

WILDCAT NEWS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



September 2009

From the Principal...

This school year began with 2 outstanding weeks! Blessings from Father Jose and Father Seiwert at our Opening Ceremonies gave us all the inspiration for a happy, healthy and successful school year. We have invited Father Jose and Father Seiwert to always feel welcome in our classrooms to share in the joys our student's experience.

Thank you to all who attended our 1st annual "Wildcat Mass and Bar-B-Q". Those who attended spent time catching up with summer stories and renewing friendships. Even though we have all been praying for rain, it was a beautiful evening both in the café and on the patio.

Please read the following items carefully – they need immediate attention:

- ~ The ONLY drive thru drop off and pick up area is in the back of the church. At all other areas, children must be escorted on to the campus. This is especially important in the mornings. Mass will now begin at 8:00am Monday through Thursday and traffic alertness is critical. For the safety of all our children please adhere to our policies.
- ~ We welcome any and all parents, grandparents to have lunch with their children. However, if you will be purchasing the hot lunch from Miss Cindy, please notify her so she is prepared for the extra plates. The extension for the cafeteria is 121 or you may call Stacie or Pat in the school office.

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IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE:

<u>September 2009</u>	
1	Soccer Game-Away Volleyball Games-Home Jr. High Youth Group-Parish PTC Board Meeting
2	"Muffins in the Morning" for Parents Volleyball Games-Home
3	Spiritual Life Committee Meeting-Café "Opera in the Schools"-Gym Family Read Night-Library
4	<u>K-8th 2PM Dismissal/CDC Open until 6PM</u> School Liturgy Scrip Orders Due
5-6	Scrip Sales after Masses
7	<u>No School/CDC Closed (Labor Day)</u>
8	Volleyball Games-Away Jr. High Youth Group-Parish
9	K-8th Individual Pictures-Pastoral Center Homeroom Parents Meeting Athletic Team Pictures-After School in Gym CiCi's Pizza Night (Forum) Soccer Game-Home
10	Pre-K Individual Pictures-CDC Volleyball Games-Home Cross Country Meet-OLPH Wildcat Invitational
11	School/CDC Liturgy Progress Reporting Period 1 Ends
12-13	School Endowment Presentation-All Masses
14	Spirit Dress PTC Meeting Night-Café 7PM Sexual Misconduct Training-Café after PTC Mtg. Tuition Reduction Fundraiser Ends
15	Volleyball Games-Away Cross Country Practice Meet-Away
	15th contd.
	Jr. High Youth Group-Parish Halloween Carnival Parent Meeting
16	Progress Reports Period 1 Distributed Little Flowers/Virtues Club Meetings Soccer Game-Home School Council Meeting
17	Development Committee Meeting Soccer Game-Home Volleyball Games-Away
17-19	A Team Volleyball Tournament-St. Lukes
18	School/CDC Liturgy
21	Soccer Game-Home Cross Country District Meet-Away Volleyball Games-Away Parent Safe Environment Training-Church
22	8th Grade Parent/Student BBQ/Mtg.-Cafe Jr. High Youth Group-Parish
23	Soccer Game-Away Volleyball Games-Home
25	School/CDC Liturgy
24-27	A&B Teams Volleyball Tournaments- St. Mary Magdalen's
28	Volleyball Games-Home
29	High School Visits-Central and Providence Halloween Carnival Parent Meeting Jr. High Youth Group-Parish
30	Soccer Game-Home Volleyball Games-Away Parent Safe Environment Training-Cafe
	<u>October 2009</u>
2	<u>2PM Dismissal/CDC Open until 6PM</u> School/CDC Liturgy Scrip Orders Due

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School Council President:

John Trayhan

PTC Board President:

Monica Hoover



Child Development Center (CDC) Corner

From the Director..

As we move past our first few weeks of school and routines are falling into place. I want to once again thank you for supporting and entrusting us with your child's early education.

