

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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## Upcoming Dates:

Jan 9 – Prayer service for Mr. Peter Deitschel, 1:00 pm

Jan. 14-Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Jan. 16 – School Holiday, Martin Luther King Day

Jan 17-Elementary Spelling Bee

Jan. 18 – All-School Spelling Bee

## Contact Us

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## Principal and Assistant Principal's Corner

OLPH Families,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Believe that in our lives we have all have felt joy/ elation as well all having felt sorrow/ pain.

This has been especially true for us as we work our way through the events of the past couple of weeks,

One of the better bible verses that reminds us of these events is found in **Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8**

### **A Time for Everything**

There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,

a time to plant and a time to uproot,

a time to kill and a time to heal,

a time to tear down and a time to build,

a time to weep and a time to laugh,

a time to mourn and a time to dance,

a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

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a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

Please remember to continue to keep the Marbach, Miller, and Deitschel Families in our thoughts and prayers.

As we continue to celebrate the closing of the Christmas Season, we are reminded of the right choice to become better.

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

**START STRONG, STAY STRONG, FINISH STRONG**

Mr. Burns, Principal

Mrs. Amanda Miller, Assistant Principal

Please feel free to contact Mr. Burns at [burnsf@olphselma.org](mailto:burnsf@olphselma.org) or Mrs. Amanda Miller at [millera@olph.com](mailto:millera@olph.com).

## CDC News

Dear Parents,

Can you believe we are in January? The holidays sure flew by! Welcome back for the new semester.

The CDC inquiry list will open to the public on January 9<sup>th</sup>, so if you know of anyone who is interested in OLPH CDC please inform them to come by or call as early as 7:00 am. The registration process for current students and younger siblings will take place towards the end of January. All current students will receive a registration packet for next year!

The school & CDC will be closed on January 16<sup>th</sup> in remembrance of Martin Luther King.

God Bless,

Ms. Ogrin

### **Thank You**

The family of Jerome Marbach wishes to thank all of you for all your kindness, love and support during this time of loss. Every act, kind word or gesture, however small or great, means more to us than we can ever express. We hold each of you in our hearts and offer thanks to God for your presence in our lives.

Jerome touched many lives in his humble, strong and loving way. He will be remembered most for the love that he shared with all. He will be greatly missed but his love will continue to be felt in all those touched by him.

### **The 2017 Spelling Bee**

The classroom spelling bees will be held between Jan. 9-17, as decided by the teacher. The elementary bee will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 18 and the all-school bee will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19, both at 8:30 am in the Pastoral Center. The top three winners of the elementary bee will participate in the all-school bee. Parents will be welcome to be in the audience. Please, no young children.

The regional bee will be held on Feb. 18, 2017 at San Antonio College. In addition to the opportunity to participate in the regional bee, our top speller and alternate will win a free, one-year subscription to Britannica Online. Please contact your child's teacher or Joan Brooke in the library if you have questions.

## OLPH Students Compete

Sixth grader Amy and seventh grader Austin Murray recently participated in the Bexar County 4H Junior Livestock Show contest on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. Amy placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Others division for her photograph, as well as 4<sup>th</sup> in the fudge category and 6<sup>th</sup> in the quickbreads category. Austin placed 6<sup>th</sup> for his photo entry in the landscape/architectural elements division. Congratulations to you both!



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## 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, Jan.9<sup>th</sup> 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 **box of baking mix, 40 oz.**

### Future Requests:

Jan. 23 – Can of chili w/o beans, 15 oz.

Jan. 30 – Bag of pinto beans, 32 oz.

Spiritual Corner

Dear Principal, School, CDC Faculty and Staff, Parents and Kids,

Prayerful Greetings from Deacon Praveen Lakkiseti. Through this card, I express my sincere gratitude for your support. My experience and learning with you all at school has been very enriching. You have made my learning a pleasant one here at OLPH. Continue to pray for me as I journey toward Priesthood.

Be assured of my prayers for you all!

Thank You,

Deacon Praveen Lakkiseti

## Christmas Time

Taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts, and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him...including the fact that he was born to die for us.

The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends as a way to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.

I thought this was beautifully written and well explained so I decided to give it to you as written in its entirety.

Sister Clementine

## 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!

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### Notes

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

## The Student Corner

Student writings from the Journalism class

Will return next week!

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