



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

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Principal and Assistant Principal's Corner

Dear OLPF Families,

This weekend, we started the season of Advent. "Liturgically, Advent is the four-Sunday season before Christmas that carries out three essential tasks: It refreshes our memory of the Nativity of Jesus Christ two millennia ago, honors his continuing presence among us today in the sacraments, and raises a joyful expectation of his Second Coming." - The Catholic Thing, thecatholicthing@frinstitute.org

In addition to the above website, (The Catholic Thing), there are quite a few websites or feeds to which one can subscribe or go to in order to learn more about the faith. Listed below are a few to consider: <http://connectionsmediaworks.com/>
<http://www.usccb.org> <https://odb.org/>

Winter sports continue for our CYO and middle school athletes. Thank you to all who came out and supported the winter athletes and cheer team this past Friday for the Pep Rally. Thank you to Mrs. Katie Mora for running this, the cheer team's performance and spirit squad support, to Mrs. Kim Gonzalez for the music and sound, and the athletic department for their work for the event.

Upcoming Dates

- 12/2 First Sunday of Advent
- 12/3 Coach D Day – Wear Your Shirt
Advent Retreat
Poster Contest Entries Due
- 12/4 Bake Sale at Lunch
K3/4 Pictures With Santa, 9:30 am
- 12/6 St. Nicholas Day
- 12/7 Family Movie Night, 7 pm, Gym

Last day to RSVP for OLPF Family Bowling Party is tomorrow Monday Dec 3rd.

A pin "old fashion bowling" with pin setters, ugly sweater/ shirt contest, coloring contest for the kids, Christmas photo back drop and surprise visit from St. Nick. Please bring a side to share (brisket is the main dish).

The PTC will sponsor a family movie night at the gym this Friday where Shrek the Halls and Santa Paws will be shown. There will also be an ugly sweater contest that evening in-between movies, and a family pizza package, as well as soda, lickers & chewies, crunchie-munchies, sweetie-tooties,

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will be sold. On Saturday, the OLPH MOMS Group will also have a family bowling event.

As you may know, our school bus is currently inoperable, and is in need of an engine (5.9 Cummins Diesel, 12v, long head). We are researching all options to get the bus/ a bus fully operational as soon as we are able.

Lastly, remember these four words, in this sequence, on Saturday – GO ARMY, BEAT NAVY!

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

Faith > Fear.

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

Francis Burns

Amanda Miller

Principal

Assistant Principal

News from the CDC

Dear Parents,

The next few weeks will sure be busy. Music practice for our annual Christmas Program continues. The children are really getting excited and have been working really hard to prepare. Our program will be held on Thursday the 20th at 10a

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in the Church. We look forward to seeing you there!

Santa is coming from the North Pole to visit on Tuesday the 4th and each child will have the opportunity to have their picture taken with him. Thank you to Santa for providing this opportunity for the CDC children.

Our PTC Family Movie Night will be this Friday, December 7th at 6p. We will be showing Shrek the Halls and The Search for Santa Paws. This is a wonderful way to spend time with our school family. We hope to see you there!

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

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)



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Tuesdays – TOT (2:30p, PK, CDC Bldg.)

Wednesday – Dance (2:45p PK & 3:45p, Kindert+, 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.

Sacrament. Finally, we are to prepare for His second coming at the end of time.

Come Let Us Adore Him! Come, Lord, Jesus, Come

December 6 – St. Nicholas, was born in the third century in modern day Turkey to wealthy parents, but orphaned at a young age. Raised Christian, he lived out the words, “sell what you own and give the money to the poor”, by secretly using his inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He would perform acts of charity in secret, like hurling bags of money into windows, becoming known throughout the land for his generosity to all, but especially his love for children.

“The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic Gods giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves.”

St. Nicholas of Myra

Spiritual Corner

December Notes from Sister Clementine (Spiritual Life Committee)

*Advent - December 2-
December 23*

The season of Advent (Latin “to come to”) is a time of preparation of our souls, with three “comings” in mind. It refers, firstly, to preparing our hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. It also invites us to anticipate the coming of Christ in our lives at the present moment through grace and the reception of the Jesus in the Word and the Eucharist, and adoring Him in the silence of the Blessed



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December 8-Feast of the Immaculate Conception *Holy Day*

We honor the Blessed Mother this holy day where we recall that the Mother of Jesus had no original

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sin; "*the most Blessed Virgin Mary* was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, **preserved immune from all stain of original sin.** CCC 487-492

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death, Amen.

