

WILDCAT NEWS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



March 2010

From the Principal...

As we turn the page of the calendar to March, it is a month that is jam packed with events and important dates. Since I have limited space to elaborate below, I will send a more detailed letter to you in the Wednesday Wildcat Family Folder. These are some important items for this month~

Re-Registration: If you have not re-registered your child, please do so immediately. THE DEADLINE HAS PASSED. Also, please understand your registration is not complete without both the form and the fee. Our waiting list is extensive and I certainly do not want to exclude anyone from returning next year.

ITBS Testing: PLEASE mark your calendar for March 22-26. This is the week devoted to administering the standardized test to our student body. It is extremely important that students attend school that week. Also, homework for the week will be very limited; therefore, please be certain your child has limited activity for the week and early bedtime hours.

Helping Hand Weekend: This weekend, March 6-7, will be our annual campaign for the Helping Hand Program. The program has been expanded this year to include contributions to Capital Improvement and Educational Resources as well as the Scholarship Program. I will be speaking after the Masses this weekend.

PSIA: On Saturday, March 13 our students will be participating in the District PSIA meet at Sts. Peter and Paul in New Braunfels. Our students have been participating in after school tutorials as preparation for their contests. This is our stepping stone to the State Meet in April.

SPRING PICTURES: March 20th will be the last opportunity of the school year for pictures. Pictures from this sitting will be proof orders, giving you the choice of background, etc. These pictures do not require pre-payment; you will deal directly with the company.

Blessings,
Jackie Palermo

IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

<u>March 2010</u>	
1-4	PSIA Practices
1-12	K-8th New Family Registration (2010-2011)
1	CDC Summer Fun Program Registration (Current Students)
	Talent Show Auditions
	Baseball Game-Home
2-4	Vocations Week Speakers
2	Baseball and Softball Games-Home
4-5	St. Luke's Baseball/Softball Tournaments
5	<u>K-8th 2:00pm Dismissal</u> <u>CDC Open Until 6:00pm</u> <u>School/CDC Liturgy 8:30am</u> <u>Scip Orders Due -12 noon</u> Riverside Golf Tournament Stations of the Cross 1:20pm Jr. High Fun Night
6	5K Wilenchik's Walk for Life
6-7	Scip/HEB Card Sales after Masses Parish Helping Hand Weekend
7	St. Ann's/Michael's Chicken Dinner
7-12	Scholastic Book Fair
7	Third Sunday of Lent
8-11	PSIA Practices
8	Baseball and Softball Games-Home PTC Board Meeting
10	Qtr. 3 AR Points Due by 4:00pm Spanish Club Meeting CiCi's Pizza Night (Forum)
11	Development Committee Meeting Spiritual Life Committee Meeting Stations of the Cross 2:45pm Baseball and Softball Games-Home
12	<u>School/CDC Liturgy 8:30am</u> K-8th Talent Show 1:00-3:30pm-Gym End of 3rd Qtr. (48 Days)
13	PSIA District Competition-New Braunfels
14	Fourth Sunday of Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins
15-19	K-8th No School (Spring Break) CDC Open -Reservations Required No Café Service-Sack Lunch and Drink
21	Fifth Sunday of Lent
22	PTC Meeting 7:00pm-Café
23	Baseball and Softball Games-Home
24	Report Cards Distributed Little Flowers/Virtues Club Meetings School Council Meeting
25	Baseball and Softball Games-Home
26	<u>School/CDC Liturgy-8:30am</u> Living Stations of the Cross-2:30pm
28	Palm Sunday
29	<u>Last Day to Purchase a Yearbook</u>
30	PK3-8th Spring Pictures Baseball and Softball Games-Away
31	<u>School/CDC Liturgy-8:30am</u> BETA Club Kinder Easter Egg Hunt <u>6th-8th Service Hours Due</u> Baseball and Softball Games-Home
<u>April 2010</u>	
1	Holy Thursday K-8th 12 Noon Dismissal CDC Open Until 6:00pm (sack lunch and drink)
2	Good Friday No School/CDC Closed
No School/CDC Closed Friday, April 2nd through Monday, April 5th	

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John Trayhan

PTC Board President:

Monica Hoover



Child Development Center (CDC) Corner

Spring Break Week

March 15-19 is Spring Break Week. If your child will need care please fill out the Spring Break Registration Form which was included in February's newsletter. This form was due back on March 1st. **Reservations are required to attend!** Your child will need to bring a sack lunch and drink as the cafeteria will be closed. Extra copies of the registration form are available at the front desk.

