



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:

12/09 Christmas Program, 7:00 pm

12/16 Family Movie Night, 6:00 pm

Contact Us

Phone: 210-651-6811

CDC: 210-651-6819

Website:
www.olphselma.org

Principal and Assistant Principal's Corner

Dear OLPH Community,

We had a great "Conversations with Administration" on Wednesday. Some highlights of the conversation include:

- o Mrs. Amanda Miller was introduced and gave opening remarks.
- o Covered school calendar for December - middle of January. Please see attachment.
- o Talked briefly on Title I Funding and those receiving services.
- o Talked briefly on Honor Roll and High Honor Roll, and that behavior grades were part of the selection. Please refer to Student/ Parent Handbook for details.
- o Question on how the WILDCAT Awardees were selected. Homeroom teachers collaborate and can nominate up to 2 ea per homeroom; names confirmed with Religion Department, Awards given for each letter of WILDCAT. More details are in the Student/ Parent Handbook for details.
- o Concern of how many tests there should be for the Summative assessment. We discussed that, during In Service Week, faculty agreed to at least two tests for summative assessment per quarter will be given.
- o Concern of test synchronization especially before Christmas.
- o Overall, there was satisfaction that homework issues have been properly addressed.
- o Concern of speed limit in parking lot - 5 mph, and cars still accessing the one-way entrance in front of the school.
- o Discussion on Concession sales, which was addressed separately.

Please remember that school Mass will be on Thursday, December 8th, to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Reception.

Also, on the last page of the newsletter, we have a new Student Corner which features some essays from our OLPH students. Please be sure to read them – one is on the Parish's new Multipurpose Educational Building, and the other is on Cheerleading.

We are looking forward to wonderful week.
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@olph.com.

START STRONG, STAY STRONG, FINISH STRONG

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

From the School Nurse:

A friendly reminder: (Page 14, section E, 1-7 of Student/Parent Handbook)

In order for any medication to be given by school personnel, the Medication Permission Request Form **must** be completed by the parent/guardian and the healthcare provider (MD, PA, NP, OD) **including "over-the-counter" medication**. This form is available in the school nurse's office. With the allergy and flu season upon us, please make yourselves aware of these requirements for student medications. These requirements are also part of the Archdiocese policy.

Please read Section E. I will not be able to give your child medication without the proper form with the medication.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School needs an audiometer. This piece of equipment is necessary to perform hearing screenings for our students. We do not own one. Since I have been the school nurse I have borrowed machines from other Catholic schools or the Texas Department of Health, or requested help from nursing schools in our city. I never know for sure if and when I would receive this help. My request is to any physician, audiologist, or medical supply sales person if he or she would be able to obtain a discount for us on this equipment. It is expensive and any help would be appreciated. The hearing screenings for this school year have been completed. Please let me know if you can help.

Catholic Life Ticket Sales

The contest for Catholic Life Ticket Sales runs 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. As an added bonus, the winning homerooms can win "Sub for the Day" for their homeroom teacher.

For every 20 tickets your child sells, their name will be placed in a drawing for free tuition!

Free Family Movie Night

Mark your calendar for Friday, December 16 to attend the Free Family Movie Night. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. with a visit from Santa and friends. Movies begin at 6:30. Kids can wear PJs and there will be a contest for the best PJs. There's a tacky Christmas sweater contest for adults, too. Pizza will be available through pre-order. Check this week's Wednesday folder for more details on the event and the order form for the pizza.

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.



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

Dear Parents,

The next couple of weeks will sure be busy. We will be attending Mass on Thursday the 8th as it is The Feast of Immaculate Conception. Please make sure your children are in their classrooms by 8am. There is no school Mass on Friday the 9th.

Music practice for our annual Christmas Program continues. This week our practices will be on the 6th and 9th at 9:30a. The children are really getting excited and have been working really hard to prepare. Our program will be held on Thursday the 15th at 10a in the Church. We look forward to seeing you there!

Santa is coming from the North Pole to visit on Tuesday the 6th and each child will have the opportunity to have their picture taken with him. Thank you to Mrs. Loehr and Santa for providing this opportunity for the CDC children.

Congratulations to Ms. Anna & Miss Christina's class for selling the most Catholic Life Tickets from the CDC. They enjoyed a refreshing snow cone this past Tuesday. Please keep selling those tickets as more rewards will be handed out.

May God watch over you and your family as we begin the Holiday Season.

Ms. Ogrin



Ms. Anna & Miss Christina's K3 class enjoying their snowcone party!

Congratulations! OLPH CDC was named the winner of the HEB Read 3 Book Drive Challenge. To celebrate National Literacy Month in September, the CDC collected 662 new & used books for children in communities that desperately need them. With the support of parents, staff & children, the CDC was named the San Antonio Region School Book Drive Champions and on 12/2 received \$1,000 to use toward a literacy initiative. Thank you to HEB and our supporters!

See the 12-4 Newsletter Pictures attachment to see pictures of the event.

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.

Sports Report

Both the Girls and Boys Teams placed 2nd this weekend at the St. Peter & Paul Basketball Tournament!



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, Dec. 5th** our students are able to wear their spirit shirt with their uniform bottom. Or they can wear jeans and a spirit shirt if they bring in a can of fruit, 15 oz.

Future Requests:

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

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

Jan. 9 – Box of baking mix, 40 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 goods 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 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!

Box Tops Christmas Raffle

The rules for the raffle are as follows:

1. Only the pink box tops will be allowed as entries (please, no Campbell's soup labels) .
2. Simply write the student's name & grade on back of box top. If the box top is too small, please adhere to a piece of paper and write the info on back of paper.
3. All labeled box tops can be submitted in an envelope or Ziploc bag. There will be a container in the office where box tops can be dropped off. Each teacher will have a bag to collect raffle entries, as well.
4. Raffle entries will be received beginning December 5th – December 15th (3:30pm). The raffle will take place on Friday, December 16th.
5. The CDC will have a separate raffle, so please keep their entries separate.
6. There is no limit on the number of entries. Students are allowed to win more than one prize. Prizes include, Christmas treats, books, toys, and more. All prizes have been donated by the Box Tops Coordinator. If you have any questions, please direct them to Michele Marroquin at ccnative@gmail.com.

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

The Student Corner

Student writings from the Journalism class

The New Addition to OLPH

by

Kyle Tarrillion

This building that everyone is so excited about it a one-story building that will provide classrooms for middle school students at OLPH. Workers have already cleared the land and are

starting moderate construction. We need this building because middle-school students are currently located in the portables which are getting close to their end of their life-cycle, given the fact that they have been there for over twenty years.

From the students' perspective, this building will allow us opportunities for learning and will allow us a more suitable environment. Although, the next phase of the capital campaign project will cut into our playground space, we have to learn to take the good with the bad.

Different people in the school have different opinions about our new building. A group of students said, "The building will be a major improvement to our school."

Mr. Burns said, "This building is necessary for the growth of our school and parish." He also included, "The building will help the students grow spiritually, intellectually, socially, morally, emotionally and physically."

Overall, most staff and students will appreciate the new addition to OLPH.

Cheerleading

by

Sofi M.

Most cheerleaders take pride in their job. Their job is to keep pride in our school. They show people our team can win. Some say it's hard but some say it's a good challenge.

They help each other. Some consider everyone on the team a friend. Some say it's a circle of helpfulness. They try to get the crowd going.

Some say their favorite part is knowing accomplishment. Some say it's really fun. Some say it's worth it. Looks like the cheer team is the place to be.
