

# WILDCAT NEWS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



January 2010

## From the Principal...

Happy New Year to all our parents and friends! It seems like only yesterday we were preparing for the new millennium and somehow this new year already begins the second decade. I wish you all peace and prosperity, health and happiness and may the love of our Lord bless you every day of your life.

Here at school, we are off and running with the excitement of the second semester. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are anxiously awaiting their letters from the Catholic high schools, our Academic teams are preparing for the upcoming competitions, the spelling bee candidates are eagerly working on their word lists, the basketball teams will begin district play next week and re-registration is just around the corner.

Later in the newsletter you will notice the information for the Knights of Columbus "Free Throw Contest". Please check with the PE teachers for the application and further details.

A huge "Thank You" for your commitment to our Scrip/HEB gift card program. These cards and order forms are always available in the CDC or the school office.

The schedule for Catholic Schools Week "Dividends for Life", January 31 – February 5, 2010, will be in next week's Wednesday Wildcat Family Folder. We will be hosting Open Houses as well as many other family events during the week. We look forward to you spending part or all of the week with us!

As always, I appreciate your unconditional support and dedication you, our parents and friends, offer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School.

With God's Blessings,

Jackie Palermo

## IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

<u>January 2010</u>	
1	New Year's Day Mary, Mother of God Mass 10:00 am <b>No School/CDC Closed</b>
3	Epiphany of the Lord
4	<b>K-8th Classes Resume</b> <b>CDC Open</b> CDC Wait List for New Families (2010-2011)
5	Basketball Games-Home PTC Board Meeting
6	Report Cards Distributed
7	Spiritual Life Committee Meeting Basketball Games-Away
7-9	Blessed Sacrament A Teams Basketball Tournament
7-14	5th-8th Grade Level Classroom Geography Bees(s)
8	<b>K-8th 2:00 pm Dismissal</b> <b>School/CDC Liturgy 8:30 am</b>
9-10	<b>Scrip/HEB Card Sales after Masses</b>
10	Baptism of the Lord
11	<b>Spirit Dress</b> <b>PTC Meeting</b>
12	<b>BETA Club Meeting 7:30 am</b> Basketball Games-Home
13	<b>CiCi's Pizza Night-Forum</b> Spanish Club Monthly Mandatory Meeting Family Read Night
14	Basketball Games-Away K of C Free Throw Contest
15	<b>School/CDC Liturgy 8:30 am</b> Geography Bee Final Round
15-17	MSH <b>B</b> Teams Basketball Tournament
18	<b>K-8th No School (MLK)</b> <b>CDC Closed</b>
19	School Jr. Spelling Bee (1st-4th) Basketball Games-Home
20	School Spelling Bee (5th-8th) Little Flowers/Virtues Club Meetings School Council Meeting
21	Development Committee Meeting Basketball Games-Away
22	<b>School/CDC Liturgy 8:30 am</b>
26	Basketball Games-Home
28	Gym Closes at 4:00 pm for Science Fair Set-Up Basketball Games-Away
29	<b>School/CDC Liturgy 8:30 am</b> OLPH Science Fair –Gym (closed until 3:30 pm for judging)
30	Khaki & Plaid Party Benefit
31	<b>Celebrate Catholic Schools Week</b> 11:30 am Parish Mass Science Fair Projects Displayed-Gym School/CDC Open House-Gym <b>Catholic Schools Week</b> <b>January 31st-February 5th</b> <b>February 2010</b>
1	<b>CDC Current Family Registration (2010-2011)</b> Science Fair Projects displayed until 11:30 am-Gym

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### PTC Board President:

Monica Hoover



## Child Development Center (CDC) Corner

### Welcome Back

Welcome back! We hope that you had a blessed Christmas and New Year. The CDC will be open on Monday, January 4, 2010.

### 2010-2011 School Year Waiting List

If you have a younger child that will be 3 and/or 4 by September 1, 2010 and you are interested in sending him/her to a faith-filled, academically based Pre-K Program for 2010-2011 school year, please call the CDC office. This will insure that you receive a registration packet.

Younger siblings of children enrolled at OLPH School had the first opportunity to be placed on the inquiry list.

The waiting list for **new families** will start on **Monday, January 4th at 7:00 am**. Please leave your name, your child's name, address, telephone number, and your child's date of birth. The Child Development Center number is (210) 651-6819 then press #1 to leave a message.

If you have additional questions, please call or e-mail us at [cdc@olphselma.org](mailto:cdc@olphselma.org).

