

WILDCAT NEWS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



May 2010

From the Principal...

It is hard to believe another school year is almost over! It has been a most enjoyable and rewarding year with your children. Even though the teachers are perhaps feeling the same anxiety as your children, dreaming of summer vacation, they are holding firm in the classroom with a strong ending to the finish line.

There is a definite and immediate need for all of us, teachers as well as parents, to address the importance of internet safety and security. Everyday I am hearing that more and more of our students have Facebook and MySpace accounts and are using them as well as the applications on their phones and iPod as means of communication. And a day does not pass that I either receive an email, an article dropped on my desk, a phone call or a personal visit from a parent about children being victims of bullying through social networks. I beg you to please monitor your child's use on the computer, who they are communicating with and even the messages they are sending. We cannot be too careful and I appreciate the proactive approach you will take with your children.

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IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

<u>May 2010</u>	
1	1st Eucharist-Clementine
2	St. Ann's Seton Home Baby Shower
3	Confirmation PTC Board Meeting
5	CDC Mothers/Grandmother's Tea Party
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7	K-8th 2:00 PM Dismissal School/CDC Liturgy <i>Scrip Orders Due 12 Noon</i>
8	1st Eucharist-Miller
9	Mother's Day
10	8th Graders All Forms and Payments Due
12	CiCi's Pizza Night (Forum)
13	Ascension of the Lord
14	School/CDC Liturgy
15	1st Eucharist CYO Radical Reverse Raffle
16	8th Graders Sing at 8:30 am Parish Mass
17	Spirit Dress K-8th Transition Night PTC Meeting
18	8th Grade Field Trip
19	K-8th Field Day Pre-K Pizza Lunch 4th Qtr. AR Points Due Pre-K End of Year Program
20	Pep Rally
21	School/CDC Liturgy Pre-K Last Official Day 8th Grade Mass/Graduation
22	Dance Recital
23	Pentecost Sunday 30th Anniversary of Ordination Deacon Clifford Friesenhahn
28	K-7th Last Day of School School/CDC Liturgy 10:00 AM Dismissal CDC Open Until 6:00 PM <i>Sack Lunch and Drinks Required</i>
29	PedOLPHest
30	The Most Holy Trinity Memorial Day
31	Memorial Day Observed
<u>CDC Summer Fun Program</u> June 1st through August 6th	
<u>Final Registration (2010-2011)</u> July 28th	

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Child Development Center (CDC) Corner

May Crowning Mass

On Friday, May 7th at the 8:30 a.m. liturgy all students, parents, & teachers are invited to bring a long-stemmed flower, artificial or real, as we crown the Blessed Mother, Queen of heaven and earth.

Mother's/Grandmother's Day Tea Party

Our Mother's/Grandmother's Day Tea Parties will be held on two different days this year. Mrs. Jackie, Mrs. Garcia & Mrs. Sarah's classes will have their Tea Party on Wednesday, May 5th. Mrs. Stacey and Mrs. Nancy's classes will have their Tea Party on Thursday, May 6th. The Mother's/Grandmother's Day Tea Parties will be from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Please come and enjoy this hour with your child, as each class will be "cooking" special treats.

End of Year Program

The Pre-K End of Year Program will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. The program includes all students from the Child Development Center. A small reception will be held in the school cafeteria after the ceremony. Please make sure your child is in his/her classroom no later than 6:00 p.m. on this night. Thank you all the CDC employees for their hard work in getting these children ready to perform.

**On Friday May, 21st a "packet of goodies" will be sent home with your child. These packets include your child's diploma along with some special items your child has completed over the past year.

Box Tops 4 Education

Please continue saving your Campbell's Soup Label and General Mills Cereal Box Tops during the summer. You can continue to bring them to the CDC building anytime during the summer.

Last Day of Pre-K

The last official day of Pre-K is Friday, May 21st. Progress reports will be mailed home by June 1st. **Please let your child's teacher know if you will need Child Care the week of May 24-28.**

Extended Day and Pre-K Tuition

All past due CDC tuition (Pre-K & Extended Day) is due by Monday 14th. You may pay by check up until this day. All tuition paid after this date must be in the form of cash or money order.

Please separate CDC tuition from any school payments you may have and put in an envelope marked CDC. Thank you.

Thank You!

The Pre-K staff would like to express their deepest gratitude to all of the generous people who donated their time and materials during the past couple of months for Casino Night, Easter egg hunt, Trike-A-Thon, etc. We appreciate everything you do to make OLPH a better learning environment. OLPH is truly blessed to have you as part of our family.

**Thanks to the 8th Grade students who took us to Earth Day and made masks with us. What a fun day!



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Immunization Reminders

If your child will be going into the Pre-K 4 Program next year, please make sure their immunization record is up to date. Children turning four are required to receive another round of shots at this time.

