:00 pm. This is a chance for students to work on achieving their AR goal, doing research for papers and/or studying.

2ND QUARTER AR GOALS

Second quarter AR goals must be met by Wednesday, December 16th by 4:00 pm.

OLPH Library webpage - www.olphlibrary.pbwiki.com

BETA CLUB

This year in the Beta Club, we elected our 2009-2010 officers. The vice president is Paulina Szinnyey, and the president is Matthew Gaston. We also voted on members who wanted to be in charge of one of the Beta activities. Sam Talaber was elected to organize the Boo Gram fundraiser, Ben Bailey was elected to organize the 1st Grade Gingerbread House activity, and Jennifer Torrez was elected to organize the Easter Egg Hunt. Congratulations everyone!!!

The Boo Grams were a humongous success! I would like to thank everyone who purchased the Boo Grams. I also thank all the Beta members who woke up earlier than usual, dragged themselves into the classroom, and worked on the Boo Grams. I thought it was a lot of "fun". (Fun as in difficult, and yet rewarding.) Finally, all the work was accomplished! Thank You!

A special thanks to the teachers who gave their up free time to work on the Boo Gram project.

From,

Matthew Gaston, Beta Club President

LITTLE FLOWERS AND VIRTUES CLUB

The Little Flowers and Virtues Club members held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 21st. The girls made a special Halloween craft for the elderly.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18th from 3:45-5:00pm in the 5th grade classrooms. The girls will focus on Thanksgiving along with table manners and conversation.

Each Little Flower and Virtues Club member would like to thank everyone who purchased **Holy Bears**. Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or you are interested in joining, please contact Mrs. Walsh or Mrs. Bloomingdale.

SPANISH CLUB

The Spanish Club is well underway and it still not to late too join. Interested middle school students currently in Spanish I or II or students well versed in the Spanish language are welcome to join. The club provides the opportunity to learn more about the culture and language. There will also be the opportunity to celebrate cultural traditions along with liturgical celebrations.

The club meets twice weekly, Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:40-4:00 pm in Room 102. The Tuesday meeting is for officers but is open to those interested in observing. There is a mandatory general meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month for all members.

Congratulations to the following Spanish Club Officers:

President: Matthew Ortegon

Vice President: Racquel Rodriguez

Secretary: Vi Doan

Treasurer: Adam Laskowski

Event Organizer: Will Barr

Teacher Sponsor: Mr. Perez

¡Nos Vemos

Alli!



GOLF NEWS

Bright, sunny, and absolutely perfect weather greeted our own OLPH Golf Team for the 2nd Annual Wildcat Golf Tournament which was held on October 16, 2009 at the Northcliffe Golf Club. OLPH had twenty-two wonderfully talented young golfers who participated in this tournament. Our OLPH Wildcats really came out to play and proved to everyone that they are definitely a force to be reckoned with by placing 1st in the three divisions. In the Masters Flight, Thomas Holmes placed 1st and Josh Glanzer placed 2nd. In the Champions Flight, Will Barr placed 1st and Sean Salisbury from Holy Spirit placed 2nd. Finally, in 1st Flight, Anthony Madrigal placed 1st and Megan Rhoads, Kord Edwards from Sts. Peter and Paul, and Ryan Clay from Holy Spirit tied for 2nd place.

Also participating in the tournament was Grant Holmes and Troy Garcia. A big “Congratulations” to all of the players. You all did a wonderful job and we are so proud of the way you conducted yourselves in such a polite and Christian manner!!

Coach Ogrin & Coach Lopez

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL NEWS

After two days of tryouts and the always nerve wracking announcement of the teams, the real work began for our wonderfully talented OLPH girl’s volleyball “A” & “B” teams. Right from the start both teams were hard at work either learning new skills or honing ones that had already been learned. The “B” team was made up of twelve inspiring ladies who pushed through the many challenges of learning to work together as a team. Their determination paid off and although some games were lost, these girls did not come out without fighting their hardest to win. Eleven hard hitting, ace serving, bright and talented young girls made up the “A” team this year. This group of girls worked hard at sharpening their skills and showing everyone who saw them play that they were truly champions. The girls came together as a team and showed a great bond both on and off the court.

In addition to the regular scheduled games, both teams also competed in various tournaments during the season; one of them being the St. Mary Magdalen Tournament where our “A” team and “B” team both placed 1st and 2nd respectively; which was really exciting! The “A” team also competed in the Incarnate Word Tournament and did a great job showing their talents and learned skills that they developed over the season. Our own Theresa Reyna received an “All Tournament” award for this tournament and she should most certainly be congratulated.