Please Remember:

- **Our Center is open form 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.
- Notify the CDC office of any address, job, or phone number changes.
- Label everything...lunch boxes, book bags, articles of clothing, nap items, etc. with your child's name.

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are a team working together in this very important ministry.

Thank you,
Claudia Ogrin

Campus Clean-Up Day

A huge thank you to all the volunteers that participated in the annual back to school campus clean-up day. Our building and surrounding grounds look absolutely beautiful!

CDC Picture Day

CDC picture day will be Thursday, September 10th. Every child will have his/her picture taken even if no purchase is made. Order/pricing packets will be sent home prior to picture day.

First Mass for CDC Students

CDC students will be attending their first School/CDC Liturgy on Friday, September 11. Please have your child in the classroom no later than 8:10 am on all Mass days. We leave promptly for the church at 8:15 am. If you arrive after this time, you must walk your child to the church.

"Certificate of Training"

Sexual Misconduct Training, Safe Environment Training and a Criminal Background Check are an Archdiocesan-mandated programs to enhance the safety and security of our community. This training is mandatory for all individuals who volunteer or work at the Child Development Center, chaperone field trips, or have direct contact with any children. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Sexual Misconduct training is a one-time requirement for the CDC and/or school. Safe Environment training and a Criminal Background Check is required every three years.

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

Training sessions will be offered periodically throughout the school year. Listed below are the sessions available in September:

Sexual Misconduct Training (Video):

Will be shown immediately following the 7:00 pm PTC meeting on **Monday, September 14th.**

Safe Environment Training:

Monday, September 21st at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, September 4th—Scrip Orders Due

Monday, September 7th—CDC Closed (Labor Day)

Wednesday, September 9th—CiCi's Pizza Night

Thursday, September 10th—Individual Pictures

Friday, September 11th—First Mass for Pre-K

Monday, September 14th—

PTC Meeting

Sexual Misconduct Training

Tuition Reduction Fundraiser Ends

Monday, September 15th & 29th—Parent Halloween Carnival Meetings.

Monday, September 21st and Wednesday, September 30th—Safe Environment Training.

PTC CORNER:

Open PTC Board Positions

The PTC Board is still in search of a few parent volunteers to help fill the following positions:

Legislative Liaison

Fundraising Coordinator

PK4 Representative

Please consider sharing your time and talents to this rewarding ministry.

Questions or if you would like to volunteer, please call Monica Hoover at (210) 566-5436 or e-mail at laughngas@satx.rr.com.

Halloween Carnival Planning Meetings

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 15th and 29th at 7:00 pm in the school library. Anyone interested in helping with the carnival is encouraged to attend the meetings. Also, if your business would like to make donations for this event, please contact Mrs. Newquist in the school office.

Tuition Reduction Fundraiser

The tuition reduction fundraiser is underway. Please remember, 50% of all sale proceeds are used to reduce the amount of tuition owed. This fundraiser is optional, and offered as a direct benefit back to you. **The fundraiser ends, Monday, September 14th.**

First PTC Meeting

The PTC board members would like to invite you to attend the first PTC meeting of the school year, **Monday, September 14th at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.** Free childcare is available for children ages 3 and up.

Scrip Program

The Scrip Gift Card Program at OLPH allows families to place orders for gift cards for various vendors such as HEB, Wal-Mart, department stores, restaurants and entertainment items like movie tickets. Each vendor discounts the cards to us so the school in return receives a percentage of the amount purchased. The percentage varies by vendor. Remember, you get the full value of the cards purchased. The power of Scrip is participation. If all school families would participate at any level the small percentages earned would add up to thousands of dollars for our school. **HEB Cards are always available in the school office or CDC along with a limited selection of other popular cards.**

“CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING”

MANDATORY

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September 2009 safety program presentations (dates/times and locations):

Sexual Misconduct Training (Video):

Will be shown immediately following the 7:00 pm PTC meeting on **Monday, September 14th** in the cafeteria.