*If you call during the holidays, please, leave a message!*

### Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Registration paperwork for current three-year-old students and younger siblings of those currently registered at OLPH will receive paperwork in mid January. **Please make sure you return all paperwork and the registration fee by the Monday, February 1, 2010 deadline!**

### Kindergarten Registration

Pre-registration packets for the school year 2010-2011 will be sent home in February, in the Wednesday Wildcat Family Folders. Every student enrolled in the four-year-old class will receive a registration packet for kindergarten.

**Please make sure you return all paperwork and the registration fee by the deadline date listed!**

If you have questions, please call Sarah or Claudia at (210) 651-6819.

### CiCi's Pizza Night (Forum)

The next CiCi's Pizza Night will be held on Wednesday, January 13th starting at 4:00 pm. Remember, CiCi's Pizza in the Forum donates a percent of all sales that evening to the school and CDC. In addition, the class with the highest attendance will receive a pizza party!

### PK3-8th Grade No School

The CDC and school will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2010 to honor Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Open House

OLPH School and CDC will be holding an Open House at the start of Catholic Schools Week. Please join us on Sunday, January 31st from 9:00am-1:00pm in the school gym. All grade levels will be represented.

### January Birthdays

13th Mrs. Sarah Nunez





## PTC CORNER:



### Torch Tokens

*Lighting the way...to a brighter experience at our Catholic School.* Thank you to everyone who purchased a token and good luck! The first drawing will be held on January 1, 2010.

### Scrip Gift Card Program

*We are so grateful to everyone who Stopped Before They Holiday Shopped!* And purchased Scrip and HEB cards from the school and CDC.

**During the month of December alone we sold \$75, 255 worth of Scrip and HEB cards, out of which we earned approximately \$5,000 for the school and CDC!**

### Help Sell Scrip/HEB/Texas Shine

If you can help with weekend Mass sales, please contact Alice Pfeiffer at [epfeiffer@satx.rr.com](mailto:epfeiffer@satx.rr.com). The next weekend Mass sales will be on Saturday and Sunday, January 9th and 10th.

### PTC Meeting

Attend and win! The next PTC meeting will be held on **Monday, January 11th 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.

### Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Believe it or not, our annual Lenten Fish Fry will be just a little over a month away when we return to school in January. **Friday, February 19th** is the date to save for this annual event welcoming parishioners, school, and CDC families for a delicious fish and shrimp dinner. We need volunteers to help that evening. If you are interested in helping, please contact Theresa Berger in the school computer lab, [bergert@olphselma.org](mailto:bergert@olphselma.org) or (210) 651-6811.

### Raffle Night

The Raffle Night is fast approaching and we need your help to make this event a success. This event is hugely beneficial for our children. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lynda Jaskinia at (210) 325-6039. Also, if you or your business would like to help sponsor this event your gift would be greatly appreciated.

## CLASS PIZZA PARTY

Congratulations **3rd** Grade! You won a pizza party for the highest attendance during the December 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, January 13th** 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!

## K of C FREE THROW CONTEST

On Thursday, January 14th, The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Basketball Free throw Contest. The event will be held in the gym during regular class times.

If you would like your child to participate, please fill out the entry form completely. Children compete in age groups 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14. Your child's age as of January 1, 2010 determines in which age group they compete.

Questions, please contact Cliff Krisak at (210) 885-3807.

## 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](http://www.spellingbee.com) to view various word lists for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 the next group of children that will be showcasing their wonderful love and passion for our school through their singing ability. Our **4th** graders will sing at the **11:30 am, Sunday Mass on January 31st**.

## **PRIVATE SCHOOLS INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION (PSIA) 2010**

PSIA District competition will be on Sat, 13 March 2010 in New Braunfels at St. Peter and Paul Parish; same as last year. The competition is open to all OPLH students in grades 1-8. Eighteen different events make up the competition. The events are limited to specific grade levels.

Art memory- 4, 5  
Calculator-6, 7, 8  
Creative Writing – 1, 2  
Dictionary Skills- 4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
Impromptu Speaking- 7, 8  
Listening Skills- 4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
Maps, Graphs & Charts-4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
Mathematics- 4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
Modern Oratory- 7, 8  
Music Memory- 3, 4, 5, 6, 7  
Number Sense- 4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
On-Site Drawing- 6, 7, 8  
Poetry Interpretation- 4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
Ready Writing- 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
Science- 6, 7, 8  
Spelling- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
Storytelling- 1, 2, 3  
Vocabulary- 5, 6, 7, 8

Students will sign up for events with their homeroom teachers. Rules and procedures for each event are listed at the PSIA website, [www.psiacademics.org](http://www.psiacademics.org). Practice for the events will be after school and begin in January. A detailed listing of event practice days and locations will be passed out in early January.