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

12/3 Box of Instant Oatmeal, 10 oz.

12/10 Bottle of Syrup, 18 oz.

12/17 Box of Baking Mix, 40 oz.

From the School Nurse:

Early Reminder: Students going into 7th Grade in the Fall 2019 will need the meningococcal and Tdap vaccines before the first day of school. This requirement is state law.

From the Student-Parent Handbook (pg.21):

Students are permitted to bring lip balm to school, such as Chap-Stick, Burt's Bees Wax, or Nivea. Lip balm must be clear and unflavored (No tints, no fragrance, non-medicated.)

K-4th Grades: must be placed in Ziploc bag marked with student's name and be given to homeroom teacher. **5th-8th Grades:** May have item with them.

Christ's Peace, Nurse Beth

Uniform Tip of the Week

A reminder about what the guidelines are for cold weather wear from the Handbook (p. 29-31).

- All outerwear (jacket, windbreaker, sweatshirt or cardigan sweater) for boys and girls must be solid navy. Outerwear may not have any logos other than the OLPH school logo/crest.
- Girls may wear tights in either solid black, navy, or solid white (not leggings unless documented by doctor excuse).
- Undershirt options are plain white, short-sleeved undershirt and solid black, navy, white, or gray, long-sleeved, crewneck/turtleneck undershirt (cold weather).

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- In order to participate in outside activities during cold weather, students must wear 1 layer (in addition to the standard uniform) if below 50°. If the temperature is below 45° students must wear 2 layers. An example of one layer is a solid navy cardigan, sweatshirt, windbreaker, or jacket. One thick jacket counts as 2 layers.
- Outerwear accessories are defined as gloves, scarves, or hats. Accessories need to be solid black, navy, gray or white. Gloves, scarves, hats, or the hoods on hooded sweatshirts will be removed upon entry of the building.

*** Please bring in any used uniforms before school breaks for Christmas.

Check the lost and found clothing before December 10th. Anything left after that date will be donated to the Used Uniform Sales.***

Bake Sale at Lunch

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Everything \$1.00

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

Student Corner

Writings from the Journalism Class

A California Nightmare No One Wants to Go Through

Written by Carolina Luna

In California there have been a lot of wildfires. A couple of days ago there was one of the worst wildfires California has ever faced. Right now there are 48 people who are dead but there are over 600 people still missing. The people got so scared that they started to run out in the open, but then that led to their death. It is so sad what is happening to

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these people that had so much to do with their lives.

The way this terrible fire started out was just a tiny brush fire. After a little bit, the fire turned into the worst fire in California history. While people were trying to escape the fire in cars, the fire devoured them and burned them inside their car. People who did drive through and survived this fire took videos and posted them to warn people to be careful. People who got stuck in their houses went straight to their bathrooms. They went there because they could turn on all the water appliances, such as the sink or the shower, but then they got trapped under all the debris.

This fire is still going on right now and only a bit has been put out. President Donald Trump went to California to sort this out this mess. The repair of the houses and cities that were destroyed would cost a lot. So many have died from this terrible fire and I hope that it will end soon. This is definitely a nightmare I wouldn't want to live through.

California

By Kaiden Rooks

My article is about California. The reason California is called the Golden State is because each summer grassy hills turn golden brown. The Golden State also has jagged mountains, sun baked, cool red wood forests and miles and miles of sandy beaches. California's weather depends on rain and

snow to provide them water all season and year. When rainfall is lower than usual, the reservoirs can't provide enough water to go around and help everyone with no water.

About 12,000 years ago the first people to come to the California area arrived from the Northeast. Somewhere between 200 and 500 different Indian nations, or tribes, eventually settled in California. Each tribe had its own language and own way of life.

Pioneers began moving west to California during the 1840 's. Stretches of desert and steep, rocky mountains were the hardest to cross. In 1846 a group of a lot of families from Illinois, organized by George Donner, loaded their wagons and also headed west. But soon after, the Donner party discovered that the shortcut actually took longer because it was so hard to cross. The shortcut was across Utah. They decided to try it out and it didn't work like they thought it would. These were some facts you probably didn't know about California history.

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