



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

16075 N. Evans Road
Selma, Texas 78154-3824
Phone (210) 651-6811; Fax (210) 651-5516
email: info@olphselma.org; website: www.olphselma.org

December 9, 2018

Principal and Assistant Principal's Corner

Dear OLPH Families,

This past week, we started the liturgical season of Advent with an in-school Advent retreat. This was our way of "Prepare thee the way of the Lord." In the Gospel reading, we hear of John the Baptist, who reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas."

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/second-sunday-of-advent-cycle-c-sunday-connection>.

Thank you for your continued support of our winter sports teams for the middle school and CYO athletes. And speaking of sports, it was great college football game on Saturday, as Army "sang second" after their victory over Navy.

We had a wonderful turnout on Saturday, at the OLPH MOMS Group family bowling event at Bracken Bowling, and friendship and fellowship were enjoyed by all! Many thanks to all who attended the event, and to the MOMS group for sponsoring the event – including Laura Hilbig, Megan Gonzales, Shelley Saffran, Tammy Aguilera, Michelle Theiss, Lisa Friesenhahn (securing the venue), Wayne Hilbig & Andrew Luther - for the

Upcoming Dates

- 12/10 Dinosaur George Performance
K-2, 1p, 3-5, 2 p, Gym
Happy Birthday, Mrs. Moy!
(Not shown on the Dec. calendar)*
- 12/11 Saints Bowl, Café, 8:30a*
- 12/13 Wildcat Worship Team sings at
Selma City Council, 6:30*
- 12/14 SAMMS Ministry, 2:45, Gym
K-2 Christmas Concert, 7p*

food, and Craig Friesenhahn – the Bowling MC, who kept the balls rolling and pins dropping, as well as Deacon Sean Dooley who assisted up as Santa.

We are fortunate to have Mr. Larry Kapavik assisting us in working to get our school bus "on the road again." Thank you for your efforts!

The Wildcat Worship Team and Handbell ensemble will perform this Thursday evening prior to the Selma City Council Meeting, and then will join the

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



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

16075 N. Evans Road
Selma, Texas 78154-3824
Phone (210) 651-6811; Fax (210) 651-5516
email: info@olphselma.org; website: www.olphselma.org

December 9, 2018

K-2 students on Friday evening for annual Christmas concert in the church (sanctuary). We are looking forward to both events, and enjoying all the work that Mrs. Nine and the students have put into the program.

As a reminder, next Monday, the 17th, is Pajama Day for those students who sold and turned in all their Catholic Life Raffle Tickets by the Monday following Thanksgiving Break.

Thank you for all you do and continue to for OLPH.

Faith>Fear

Francis Burns

Amanda Miller

Principal

Assistant Principal



Mr. Burns Greets Santa

News from the CDC

Dear Parents,

The children continue to do a great job of working really hard to prepare for their Christmas Program. Our program will be held on Thursday the 20th at 10a in the Church. Order forms for DVDs of the program were sent home last week in the Wednesday blue folder. If you need an order form please see Ms. Kennedy at the front desk.

We had a wonderful visit with Santa this past week. He really took the time to speak with each child and make them feel special!

The last day to turn in donations for the SAMM's Ministry is this Friday, December 14th. Pre-K has been asked to provide children's character-themed pajamas, children's underwear, socks or mittens. Please follow your heart and graciously donate what you can. We have already had some wonderful items placed under the CDC tree!

Our K3 and K4 Classroom Christmas Parties will be held on Friday, December 21st at 9a. The cafeteria is closed on this day so children who stay past 11:15a must bring a sack lunch and drink.

Just as a reminder the CDC will be closed from December 24th through January 4th. Classes will resume on Monday, January 7th.

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



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

16075 N. Evans Road
Selma, Texas 78154-3824
Phone (210) 651-6811; Fax (210) 651-5516
email: info@olphselma.org; website: www.olphselma.org

December 9, 2018

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please contact the CDC office at 210-651-6819.

God Bless,

Stephanie Dunne, Director

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 (3:00 pm, CDC Building)

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

Spiritual Corner

December 9 – St. Juan Diego

December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Juan Diego, of Indian decent, was born in 1474 in Cuahtitlan, Mexico, and lived as a weaver, farmer and laborer. In 1531, the Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego and asked him to request from the bishop that a church be built so that all would know of her love, compassion, help, and defense, and would call her in their need. In his humility, he did this, but at the bishop's request, asked for a sign. The following day, St Juan Diego, although distracted and delayed by his uncle's illness, encountered the Blessed Mother who consoled him, "Am I not here, I who am your mother"! She gave him the sign to present to the bishop; an abundance of flowers unseasonably in bloom, imprinted permanently and beautifully on his mantle with the Virgin's image! The bishop and all with faith believed!

