



## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

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### Principal and Assistant Principal's Corner

Dear OLPH Families,

“Our life is a gift to us from the Creator. What we choose to do with that life is our gift back to Him.”  
– Billy Mills. Billy Mills is Native American, former Marine, an unknown athlete; yet, he earned the gold medal at the 1964 Olympics in the 10,000 meter run. Today’s Gospel from Mark encourages us to have humility and acknowledge that which may hinder how we accept God in our lives,

The 1st Quarter Progress Reports were sent out Wednesday. If a conference is needed prior to the ones scheduled at the end of October, please contact the appropriate teacher.

We were fortunate in that the weather has somewhat cooperated, and we were able to get in our outside athletic events for the school and CYO. Whenever our student-athletes are on the fields of friendly strife, we may think that it is all about physical development; however, all in that we do it affects our character- spiritually, intellectually, socially morally, emotionally as well. The football team played hard again on Thursday with 12 players and continue to display grit at all times.

#### *Upcoming Dates*

*10/1 Wear Something Orange*

*10/3 Health Screenings*

*8<sup>th</sup> Gr. To Providence/CCHS*

*Blessing of the Animals, PC*

*Court, 3:45*

*10/4 Coach D Day – Wear Your Shirt*

We have a few events in October – The Parish Festival and the School & CDC’s Halloween Carnival. We will be asking for support for each event to make them successful community events.

Thank you for all you do for OLPH!

Faith > Fear.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help...Pray For Us.

Francis Burns

Amanda Miller

Principal

Assistant Principal

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apple life cycle. However, the question still remains, who really was this mysterious man?



Grand Knight, Ed Nicola, of the Knights of Columbus Council 6856, Selma, presents a check to OLPH School Principal, Frank Burns, for the 3rd grade building to replace their Air Conditioning system. This \$5,000 gift is only one of many ways the Selma Knights support the OLPH School. GK Ed Nicola is joined by Br. Tom Minkley, Council Recorder, and the full class of 3rd graders who will benefit.



### Johnny Appleseed

By: Blayne & Noah

This past week, a stranger visited the school and told tall tales to the 1st graders. His name was Johnny Appleseed. Mr. Appleseed just happened to waltz in while the 1st graders were studying the

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### After School Activities in the CDC

\*Registration/information is available at the CDC

Mondays – Art (3:45p, ages 6+, Ms. Weems Art room in the Admin Building)

Tuesdays – TOT (2:30p, PK, CDC Bldg.)

Wednesday – Dance (2:45p PK & 3:45p, Kinder+, CDC Bldg.)

Wednesdays – Orchestra - Guitar/Violin (3:30p, Grades K-8, Music room in Admin Building)

Fridays – Stomp & Play (2:45p, PK, 3:30 Kinder, CDC Building)

Fridays – Chess (3:45p, 1st-8th grade, Mrs. Weems Art room in the Admin Building.

### Spiritual Corner

What are Some Benefits of a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration?

If you spend time in adoration in front of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist you can't help but develop a personal relationship with Jesus and grow in love and holiness. When we spent quiet

time with Jesus in adoration this quietness enables us to listen and recognize the voice of the Shepherd as He speaks to our hearts. Many who attended adoration report various miracles and healings. Parish communities experience increased Mass attendance, service of others, unity, and conversions, the return of fallen away Catholic, as well as vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Much joy and happiness will be seen in our lives if we take the time to be with our Lord in this most special Sacrament of his love for us. Through our time with Jesus we will grow into a faith filled community spreading love and holiness to everyone we meet along our journey to Him.

### St. Vincent DePaul Donations

10/1 Can of Condensed Soup, 11 oz.

10/8 Can of Progresso, 19 oz.

10/15 Can of Kernel Corn, 15 oz.

### Uniform Tip of the Week

At any time the student is in uniform on the school grounds or at school-sponsored activities – including extended care – the uniform must be

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worn in accordance with the uniform policy. Pants may not sag or be torn, ties on girls' blouses must be in loops, boys' shirts tucked in; sweatshirts may tie around the waist at recess.



### Counselor's Corner

#### Solidarity

*-Speak truth, judge well, make peace.*

Zechariah 8:16

October is the month that we are joining all the Catholic schools in the San Antonio Archdiocese in celebrating solidarity with a special focus on anti-bullying. To kick this off, students are encouraged to wear an orange shirt and/or an orange accessory (ex: socks, hair bow) on **Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. (All other Spirit Day dress code requirements apply - uniform bottoms, approved uniform socks and shoes.)

Students will be receiving lessons on solidarity/anti-bullying during the month of October.

Tina Teel, Counselor



### Fall Box Tops for Education Contest

~ The classroom that collects the most box tops will earn a Pizza Party.



~ Students may submit their valid box tops in plastic zipper bags or envelopes labeled with name &

grade. *Individual box tops do not have to be labeled.*

~ Contest dates: **September 24, 2018 – October 12, 2018.**



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### Student Corner

*Writings from the Journalism Class*

#### **Rabbit Island**

By Sabrina Kennedy

Okunoshima- an island off Japan- has an unusual feature that couldn't be any more adorable. This island is infested with hundreds of rabbits! You can find these little creatures dwelling all over the island, but how did they get there? island, but how did they get there? For sixteen years, beginning back in 1929, the island had a hidden secret kept from everyone, even residents. Okunoshima had a chemical plant

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that was manufacturing gas for the Japanese Army. Then, in 1945 at the end of World War II, documents about the chemical plant were unfortunately destroyed, and no one was allowed to speak of the project.

There are many theories about the rabbits, the most common being that they were used as victims to test the mustard gas that was being provided by the chemical plant.

Whatever the reason may be, the rabbits that live on every inch of the island add a sparkle of positivity to the eerie atmosphere of Okunoshima. So, were the rabbits really used as test victims? Or are they there to blind us from Okunoshima's dark past?

[The Mystery of Rabbit Island by Great Big Story](#)

### **What's the Difference Between Cross-Country and Track?**

By John Reilly

At first, I wondered this myself. Now, I took both sports. When you think of cross-country, you may think of long-distance running and you're right. When you think of track, you may think of running in a line to a certain line. Well the difference is in cross-country, hundreds of boys and girls run at once. (Boys and girls run separately, like in track). In track, long-distance running is optional. You can choose to do shorter distances, meaning you don't need to run around the track.

Also in cross-country you sometimes push people down, unlike track. Another difference is in cross-country you need to go a little slower than usual because you need to save energy. Track is mostly all-out sprint. In track, you can do several events, while in cross-country, you mainly do only one long run. These are some of the differences in cross-country and track.

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