Parents are welcome to help work with students on these events. Please let Mr. Tomlin know if you would like to help.

## **P.E. DEPARTMENT**

The annual physical fitness testing has been completed and we are anxiously awaiting for the certificates signed by President Obama. As soon as we receive them they will be handed out.

The OPLH basketball teams have been playing and they have had many exciting moments. They have already brought home several trophies. Matthew Ortegon, Josh Glanzer and Gabby Molina have also already won individual awards in our recent invitational tournaments. District games will start in January, after the Christmas break. Check the school website for game dates and times. Also, please join us and show your support.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**



### **3RD QUARTER AR GOALS**

Third quarter AR goals must be achieved by Wednesday, March 10th by 4:00 pm.

Kindergarten = 2 points  
1st Grade = 4 points  
2nd Grade = 5 points  
3rd, 4th and 5th Grades = 10 points

**No AR testing Thursday-Friday, March 11th-12th.**

### **FAMILY READ NIGHT**

The next Family Read Night is Wednesday, January 13th. The library will stay open until 6:00 pm.

### **FREE FIESTA TEXAS TICKETS**

Students in Kindergarten-6th Grade can earn a FREE ticket to Fiesta Texas. Reading logs were sent home during library time. Students have from December 2009 to February 26, 2010 to read for six (6) hours and keep track on their reading log. When done, turn your reading log into Mrs. Martinez in the library. Readings logs will be sent off and tickets will be sent to the school in April.

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

### **LITTLE FLOWERS AND VIRTUES CLUBS**

The Little Flowers and Virtues Club members worked together during the month of December to create special Christmas Boxes for the St. Peter and St. Joseph Orphanage. The girls thought of those in need and gave generously during the Christmas Season.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20th. All girls grades 2nd-4th are invited to join Little Flowers and girls 5th-8th are invited to join the Virtues Club. Contact Mrs. Bloomingdale or Mrs. Walsh if you are interested.





## WILDCAT SPIRIT TEAM NEWS

We have been having a wonderful time building our community at OLPH this year! The girls have been working very hard ever since this summer on cheers, dances, pep rallies, performing volunteer activities for the school, and cheering at sporting events.

We would like to give special thanks to our sponsor, Hilbig Services, and to all those who have come to our aid in so many ways this year.

The Spirit Team will be open to new members in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade beginning in January after the return from Christmas break. If your child is interested in joining, please notify us and we'll be happy to give you all the details.

Parents, please check your child's Spirit Team notebook for monthly schedules. Also, we will be having them put on the school website for your reference.

Wishing you a blessed New Year,

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Beta Club members once again held their annual Christmas House building with the first grade students. It was a *sweet* and beautiful sight to see!

The next club meeting will be on Tuesday, January 12th at 7:30 am in the Science Lab. Questions, contact Matthew Gaston, Beta Club President.

## BETA CLUB

## BLANKETS/SAMMs

### PROJECT 2009

Once again our OLPH School family led by Miss Weems and the 6th grade class has done overwhelmingly well making blankets. Generously we made **152** blankets this year, exceeding last years impressive record!

With this year we have gone well over the 800 mark on the number of blankets made by OLPH, around 500 of these have been donated to the SAMMs homeless shelter.

Along with the donation of our handmade blankets, our Middle School students also brought in bath items for comfort bags for the shelter.

Once again it has been an exceptional year for our students to show what we can and will do for those in need!



## **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School Family *Kudos Korner*:**

### Brother and Sister each win drawing contest:

1st grader, Reece Smith, and 4th grader, Delaney Smith each entered and won a drawing contest sponsored by *SpawGlass*. Each student won a \$50 Target gift card and \$50 was awarded to each of their classrooms.

### Student wins annual Christmas Card Contest:

Congratulations to 4th grader, Rebekah Szinnyey for winning first place in the American Subcontractors Association-SanAntonio Chapter 1st Annual Christmas Card Contest. Way to go!

## 2009 TORCH CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the following Torch Club Winners:

December 6:	\$50	Maria Cerrato
December 13:	\$50	Mark & Theresa Talaber
December 20:	\$50	John & Mary Connolly
December 25: (Christmas)	\$100	John Clifford
December 31:	\$50	Lorrie Coles

### **DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES**

### **TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE**

### **FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER:**

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