CiCi's Pizza Night

**The last CiCi's Pizza Night for the school year will be on Wednesday, May 12th.

Dance Recital

Diane Swientek has announced the date of the dance recital. The date is Saturday May 22nd, at 2 p.m. in the school Gym. If you have any other questions, please call Diane directly.

No Cafeteria....Sack Lunches Needed

The Cafeteria will be closed on May 28th. A sack lunch and drink is needed for this day. This is also a 10 a.m. dismissal day for K-8th. The CDC will be open as usual until 6:00 p.m.

***If you have any questions or concerns regarding Pre-K, Elementary School, Summer Program or After School Registration please call the CDC Office at 651-6819. Remember to get your paperwork in by deadline dates.*

Scrip Order

The last scrip is due no later than 12:00 p.m. on May 7th. Keep in mind any cards you might want to buy for the summer. This is the last order until fall. Of course we have HEB cards available all the time. The cards are also sold on Sunday's after each Mass. Thanks for all your support in this fund raiser. You have made it a big success.

OLPH Summer Program

The Summer Fun Program begins June 1st and ends August 6th. A calendar of summer events will be handed out the first week of the Summer Fun Program.

If you have any questions about the summer program, please call Sarah or Claudia in the Child Development Center at 651-6819.

CDC Staff Birthdays

Laura Martinez - May 15th Claudia Ogrin - June 15th
Judy Franco - May 18th Michelle Raley - July 7th
Janet Grandshaw - May 29th Rosemarie Collazo - June 22nd

HAVE A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

CLASS PIZZA PARTY

Congratulations **7th** Grade! You won a pizza party for the highest attendance during April's CiCi's Pizza Night.

CICI'S PIZZA NIGHT (In the Forum)

Come and join the school and CDC community for the last evening of food, fun, and conversation for this school year on **Wednesday, May 12th** 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!





PTC CORNER:



Spring Fundraiser

"A Las Vegas Raffle"... night was held on Friday, April 16th in the OLPH Gym and a great time was had by all! A huge THANK YOU to Lynda and James Jaskinia for chairing this event. Also, a great big thank you goes out to all the volunteers for sharing their time, treasures, and talents helping make this event a success!

HEB and Gift Card (Scrip) Program

Keep in mind any cards you might want to buy for the summer... **order is due no later than 12:00 pm on Friday, May 7th...** this is the last order until the fall. Remember, cards are sold outside the church after weekend Masses!

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 last PTC meeting of the school year on **Monday, May 17th at 7:00 pm** in the school cafeteria. Remember there is free childcare available, you can win a Gift Card just for attending and your child's classroom can win one also for having the highest attendance!

Transition Night

Prior to the PTC Meeting, K-8th teachers will be available in their classrooms, for two different sessions (6:00-6:30 pm and 6:30-7:00 pm). This is an opportunity for you to visit and learn about your child's teachers for the new school year, 2010-2011.

Used Uniforms

Used uniforms are in need. 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.

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

K-8TH SCHOOL and CDC/EXTENDED DAY

K-8th school financial obligations paid after **May 3rd** must be in the form of cash.

CDC/Extended Day past due tuition are due Friday, May 14th. Payment may be made by check up until this date, if paid after May 14th it must be in the form of cash or money order.

K-8th OLPH School payments and CDC Extended Day tuition payments must be **made separately** and in **separate envelopes** marked OLPH School or CDC.

Until all financial obligations (CDC Extended Day or School) are paid in full:

- K-7th students will not receive their report cards.
- 8th graders will not be able to participate in graduation.

CDC "SUMMER FUN" PROGRAM

The CDC will once again be holding their "Summer Fun" Program which also includes students in grades kinder through 7th. The program begins Monday, June 1st and ends Friday, August 6th.

"Summer Fun" Registration fees and paperwork are due ***no later than Friday, May 14th***. Classes are filling up fast! If you have any question or concerns, please call Sarah or Claudia in the Child Development Center at (210) 651-6819.

A calendar of events will be handed out the first week of the program.

THIRD GRADE TAKES ON ...

... **Wild Animals and Cave Exploration.** On April 20, the third grade had their field trip to the Wildlife Ranch and Natural Bridge Caverns. After an interesting talk, which included the difference between horns and antlers, we drove through the Wildlife Ranch, observing, feeding, and petting the animals. Some of the animals were so bold as to put their heads in the car windows and steal the bag of food from an unsuspecting adult or child!

Then it was off to tour the Natural Bridge Caverns. Most of the children had never been there so it was exciting and a little scary for them. Going down steep paths into a dark humid cave can be intimidating. However, once inside the big caverns, they relaxed and enjoyed the formations and the fun names they have, like Snoopy and scrambled eggs. The last part of our field trip was panning for minerals and precious gemstones. Everyone left feeling richer! All in all, it was a fun day. The children had a wonderful time and will probably never forget the experience.

