



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

"Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School builds character and shapes tomorrow's leaders by delivering academic excellence in a Catholic faith based community."

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2016-17 Edition

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Upcoming Dates:

11/30
Conversation With Administration
8:15 am - Café

11/30
Honeybaked Ham Christmas Sale and Gift Card Order Forms go home

Contact Us

Phone: 210-651-6811

CDC: 210-651-6819

Website:
www.olphselma.org

Principal and Assistant Principal's Corner

Dear OLPH Community,

We trust that all had a Happy and Thanksgiving, and are somewhat rested after a long weekend of enjoying faith, family, friends, and fun.

As was emailed earlier this week, we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Amanda Miller as the new Assistant Principal! She is exactly the right person, who has proper blend of firm faith, sound educational background, and strong community relationships to fill this critical role as we head into our accreditation.

All will have the opportunity to speak with Amanda, as well as Ms. Ogrin, Mrs. Bryan, and myself when we host Conversations with Administration with a light snack on Wednesday, November 30 beginning at 8:15 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

Many thanks to those who assisted in our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, Honey Baked Ham and Turkey sales, and Wednesday's Advent Retreat Service. Also, our gratitude goes out to Miguel and Paty Gutierrez and family who graciously paid for the newly painted OLPH Bus. Please be sure to check out the OLPH Facebook site for photos of the newly painted bus and lettering, as well as updates from this past week's school events.

As we enter a new liturgical year, we also enter the season of Advent. Advent, which means, coming to/ towards, is a time when we wait expectant, with great anticipation and longing, for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we hear again the message of peace on earth and goodwill among all his people, we pray for the leaders of the nations, that all may be inspired to work together for the establishment of justice, freedom and peace the world over.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help...Pray for Us!

Please feel free to contact Mr. Burns at burnsf@olphselma.org or Mrs. Amanda Miller at millera@olphselma.org.

START STRONG, STAY STRONG, FINISH STRONG

Mr. Burns, Principal
Mrs. Amanda Miller, Assistant Principal

Catholic Life Ticket Sales

Winners in the Catholic Life Ticket Sales contest were:

CDC - Ms. Anna
3rd Grade – Mrs. Fleury
5th Grade – Ms. Ashworth

The next contest for Catholic Life Ticket Sales runs from today through Monday, December 5th. The homeroom that sells the most for CDC and Kinder through 3rd grade will win story time and cookies with Santa. The 4th through 8th grades will win Starbucks hot chocolate and cookies. In addition, they will win a special gift for their homeroom teacher.

See Your Photos in the Yearbook!

If you've taken photos of any school activity, we'd love to consider them for use in the yearbook. One easy way to send photos from your phone or tablet is through the Yearbook Snap app. Just download it and search for our school. Our access code is **olph**. You may also email photos to brookej@olphselma.org. Thanks for your help.



Dear OLPH School Account,

Black Friday and Cyber Monday are two of the busiest shopping days of the year. This is a great opportunity to increase Our Lady of Perpetual Help School- Selma TX- Endowment Fund's AmazonSmile donations by reminding your supporters to shop at smile.amazon.com.

Use the message and image below in email, social media, and on your website to spread the word to your donors, staff, and volunteers.

Support us when you shop on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. #StartWithaSmile at smile.amazon.com/ch/26-4627135 and Amazon donates to Our Lady of Perpetual Help School- Selma TX- Endowment Fund.

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School
HEB/GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Gift Cards make great gifts for Family, Friends, Neighbors,
Employees, Teachers, everyone!

Sold after Masses on Saturday and Sunday until Christmas
Available weekdays at CDC

HEB, Walmart, Target, Kohls, Home Depot, Lowes, American
Express, Academy, American Girl, Starbucks, Subway,
Panera Bread, Chilis, Outback, Wendy's, Taco Bell, and
many more! Come to table for full list!



CDC News

After School Activities in CDC building (unless otherwise noted):

Monday – Art Class at 3:45p

Tuesday – TOT Class (PK 2:30p)

Wednesday – Orchestra Class (violin & guitar) at 3:35p

Thursday – Stomp & Play Class (PK 3p & K 3:45p)

Friday - Dance (PK 2:45-3:30p & K/1 3:45-4:30p)

Chess Class at 3:45p (rooms 401/402 – portable behind the cafeteria)

CDC Inquiry List for 2017-2018

Are you interested in enrolling your child in the OLPH CDC K3 or K4 program? Please call the CDC Office (210-651-6819) before December 16th to be guaranteed a spot for the 2017-2018 school year. Children need to turn 3 &/or 4 by September 1st to be eligible. Enrollment begins on January 30th. Only current families with age appropriate children are eligible to be placed on the inquiry list at this time. The official list begins on January 9th.

St. Vincent de Paul

Calling All Wildcats to Support Their Community!

The OLPH St. Vincent de Paul Ministry needs our school support to feed the hungry in our community. Each week, families in need come to their door for assistance that includes putting food on the table. Please see the pantry request below and bring in your donation on Monday. Your gesture of care allows each student bringing a donation to wear jeans with their spirit shirt. Through October, your donations totaled just over 1,000 lbs of food! Go Wildcats! Thank you for your continued support of this vital program.

Our students are required to wear their approved school uniform everyday unless specifically told otherwise or for an upcoming special event (which info. will be relayed). **On Monday, November 28th** our students are able to wear their spirit shirt with their uniform bottom. (www.olphselma.org) or they can wear jeans and a spirit shirt if they bring in a bottle of syrup, 18 oz.

Future Requests:

Dec. 5 – Can of fruit, 15 oz.

Dec. 12 – Can of fruit cocktail, 15 oz.

Dec. 19 - Jar of peanut butter, 18 oz.

Spiritual Corner



About Advent Wreaths

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Taken from the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.org on their website

Snack Sale After School

The middle school cheerleaders are going to be selling water, Gatorade, and snacks after school Monday – Thursday from 3:30-3:50 in the courtyard. Everything will be \$1. Thank you for supporting the cheerleaders!

Keep Collecting Box Tops!

The next Box Top event will be a raffle to be held before Christmas vacation. Stay tuned to the newsletter for information. Please contact Michele Marroquin (ccnative@gmail.com) for information on the Box Tops program.

Notes

Newsletter submissions must now be submitted no later than Thursdays at noon to Joan Brooke. Items received after the cut off will not make it into the newsletter. Send submissions to brookej@olphselma.org
