

Wildcat News

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School



From the Principal

August 2007

Dear Parents,

We welcome back all the families whose children were enrolled in OLPH School last year and extend a sincere welcome to all whose children are just entering our school community. We are beginning another year of shared responsibility in building Christian values and educational skills in the young people God has placed in our care.

The unique partnership developed between parents and school staff has been a fundamental reason for the success of our school program. We appreciate your ideas, your cooperation in helping with many activities, and your support. As role models for our students, you are far more important than you may have realized.

We adults are "on stage" much of the time, and the way we respond to situations certainly affects our children. Those of you who can take an active part in our home-school partnership by volunteering become role models for other students as well as your own children. When you are able to do this, you fulfill a need; you show your child that you value school; and you also learn more about your child's life away from you. Whether you can be available a few hours each week or only occasionally, there are many opportunities for you to share in our activi-

ties. Please talk to your child's teacher, contact the PTC Officers, or come to the school office. You are vital members of our school community.

Terry Taubert

OLPH SCHOOL CLEAN-UP DAY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH
8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars. Everyone is welcome to OLPH School Clean-up Day on the morning of Saturday, August 11th. Come to the school and help the teachers get ready for the school year, weed the playground areas, minor painting, etc. Bring some rags, buckets, sponges, cleaning brushes, and garden tools. Middle school students can also earn service hours. A complimentary breakfast will be served. Also, your student's homeroom assignment will be posted this day.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT/STUDENT
ORIENTATION, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST
15TH 7:00 p.m.

and
GRADES 1-8 NEW PARENT/STUDENT
ORIENTATION, THURSDAY, AUGUST
16TH 7:00 p.m.

Parents should drop their children off at the Library and then proceed to the cafeteria. After a brief presentation, you and your child may visit your new teacher and classroom. You are invited to bring any school supplies with you so the first school day will be a little easier.

OLPH SCHOOL CONTINUES TO GROW!

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we have been busy with many projects and activities to continue our standard of excellence at OLPH School—A National Blue Ribbon School. We are recognized as one of the premier schools in the Archdiocese of San Antonio, and this is due to the dedication and commitment of the students, parents, staff, and community. But there is always room for improvement, and some of the enhancements accomplished this summer (or will be completed before school starts) include:

- The main hallway of the Administration Building has been refurbished.
- The restrooms in the Administration Building have been completely renovated.
- The restrooms in the courtyard have been completely renovated.
- New security lights will be installed throughout the campus.
- A perimeter fence will be installed around the playground area.
- All school doors will be equipped with more secure locks.
- All school windows will be equipped with interior, quick-release locks.
- New desks in the 4th grade.
- New tables in the Kindergarten classrooms.

GRADES K-8 OPEN HOUSE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17TH

1:30-3:00 p.m.

All returning students are invited to come and meet your new teachers and visit your classroom for this school year. Also, please bring your school supplies with you. This will make the first day of school a little easier.

OPENING DAY PRAYER SERVICE

MONDAY, AUGUST 20TH

9:30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us as we begin the

- Bleachers will be installed in the gymnasium.
- Shelves are installed in the Primary Building hallway to display student work.
- The Library has been painted and new carpet installed.
- Committees have met to organize successful fundraisers, liturgies, strategic planning implementation, crisis planning, and academic enhancements to our curriculum.
- We are in the process of purchasing a computer cart to house our new student laptop computers.
- We have accelerated our Math curriculum beginning in 3rd grade.
- New Math textbooks have been ordered for the middle school.
- Geometry has been added as an 8th grade Math option.
- Journalism, Nutrition/Wellness, Orchestra, and Band have been added as middle school enrichment courses.

It has been a team effort to set the stage for a smooth beginning when the students return on August 20th. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful 2007-2008 school year.

school year with a prayer service led by our new pastor, Msgr. Pat Marron. The entire school will meet outside the Pastoral Center.

CiCi's PIZZA NIGHT (IN THE FORUM)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22ND

BEGINNING AT 4:00 p.m.

Come and join the school community for an evening of food, fun, and conversation. CiCi's donates a portion of all sales that evening to the school. The class with the highest attendance will receive a pizza party. See you there!

PARENT ORIENTATION
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2007
7:00 p.m.

This is a night for all parents to attend (new and returning). It is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers as well as learn about classroom procedures, homework policies, discipline plans, and school programs, organizations, and initiatives. I would highly encourage all parents to attend this event; it would mean a great deal to your child and allow us to work together for their

SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

Classes will be from 8:10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. beginning the first day of school.

- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Students meet in the Child Development Center
- 8:00 a.m. Classroom doors open; students go to classrooms
- 8:05 a.m. First bell rings; parents depart classrooms
- 8:10 a.m. Tardy bell rings; classes begin with prayer and pledge

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

The Extended Day Program is open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All students arriving before 7:45 a.m. and/or remaining after 3:45 p.m. (or 15 minutes after early dismissal) will be enrolled in the Extended Day Program. Those students arriving at the CDC after 7:45 a.m. are not charged through the Extended Day Program. For more information, contact Ms. Claudia Ogrin at 651-6819.

development.

Parents of students in grades K-5 should report to homerooms at 7:00 p.m.

Parents of students in grades 6-8 should report to the Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

For families with more than one child, these orientations will be repeated at 7:50 p.m.

Sorry, babysitting will not be available this evening. If circumstances dictate, you may bring your children to the orientation.

- 3:25 p.m. Kindergarten dismissal
- 3:30 p.m. Grades 1-8 dismissal
- 3:30-6:00 p.m. Students meet in Extended Day classrooms

PLEASE NOTE: In the mornings, parents should not enter classroom buildings before 8:00 a.m., and should leave the classrooms promptly as the first bell rings at 8:05 a.m. At the end of the school day, parents are also asked to wait for their children outside the school buildings.



ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER CHANGES

If there is a work/home phone number or address change, please notify the school office immediately.

MEDICATIONS

No student is allowed to keep any medication during the school day; therefore, all medicine must be brought to the 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, available in the school office, must accompany all medications.

HEALTH NEWS

Immunizations required by the Texas Department of Health must be observed for children to attend OLPH School.

Students should remain at home when they exhibit the first symptoms of a disease. Guidelines to use include oral temperature of 100 degrees or above; vomiting, nausea or severe abdominal pain; drowsiness or malaise; sore throat; acute cold; red, inflamed, or discharging eyes; acute skin rashes or eruptions; swollen glands around the jaws, ears, and neck; earache; suspected scabies or impetigo; any skin lesion in the weeping stage; head lice; or other symptoms of acute illness.

When a student in school is suspected of having a communicable disease, he/she will be separated from other students until he/she can be sent home. Additionally, parents must inform the school when their child contracts any communicable disease so we can accurately complete our health reports. Examples of communicable diseases include chicken pox; fifth disease (slapped face fever); hand, foot, and mouth disease; impetigo; pink eye (conjunctivitis); and strep throat.

CAFETERIA NEWS

Cafeteria service will begin the first day of school. A menu will be included in each monthly newsletter so you can plan which days your child will eat a hot lunch in the cafeteria. Lunch and beverage prices remain the same as last year: lunch-\$2.50, beverage-\$0.40. Please ensure sufficient funds are deposited in your child's lunch account. Adults may also purchase lunches for \$3.00 and eat with their children in the cafeteria. Please notify the cafeteria staff before school of your intention to eat lunch so they can prepare the correct amount of food. You may also bring lunches for yourself and your children.

We welcome the entire cafeteria staff and thank them for supplying our students (and staff) with delicious and nutritional meals.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

A huge Wildcat Welcome to all new members of our faculty for this coming year.

Mrs. Caryle Smith: Kindergarten Teacher's Aide

Mrs. Mary Stanley: 2nd Grade Teacher's Aide

Mrs. Jennifer Inman: 3rd Grade Teacher's Aide

Mrs. Georgianna Braud: 3rd Grade Teacher's Aide

Mrs. Deborah Bloomingdale: 4th Grade Teacher

Mrs. Cindy Rudd: 4th Grade Teacher

Mrs. Kathy Tackett: 6th Grade Teacher

Mrs. Christina Fox: Music Teacher

Mrs. Frances Carnot: Technology Teacher

Mrs. Judy Gallucci: PK4 Assistant

Mrs. Marie Lemm: Cafeteria

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Dear OLPH Families:

We would like to thank each and every one of you for your support this summer. The outpouring of offers to help was very touching and overwhelming. We couldn't have gotten through this difficult time without all of you. The monetary donations, gift cards, and meals have nourished, sustained, and strengthened us to face doctors and treatments. Your prayers have renewed our faith and hope. We are forever grateful that we belong to such a loving and giving community. Please continue to lift our family up in prayer as this will be a long, and at times, a difficult road to travel. But with your continued support, we will get through this ordeal. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sue, Dave, Michael, Marc, and
Matthew Slater

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHOOL YEAR 2006-2007

REVENUE

Income	1,481,569.99
Miscellaneous	35,156.97

TOTAL REVENUE	1,516,726.96
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EXPENSES

Salaries	897,927.93
Contracted Services	44,163.70
Insurance	142,457.91
Employee Benefits	108,051.20
Supplies	65,740.26
Programs	18,964.20
Printing	17,665.46
Repairs	113.69
Utilities	51,407.26
Continuing Education	10,761.47
New Equipment	14,390.85
Other Expenses	19,370.51
Assessments	10,912.50

TOTAL EXPENSES	1,401,926.94
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NET INCOME	114,800.02
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