The season ended for our “B” team with a wonderful win against Mount Sacred Heart. The girls were very happy to have ended on such a great note for the season and truly deserve a “Congratulations” on a job well done! The “A” team also won against Mount Sacred Heart for their last district game and went on to compete in the district playoffs at the end of their season. Their hard work and determination throughout the season paid off when the girls ended up coming in 3rd in the district. These girls deserve every bit of recognition and a big “Congratulations” from the school. You girls did great!

Overall, the volleyball season for both teams was a huge success. It’s almost certain that each girl who participated this season looks forward to a magnificently successful year next volleyball season as well. Congratulations to all of you for a job well done. Ladies, we are all so very proud of you and the amount of hard work that you did over the season. Thank you all for making such a wonderful Christian example of yourselves both on and off the court!

“A” Team

Anissa Cervera
Jenny Hittinger
Molly Jaskinia
Mackenzie Koehler
Gabby Molina
Katy Clancy
Briana Del Bianco
Lauren Guerra
Harley Perales
Theresa Reyna
Paulina Szinnyey



“B” Team

Samantha Deitschel
Celsey Flores
Katherine Gabriel
Gabby Gonzalez
Kelsey Hall
Taylor Hockley
Inez Mai
Brianna Mirarchi
Raquel Rodriguez
Megan Sims
Ana Szinnyey
Joanna Valencia

OLPH CROSS COUNTRY SEASON 2009

This year was the most successful Cross Country season in the history of OLPH. Wildcat runners won more races and team events than any previous year. A small core of students who had worked over the summer, showed up ready to run as school began. The coach soon realized it was a serious group as they ran away from him in practice after the first week.

OLPH hosted its first Cross Country Challenge Invitational Meet on Friday, September 11th. Six schools competed in a more traditional style race which included obstacles of wooden hurdles, bales of hay, concrete and grass surfaces and a mysterious black hole. OLPH boys A team finished 2nd and OLPH girls A team placed 3rd. Individual race winners were Matthew Ortegon and Matthew Nieves. Best finish by a lady Wildcat was Allyson Ortegon who was 5th in Girls A division.

The District Cross Country Meet was at Woodlawn Lake on Monday, September 21st. Boys A team placed 3rd with Matthew Ortegon winning the race. His team mates placed: Josh Glanzer-7, Cisco Rodriguez-30, Matthew Gaston-36, Benjamin Bailey-37, Michael McCabe-39 and Adam Laskowski-46 out of 69 runners.

Allyson Ortegon was 2nd in B Girls followed by Marcie Sanchez-11th. Christel Rudd placed 32nd in A Girls.

The highlight of the season was the final race, the St. Paul Invitational Meet at Woodlawn Lake on Wednesday, September 30th. Boys A Team won 1st place, led by Matthew Ortegon -1, Josh Glanzer -4, Cisco Rodriguez -12, Matthew Gaston -18, and Sam Talaber -22. Christel Rudd placed 7th in A Girls and Allyson Ortegon was 2nd in B Girls. This was the first time for an OLPH team to win at Woodlawn Lake!

As coach of the team I am very proud and blessed to be able to work with these hard working runners. I think they had a fun time even when we practiced in 100+ degree weather.

Jeff Tomlin



2009 TORCH CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the following Torch Club Winners:

August 2:	\$50	Thomas Maroney
August 9:	\$50	Virgil & Sherri Seidel
August 16:	\$50	Jillian Inman
August 19:	\$100	Tracy & Liza Holmes
August 23:	\$50	Peter & Barbara Collins
August 30:	\$50	Lorrie Coles
September 6:	\$50	Rudy & Emily Pollock
September 13	\$50	Rosemary Simmons
September 20	\$50	Thomas Maroney
September 27	\$50	Sannon Moy
October 4	\$50	Bonnie Friese
October 11	\$50	Anne Walsh
October 18	\$50	Doug Dougal
October 25	\$50	JoAnn (Sally) Gelpke

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS: Any 6th-8th grade girl interested in trying out for the basketball team. Tryouts will be held on Monday and Tuesday, November 2nd-3rd, 3:45-5:30pm in the gym. The gym will be closed during tryout sessions.

BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS: Any 6th-8th grade girl interested in trying out for the basketball team. Tryouts will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, November 4th-5th, 3:45-5:30pm in the gym. The gym will be closed during tryout sessions.

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.

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER:
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2009**

**E-mail articles to Theresa Berger at bergert@olphselma.org
or drop articles by the school office**