Reminder

Please remember to send your child to school with a sweater or jacket on cold days. The children need to spend some time outdoors even if it is cold outside. If they don't come with a jacket on cold days they will have to stay inside with another class.

Spring Pictures

CDC Students will have the opportunity to have their picture taken on March 30th. The Spring Pictures will come home in the form of "proofs" and you will be able to purchase them online. Look for more information to come home the first part of March.

CiCi's Pizza Night

CiCi's Pizza Night at the Forum for this month will be on March 10th. This is a really fun time to spend with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing everyone there. CiCi's donates a portion of all sales that evening to the school. The class with the highest attendance will receive a pizza party!

Thank You

*Thanks to Dr. Holmes for coming and showing us how to keep our teeth healthy and for the wonderful goody bags!

*Thanks to all the parents who make our Annual Parent Picnic such a big success. The kids really loved having you there.

*Thanks to all who joined us to celebrate Grandparent's Day. What a special day for the children to show off their grandparent.

Book Fair

The spring book fair will be held March 7-12 in the school library. Each class will have an opportunity to attend the Book Fair with their class. The library will be open on Sunday from 8am-1pm and Monday thru Friday from 7am - 6pm.

PTC News

***Our Las Vegas Raffle Night** is fast approaching and we need your help to make this event a success. This fun-filled event will be held on April 16th. We are in need of past committee members as well as new volunteers to join the planning committee. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lynda Jaskinia at 325-6039 for meeting dates and times. Also, donations are needed for the silent auction. Should your business have anything that you might want to donate please contact Lynda. This is a night you won't want to miss

***Scrip Card Volunteers Needed:** This committee is in need of your help. We need parents to help advertise and sell Scrip Cards at each Mass. This is the perfect opportunity to volunteer for those individuals who may not otherwise have time during the day. Please contact Alice Pfeiffer at 210-651-5937 to donate your time.

***PTC Board Elections:** Elections for 2010-2011 PTC officers are fast approaching. If you are interested in serving on the Board please go to the school office for an application. PTC is a truly rewarding committee and we encourage you to consider serving. Serving on the Board is not a "full time" job and all are encouraged to apply.

CDC March Staff Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Maria Chavez, 5th

Mario Perez (Spanish), 24th

Have a very special birthday!





PTC CORNER:



Annual Lenten Fish Fry

It was a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and fantastic food. Thank you to everyone who helped make the night a success, from all the dessert donations to slinging slaw! We could not have done it without you and we hope to see you back next year.

Scrip Gift Card Program

HEB and select Scrip cards are available for sale in the school office. We also still place an order for other cards once a month. Please fill out an order form and drop it by the school or CDC office along with your payment. **The next order deadline is Friday, March 5th.**

Help Sell Scrip/HEB/Texas Shine Cards

Fantastic News! Father Jose has offered us the opportunity to sell cards at each Mass, every weekend. So if you can help make this happen by offering to work a weekend Mass, please contact Alice Pfeiffer at apeiffer@satx.rr.com. We cannot do it without you!

PTC Board Elections

Elections for the 2010-2011 PTC officers are fast approaching. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please stop by the office for an application. PTC is truly a rewarding service; all are encouraged to apply!

PTC Meeting

Attend and win! The next PTC meeting will be held on **Monday, March 22nd 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. Our Brownie-Girl Scout Troop will open the meeting with a flag ceremony, and our guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. Andrew Iliff, Principal of John Paul II Catholic High School.

Spring Fundraiser

A Las Vegas Raffle... Friday, April 16th, OLPH Gym. Please see additional information attached. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lynda Jaskinia at (210) 325-6039 or James Jaskinia at (210) 325-6038. Also, if you or your business would like to help sponsor this event your gift would be greatly appreciated.