Mrs. Lindquist and Mrs. Slater would like to thank all the parents who helped that day. We couldn't do such an extensive field trip without you!!!!

PSIA 2010 STATE MEET RESULTS

Students from OLPH did very well at the state PSIA competition. The meet was held on Saturday, April 24th at TCU in Fort Worth. 23 students competed in 26 events. Four placed in the top six to win medals. They are:

Alexa Harper, 2nd grade
is the **State Champion** in Creative Writing!

Grace Harper, 5th grade placed 2nd in Art Memory

Ben Morales, 1st grade placed 2nd in Creative Writing

Analyssa Acosta, 6th grade placed 3rd in Spelling

OLPH placed 18th out of 103 schools for overall competition. In the Elementary School division, OLPH placed 8th. OLPH had the highest score for elementary Catholic schools in the San Antonio area.

Jeff Tomlin

OLPH Coordinator for PSIA

OLPH DISTRICT TRACK MEET



We have such talented students here at OLPH—and boy can they run and jump!! Sixteen students from our wonderful school attended the District Track Meet which included **Alyssa Fabac, Meaghan Flanagan, Celsey Flores, Katherine Gaston, Matthew Gaston, Lance Kotara, Matthew Martin, Michael McCabe, Matthew Nieves, Allyson Ortegon, Matthew Ortegon, Christel Rudd, Mitchell Sparks, Elliot Stover, Paulina Szinnyey, and Joanna Valencia.**

Of those sixteen, twelve of them helped bring home numerous awards for our school. Starting with the girls, we had Alyssa, Katherine, Allyson, and Joanna who participated in the 4x100m relay and received 2nd place! Paulina won 5th place in the 100m hurdles while Celsey also won 5th place in the shot put. Katherine won 4th place in the 400m and 5th place in the 100m and Allyson won 3rd place in the 300m while Joanna won 4th place in the 200m. Great effort girls!!

The boys had an equally great turnout with Matthew G., Matthew O., Matthew N., and Michael coming in 1st place in the 4x400m relay! Matthew O. placed 1st in both the shot put and in the 800m; Matthew G. placed 1st in the 200m and 2nd in the 100m; and Matthew N. placed 2nd in the 400m and 4th in the 100m. Mitchell placed 2nd in the 110m hurdles, 5th in long jump, and 6th in the 400m! Elliot placed 3rd in the 100m. Special recognition goes to Matthew O., Matthew G., Matthew N., and Michael for all winning 1st place and earning the title of DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to you and to all who participated in the District Track Meet. You guys did a great job and we are so proud of all of you!



GOLF

The last golf tournament for the year had a spectacular turn out and even more spectacular results! It was held on Monday, April 26th at Willow Springs Golf Course. Those who participated did a great job! Our Wildcat Golfers were **Shelbie Fitzsimon, Troy Garcia, Matthew Gaston, Josh Glanzer, Grant Holmes, Thomas Kelly, Anthony Madrigal, and Megan Rhoads.**

Two of our students, **Thomas Kelly** and **Grant Holmes**, came away with wins. Thomas came in 2nd place in the Champion's Flight and Grant came in 1st place in First Flight. Congratulations to you both and to everyone who participated throughout the year! You all are awesome and we look forward to seeing more of you again in the fall!

MAY CROWNING

Friday, May 7th, at the 8:30 am School/CDC Liturgy. All students and teachers are invited to bring one long-stemmed flower, real or artificial, as we crown the Blessed Mother, Queen of heaven and earth.

SCRIP ORDER

The last Scrip Order of the school year will be due on Friday, May 7th. It will be back just in time for Graduation Gifts, Teacher Gifts, Father's Day, etc. Keep in mind any cards you might want to buy for the summer or back to school. Our next order will not be until the fall.

SUMMER VIOLIN LESSONS



Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Fox will be offering violin lessons over the summer for those who are interested in keeping up with their practices, helping prepare for the next school year or new students. If interested or you would like more information, contact Mrs. Fox in Room 404 or at foxc@olphselma.org

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From the Principal...

I will be mailing final report cards along with the scores from the ITBS (Iowa Tests of Basic Skills) that were administered in March. With a new testing program this year, overall our scores are very conclusive and show strength in all areas. However, we do know there is always work to be done and improvements to be made. We are working on next year's curriculum with those goals in mind.

May is a beautiful month and along with it comes many celebrations ~ and as we celebrate our Blessed Mother Mary may your hearts be filled with peace, joy and thanksgiving.

With God's Blessings,
Jackie Palermo

2010 "TORCH TOKEN" WINNERS

Congratulations to the following
Torch Token Winners:

April 4:	\$50	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Waters
April 11: (Easter)	\$100	Becki Lacayo
April 18:	\$50	Angie Causey
April 25:	\$50	Mary & John Connolly

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE
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**E-mail articles to Theresa Berger at
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the school office**