Juan Diego Because of the Juan Diego's humility and cooperation, through God's grace, Our Lady of Guadalupe influenced the conversion of over 9 million to Catholicism of native Mexican people, only 20 years after Christianity was introduced to the land by the Spanish.

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



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

16075 N. Evans Road
Selma, Texas 78154-3824
Phone (210) 651-6811; Fax (210) 651-5516
email: info@olphselma.org; website: www.olphselma.org

December 9, 2018

“Am I not here, I who am your mother”! Our Lady of Guadalupe

“I am a nobody, I am a small rope, a tiny ladder, the tail end, a leaf.” – Saint Juan Diego

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

12/10 Bottle of Syrup, 18 oz.

12/17 Box of Baking Mix, 40 oz.



Ministries helping Ministries - OLPH Middle School Basketball players assisted St. Vincent dePaul with some yardwork this week.

From the School Nurse:

From the 2018-2019 Student-Parent Handbook: (pg.21 & 23)

Students are not allowed to carry **any** medication at any time, including "over-the-counter" medications and throat lozenges. Only medication that is necessary for a student to remain in school will be given during school hours. 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 health care provider, including "over-the-counter" medication (ie; ibuprofen, acetaminophen, ointments, cold tablets, cough drops, allergy medications, sunscreens, etc.) Use of essential oils and insect repellants are not permitted in school.

Thank you for your support.

Christ's Peace, Nurse Beth

Uniform Tip of the Week

Makeup/Perfume

Makeup and fingernail polish are not to be worn by anyone in grades K-6. Light makeup, consisting of

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



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

16075 N. Evans Road
Selma, Texas 78154-3824
Phone (210) 651-6811; Fax (210) 651-5516
email: info@olphselma.org; website: www.olphselma.org

December 9, 2018

light foundation or powder, clear lip gloss and natural colored mascara are allowed in grades 7 and 8. If makeup is deemed too dark or heavy, the student will need to remove the makeup. Clear fingernail polish may be worn in grades 7 and 8. Fake or acrylic fingernails are not allowed.

Perfume and Cologne: Due to allergies, the use of perfume, scented hand gels and cologne is not allowed.

This holiday, make a difference while you shop
 Shop for holiday gifts and supplies at smile.amazon.com and Amazon donates
 You shop. Amazon donates.
 amazon smile



Student Corner

Writings from the Journalism Class

On the Way to On the Grind



Written by: Isabella Marin

Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to Our Lady of Perpetual Help School- Selma TX- Endowment Fund when you do your holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/26-4627135.

*Amazon is offering free shipping on **all** orders for the holidays.*

On the Grind is a coffee place. It is just a trailer and you go through drive through. They have one in New Braunfels and one in Universal City. On the Grind is not a very common place where people would get coffee. They would instead go to Starbucks. But On the Grind has some really good drinks.

Their drinks can either be hot, iced, or blended. One of my favorite drinks is the Grinder. Their other choices are carmelo, Hawaiian, Coconut Joy, Cinnabomb, Sandlot, Grasshopper, Mexican

... character and shapes tomorrow's leaders by delivering academic excellence in a Catholic faith based community."



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

16075 N. Evans Road
Selma, Texas 78154-3824
Phone (210) 651-6811; Fax (210) 651-5516
email: info@olphselma.org; website: www.olphselma.org

December 9, 2018

Mocha, White Chocolate, Big Tex, 6 Shooter, and Chai Latte. You can order these drinks in small, medium, or large.

I would really recommend On the Grind to those people who are tired of their everyday coffee place and want to try something new.

The Caffeine House



Written by: Lily Reifenberg

If you are in love with Starbucks, it's not unusual at all. Lots of people go to Starbucks. In fact, about 500 people come into each Starbucks every day,

but by 2020 they are expecting 750 customers daily. So many people go to Starbucks that they make \$10.7 billion dollars a day and they have 16,850 shops in 40 countries. They first opened in 1971 and almost immediately people started flooding into their doors. But, unusually, the coffee wasn't the trick, the beans were. They only sold beans to make coffee and when people started rolling in so did the money, letting them get even better drinks.

Some of the most popular drinks at Starbucks are the vanilla latte, iced white chocolate mocha, and of course what brings most people to Starbucks, the pumpkin spice latte. The city that drinks the most Starbucks is Seattle, Washington. So many people enjoy Starbucks and I know that if Starbucks were to ever stop business billions of people would be crushed all around the world. So many new drinks are coming out for the holidays and I think everyone looks forward to trying those holiday drinks. I hope this article has taught you a little more about Starbucks, and I hope y'all visit Starbucks soon to try all the new drinks!!!

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