SPRING BREAK

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If you have any questions, please call the CDC office at (210) 651-6819 or e-mail at cdc@olphselma.org.

CLASS PIZZA PARTY

Congratulations **KINDERGARTEN!** You won a pizza party for the highest attendance during February's 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, March 10th** 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



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

March 7th-15th

Sunday:	8:00 am-1:00 pm
Monday:	7:00 am-6:00 pm
Tuesday:	7:00 am-6:00 pm
Wednesday:	7:00 am-6:00 pm
Thursday:	7:00 am-6:00 pm
Friday:	7:00 am-6:00 pm

3RD QUARTER AR GOALS

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

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

FAMILY READ NIGHT

No Family Read Night during the month of March. The next night will be on Wednesday, April 7th.

FREE FIESTA TEXAS TICKETS

Reading logs were sent off and tickets will be sent to the school in April.

OLPH Library webpage - www.olphlibrary.pbwiki.com

STUDENTS WIN AT ST. MATTHEW'S SPEECH TOURNAMENT

Middle school students competed at St. Matthew's Speech Tournament held on Saturday, January 30th. They participated in four categories: Prose, Poetry, Public Speech, and Duo Acting. Congratulations to the following students who won in Prose: **ROBERT BAILEY**-First Place, **NINA MARTINEZ**-Third Place and **MARCIE SANCHEZ**-Honorable Mention. And in Poetry, **LAUREN GUERRA** won **Honorable Mention**.

Some students were attending a speech tournament for the first time, and many made it to the Final Round of competition. Students who attended were:

Robert Bailey-6th Grade	Racquel Rodriguez-7th Grade
Samantha Deitschel-7th Grade	Marcie Sanchez-7th Grade
Lauren Guerra-7th Grade	Ana Szinnyey-6th Grade
Taylor Edgell-7th Grade	Paulina Szinnyey-8th Grade
Mary Cate Ellis-6th Grade	Jennifer Torrez-7th Grade
Nina Martinez-7th Grade	Larell Vela-8th Grade
Mary Ruth Rodriguez-7th Grade	Kaitlyn Wehrheim-7th Grade



GOLF

Amid windy and cold weather that surely would drive anyone back inside to a nice warm, cozy place, seven brave OLPH golf team members set out with one goal in mind—give it their all! On Monday, February 15th these fearless seven—8th Graders; TJ Flanagan, Troy Garcia, Josh Glanzer, Thomas Holmes and Anthony Madrigal, 7th Grader, Megan Rhoads, and 5th Grader, Grant Holmes—played in the Riverside Golf Tournament. They had a great day of playing and showing off their talents. In the end, a big CONGRATULATIONS goes to **Thomas Holmes** who placed 2nd in Master's Flight and **Grant Holmes** who placed 3rd in First Flight. All players should be applauded for great play and their wonderful examples of great sportsmanship. If you happen to see any of these fine players, make sure to tell them to keep up the great work!

Spring Golf Tournaments:

Friday, March 5th-1:00pm-Riverside
Monday, April 26th-12:00pm-Willow

PRIVATE SCHOOLS INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION (PSIA) 2010

PSIA District competition will be on **Saturday, March 13, 2010 in New Braunfels at Sts. 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.

Rules and procedures for each event are listed at the PSIA website, www.psiacademics.org.

Parent volunteers are needed at the competition. Please let Mr. Tomlin know if you can help.

Go Wildcats!

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TEAMS

Congratulations to the following students:

2010 OLPH BOYS BASEBALL TEAM:

Tom Altenberger	Thomas Holmes
Ben Bailey	Adam Laskowski
Will Barr	Matthew Mandujano
Bobby Burg	Matthew Martin
Nick Blake	Joseph McCabe
Collin Causey	Michael McCabe
Brandon Fabac	Travis Richie
T.J. Flanagan	Jared Tschoepe
Stephen Fishback	

2010 OLPH GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM:

Samantha Deitschel	Inez Mai
Alexandra Gabriel	Maddie Martin
Katheryn Gabriel	Harley Perales
Gaby Gonzalez	Samantha Rodriguez
Lauren Guerra	Marcie Sanchez
Jenny Hittinger	Jennifer Torrez
Madison Hoover	Joanna Valencia

Best of luck! First games of the season will be held on Monday, March 1st at 4:30pm, OLPH baseball and softball fields.