Safe Environment Training:

Monday, September 21st at 7:00 pm in the Church, presented by Mrs. Suzy Krisak, Parish Coordinator of Religious Education.

Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria, presented Mrs. Mary Newquist.

MEDICATIONS

(Over the counter or Prescription)

No student is allowed to keep any medication in their possession 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 completed and signed by a physician must accompany all medications,

(over the counter or prescription)

no exceptions.

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

SCRIP/HEB/TEXAS SHINE

Thank you for your continued support with these programs!

Monthly Scrip Order: The current monthly scrip gift card order will be due on Friday, September 4th. Order forms were sent in the August 26th “Wednesday Wildcat Family Folder” and you may also 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 September 5th and 6th. If you can help with these sales, please contact Alice Pfeiffer at epfeiffer@satx.rr.com.

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

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 continue bringing in labels, every label collected does make a difference!

Also, if you would like to help with this project. Please contact our Box Tops and Labels for Education Coordinator, Amy Glatt.

CLASS PIZZA PARTY

Congratulations 4th Grade! You won a pizza party for the highest attendance during the August 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, September 9th 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

The first Family Read Night will be held on Thursday, September 3rd. The library will remain open until 6:00 pm.

OLPH Library webpage - www.olphlibrary.pbwiki.com



K-8TH PICTURE DAY

K-8th picture day will be on Wednesday, September 9th. Every student will have his/her picture taken even if no purchase is made. Order/pricing packets will be sent home prior to picture day.

This day is a non-uniform dress day and all rules must be followed regarding **Non-Uniform Dress Days** as outlined on page 15 of the *Student/Parent Handbook*. Students are to follow the **Dress-Up Days** guidelines with the exception that blue jeans may be worn. Also, we ask that students only wear their school uniform (tennis) shoes.

In addition, all students must bring their P.E. uniform to school if scheduled for P.E. on this day.

ATHLETIC TEAM PICTURES

Fall athletic team pictures will also be taken on Wednesday, September 9th, after school. Remember your uniform and meet in the foyer of the gym.

LITTLE FLOWERS AND VIRTUES CLUB

The purpose of these clubs is to inspire an awareness and understanding of the virtues and a spirit of service to God and to others.

These clubs are open to all girls in grades 2nd-8th. We are asking girls to make a commitment to the study and practice of virtues presented throughout the entire year.

We will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, unless notified about a change. The meetings will be held on campus from 3:45 to 5:00pm.

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 16th.

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

SPANISH CLUB

Will be open to 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in Spanish I or II. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the culture and language. There will also be the opportunity to celebrate cultural traditions along with liturgical celebrations.

The first meeting is planned for Friday, September 18th with the time and location to be determined. Questions or if you are interested in joining, please contact Mr. Perez at perezm@olphselma.org or stop by Room 102.

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.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS: The season is underway and congratulations go out to the following girls:

A TEAM

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

B TEAM

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

BOYS and GIRLS SOCCER TEAM: The first game of the season will be held on Tuesday, September 1st and kudos to the following students:

Kayla Asadourian Adam Laskowski Michael McCabe Marcie Sanchez
Nick Blake Sean MacKay Chris Munoz Joe Steers
Jeffrey Despres Matthew Martin Matthew Nieves Jennifer Torrez
Madison Hoover Joe McCabe Travis Richie Patrick Trevino

BOYS and GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: 6th-8th grade boys and girls interested in joining the team are invited to come to the practices on Monday-Thursday, 3:45-5:00pm. This year our school will hold a “Wildcat” Invitational Meet on Thursday, September 10th! If you have any questions or are interested in joining the team, please contact Mr. Tomlin at tomlinj@olphselma.org

BOYS and GIRLS GOLF TEAM:

An informational parent/student meeting was held on Wednesday, August 26th. Ms. Claudia Ogrin will once again be heading up the golf team, and assisting her this year will be Mr. Eric Lopez, our new music teacher and *avid golfer*. All team members are to turn in their questionnaire to Coach Ogrin at the Child Development Center. If you did receive one, please stop by the CDC and pick one up.