JR HIGH FUN NIGHT

Attention 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

Hawaiian Luau Lock-In!

Friday, March 5, 2010

7:00-10:00pm

OLPH Gym

- ~ Advance ticket purchase is \$7
- ~ Reservation forms were sent home in your Wildcat Family Folders
- ~ Contact Mrs. Perla Molina (210) 566-8041 or Mrs. Lynda Jaskinia (210) 325-6039 for more details to volunteer and or make a donation.

Profits go to the 8th Grade Fund.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

We have vacancies coming up for the 2010/2011 School Council. The Council serves as advisor to the Principal in school matters and is responsible for preparing and monitoring the school budget. Terms are for three years and meetings are monthly. More information on the OLPH School Council can be found on the school's website under the *Parent Organizations: School Council* tab or contact Lorrie Coles at ecoles@satx.rr.com. If you are interested in serving please see Mrs. Palermo for an application.

Thank You!

YEARBOOKS

**Have you ordered your
2009-2010 Yearbook?**

DON'T MISS OUT!

**Last day to order is
Monday, March 29th**

**Questions, contact Mrs. Berger
in the Computer Lab**

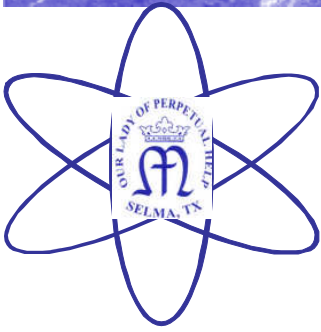
2010 "TORCH TOKEN" WINNERS

Congratulations to the following
Torch Token Winners:

February 7:	\$50	Melissa & Dave Rhoads
February 14:	\$50	Jill & Russell Wenzel
February 21:	\$50	Christina & Sam Dominguez
February 28:	\$50	Jane Perry



**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE
APRIL NEWSLETTER:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010
E-mail articles to Theresa Berger at
bergert@olphselma.org or drop articles by
the school office**



Elements of Science

OLPH Science Fair 2010

The Science Fair was held January 29, 2010. All students from sixth, seventh and eighth grade participated. Pre-School students brought in wonderful science displays. First Graders blessed the Science Fair with their Butterfly Life Cycles. The second graders also brought an added flair to the fair with their Parts of a Seed Projects. Third grade presented "Food Webs" projects this year. 4th Graders had their first experience in displaying their work putting into practice The Scientific Method. Fifth Grade had many fantastic projects.

This year we were blessed to have seventeen judges with a strong background in science and



education. They commented on the overall quality of the fair. The judges were most impressed with the "high quality of the 6th grade projects." and felt they should be commended on their dedication to this project. One judge commented, "Some of these are better than my 12th grade projects."

The 2010 winners of the Science Fair are:

6th Grade

- 1st William Dubuque, Inez Mai
- 2nd Lauren Mullins, Ana Szinnyey
- 3rd Christopher Munoz, Victoria Pencsak
- 4th Stephen Fishback, Noel Segapeli, Joseph Shandera

7th Grade

- 1st Collin Causey, Ellen Wallace
- 2nd Madelyn Coles, Mikaela Sebastyn
- 3rd Mitchell Sparks, Elliot Stover
- 4th Lauren Guerra, Matthew Nieves

8th Grade

- 1st Chris Collins, Troy Garcia
- 2nd Paulina Szinnyey, Larell Vela
- 3rd Madeline Martin, Alexandria Pencsak
- 4th Jenny Hittinger, Christel Rudd

Best of Show:

Collin Causey and Troy Garcia

A very heart-felt thank you to Mrs. Jaskinia for creating a lovely atmosphere for the judges' dining experience and all your "extra" help. Thank you Ms. Cindy and the cafeteria ladies for making sure the coffee and hot water were warm and on time. A huge thanks to Ms. Wenzel' son and friend, Mrs. Inman, Mrs Stanley and the "wonderful Thursday parents who helped place tables and arrange the "setting." A great big thanks goes to Mrs.

Nancy, Miss Betty, Mrs. Jackie, Mrs. Garcia Mrs. Stacey, Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Santini, Mrs. Salinas, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Lindquist, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Walsh for encouraging the students to take the challenge to enter the science fair. Thank you, Mrs. Brietzke and Mrs. Stewart, for editing the many rough drafts. Thank you to Mrs. Goss, and Mr. Breitzke for allowing us to use the gym. Thank you to Mrs. Palermo and Mrs. Newquist for allowing the science fair to be such an important part of the science curriculum at OLPH. Most of all thank you to the students. We are all so proud of your hard work. You have shown exemplary dedication towards scientific research. You accepted a challenge not all students *want* to accept and you *exceeded* all expectations. ***You are all winners.***



2009 – 2010
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School
and Child Development Center
Yearbook

All books are pre-ordered and paid for in advance.

Order between Monday, February 1 – Friday, March 12, 2010 and save **\$5**

\$35 per copy

Order between Monday, March 15 – Monday, March 29, 2010 and the cost is

\$40 per copy

Order deadline: Monday, March 29th, 4:00 pm

Please print legibly

Student's Name: _____ Grade/HR Teacher _____ / _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Please reserve _____ copy(ies) of the 2009-2010 yearbook at **\$35** per copy.

(\$40 per copy if ordered after March 12th)

Enclosed is payment in the amount of \$ _____. **(Checks payable to OLPH School)**

Estimated time of delivery will be late July. If you want your yearbook mailed to you, please include \$6.00 for postage and a forwarding address. Please note, money for postage will not be refunded if you choose to pick up your yearbook in person:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone (____) _____

Please send orders and payments back in your Wednesday Wildcat Family Folder or drop it at the School or CDC offices in an envelope to the attention of Theresa Berger-Yearbook.

Questions: contact Theresa Berger at bergert@olphselma.org or (210) 651-6811. Wildcat News Page 7

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic
School presents.....**

a Las Vegas Raffle

April 16, 2010

OLPH Gym

Evening includes:

Music, Entertainment & Dinner

BYOB, ice chests are WELCOME!

Casino gaming tables will be available for an additional fee

We need your HELP!

Donations are needed for the RAFFLE TICKET. Items need to be collected prior to Mar. 8th in order to be listed on the ticket. See back of this letter for donor form.


In addition, each classroom will be making a project for the silent auction. The Raffle Committee is asking each family to sell 100 raffle tickets at \$1 each. Raffle ticket sales start mid-March.


Stay tuned for more details.

For more information contact:

B. James Jaskinia (325-6038) or Lynda Jaskinia (325-6039)

Must be over age 21 to attend

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">Donation form / Table sponsor</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">OLPH School</p>
	<p style="margin: 0;">DONOR / SPONSOR NAME:</p> <p style="margin: 0;">(as it should appear on the raffle ticket / on the table sponsored)</p>

<h1 style="margin: 0;"><i>Las Vegas Raffle</i></h1> <p style="margin: 0;">April 16th OLPH Gym</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">Contact Name:</p>	
	<p style="margin: 0;">Address:</p>	
	<p style="margin: 0;">City:</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">Zip:</p>
	<p style="margin: 0;">Phone:</p>	

Money donation (please make checks payable to *OLPH School*):

\$500 _____ \$250 _____ \$200 _____ \$100 _____

Table sponsor (please make checks payable to *OLPH School*):

Sponsor names will be displayed on their table the night of the event

Texas Hold 'em	\$150	Slot machine	\$75	Snack table	\$100
Black Jack table	\$150	Craps table	\$300	Dessert table	\$100
Roulette table	\$150				

Item donation	
Description:	
Estimated value: \$ _____	

Promotional materials are welcome for display the night of the event

Please return completed forms to:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School (OLPH School)

16075 N. Evans Rd.

Selma, TX 78154

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