Interested 6th-8th grade boys and girls may still join the team. If interested, please contact Ms. Ogrin at (210) 651-6819 or stop by her office. *Practices will be held Monday-Thursday at 4:00 pm at the Northcliffe golf course.*

**Fall Sport Team pictures will be taken after school on Wednesday, September 9th
Remember your uniform!**

SPIRIT TEAM

The team is doing a fantastic job leading the school with great enthusiasm and spirit. Look for the team at upcoming sports and special school events! Members are:

8th Graders:

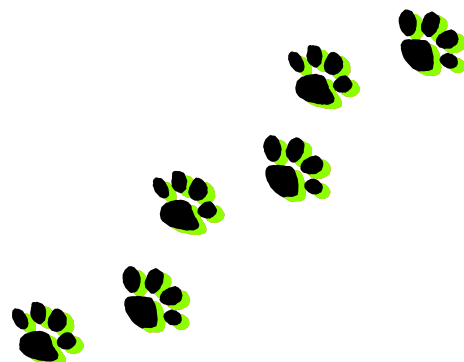
Allyson Grubbs
Tori Gutierrez
Christel Rudd
Larell Vela
Matti Warren

7th Graders:

Anastasia Clemons
Taylor Edgell
Megan Rhoads
Racquel Rodriguez
Jennifer Torrez
Caroline Zgabay

6th Graders:

Analyssa Acosta
MaryCate Ellis
Shona Hansen
Madison Hoover
Serina Kauffman
Hannah Marbach
Kyra Pham



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From the Principal...

The weekend of September 12 and 13 will bring a very special message to all the Masses. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School will introduce our newly established Endowment Fund to our Parish community. There will be an insert in the bulletin along with donation cards available at the Pastoral Center and the School office. This program will continue to build the future of this great school.

I personally thank you for your continued support of our school and for the many hours you dedicate to this community. Many of the projects we undertake throughout the school year would never be accomplished without your help. I encourage you to visit our school often and join in with the excitement we experience everyday.

With God's Blessings,
Jackie Palermo

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Are you interested in serving on the OLPH School Council? We currently have one opening for the 2009-2010 school year. Information on the OLPH School Council can be found on the school's website or call Lorrie Coles at 830-237-7244. Applications are available from Mrs. Palermo. Thank you!

The OLPH School Council is planning to begin the process of reviewing our existing **Strategic Plan** and creating a new five-year plan. The School Council is tasked with overseeing this mission but much help will be needed in conducting surveys, compiling information and formulating goals and how to achieve them. We are especially in need of persons who may have experience in long range planning but even more important is the desire to contribute significantly to the future direction of the school. We plan to start this process in September and finish by the end of this school year. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact John Trayhan at trayhan@satx.rr.com.

**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. Newquist as soon as possible.

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND**

An endowment has established to support only Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School.

- Only the interest derived from the principal (corpus) of the endowment can only be used to support the school.
- The endowment has been incorporated as a non-profit corporation with the Texas Secretary of State, and the incorporation documents are in our possession. The endowment has been designated at a 501(C)(3) tax exempt entity. All gifts, contributions, or donations are tax deductible.
- All directors volunteer their time to manage and direct the endowment. There are five elected directors, and two non-elected directors: The school principal and the pastor.
- Bylaws have been drafted, signed, and approved for the operation of the endowment.
- The endowment will be funded through memorial gifts, contributions, donations, and special events. All gifts will be acknowledge by the board.
- The tenure of the endowment is perpetual.

Elected Directors

Judy Cervera

Bernice Friesenhahn

Janice Hughes

Joyce Jones

Mike Vajdos

Non-Elected Directors

Fr. José De La Rosa, Pastor

Jackie Palermo, Principal

Additional information and contribution forms will be available during all Masses the weekend of September 12th-13th. Donations or contributions may also be made at any time by contacting any of the directors or by completing the contribution form and returning it to the Pastoral Center.

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**