



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

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Dear Parents:

May the Glory of the Christmas Story fill your hearts with peace, warmth, joy and love. Have a Blessed Christmas.



All School Mass

The entire Student Body and the Faculty will celebrate School Mass on the following dates:

December 18th with the 6th grade serving as Liturgical Ministers

January 6th with the 5th grade serving as Liturgical Ministers.



Save a Tree

OLPH went "paperless" in September and began posting Wednesday Flyers on the OLPH website instead of sending home papers in the youngest child's backpack every Wednesday. Since September we have **saved approximately 16,800 sheets of paper!**

Come Lord Jesus

In the month of October, OLPH began its tenth year of the ***Come, Lord Jesus!*** program with our eighth grade students. The purpose of CLJ! is to provide students with an opportunity to grow in the understanding of our Catholic faith, to develop a deeper personal relationship with Jesus, to better prepare for participation in the celebration of the Sunday liturgy and to foster a spirit of community. The format of ***CLJ!*** consists of shared prayer, scripture reading and discussion, faith-sharing and community building. The focus of each weekly session is the gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday.

Each eighth grade class is divided into three smaller faith-sharing groups consisting of 10-12 students per group. Parent volunteers are trained to facilitate these weekly groups which last approximately 40 minutes. You will be hearing from our CLJ! groups in the future.

Website Links

[School Website](#)

[Teacher Websites](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Wednesday Flyers](#)

Important Dates

12/11	Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
12/16	2nd grade Christmas Musical 7 p.m.
12/18	Mass 10 a.m.
12/18	Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
1/6	Mass 10 a.m.
1/13	Grandparents prayer service 10:30 a.m.

December:

Discipline with Purpose

#3 Asking Questions, #7 Reason for Rules, #13 Initiating Solutions

Student Learning Expectation

Lifelong Learner

YMCA Aftercare

The program is held in Maguire Hall each day after school until 6 p.m. At present 19 students are using the service. All staff members are trained, have a positive attitude, background checked, fingerprinted and have the four character values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.

Sports Scores

The Sports Schedules and scores for the 7th and 8th grade Volleyball and Football teams can be found on the school Website under Athletics



Box Tops for Education

A big THANK YOU to all OLPH families who have clipped and sent in Box Tops for Education this semester. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents. Bonus Box Tops are worth even more! This month OLPH will be receiving a check in the amount of \$250.00. For a list of products that have box top labels go to www.boxtops4education.com. It's easy to participate: just clip the labels and send them in to the school office. Keep collecting!



SCRIP News

Just 4 more SCRIP Shopping days until Christmas break!

The Scrip elves will be in the front of the school selling SCRIP, Holiday Sees Candy, and Harkins Gift Wrapped Packages on the following 4 days before Christmas break:

- Friday, December 11th
- Tuesday, December 15th
- Thursday, December 17th
- Friday, December 18th

SCRIP is always also available through your child's classroom order forms.



Santa Bear Box
4 oz. \$6.00



Mini Holiday Fancy Box
4 oz. \$6.00

Harkins 2010 Loyalty Cups

\$20 each

Limited Offer – Going Quickly...



- Loyalty Cup – refillable for \$1 all year
- \$10 Harkins Movie Card
- Starburst and M&Ms
- Gift wrapped for your convenience!

Project Care

What is Project Care? Project Care is an eighth grade mother/daughter group dedicated to serving their community through volunteering, fundraising, and awareness. There are 24 eighth grade girls and their mothers that participate in this group.

Why was Project Care formed? A group of mothers felt that their daughters needed to be introduced and exposed to the needs of those less fortunate in their community and beyond. They wanted to foster unselfish acts of kindness and generosity in their daughters and engage them in community service.

What has Project Care accomplished so far? They have accumulated over 100 volunteer hours at Andre House (ministers to the homeless and poor population of Phoenix) through dinner service and sorting of donations and put together multiple care packages for troops stationed in Iraq. They have also raised \$600 for Nuestros Pequeños and \$350 for local animal shelters.

What plans does Project Care have for the remainder of the school year? Project Care will be sponsoring an eighth grade Christmas Dance that will benefit Toys for Tots and will carol at neighborhood retirement communities. Their work with Andre House and support of troops overseas will continue. They also look forward to new volunteer and fundraising opportunities. Lastly, they hope that future eighth (current seventh) grade girls will follow in their footsteps and Project Care's vision will continue.

If you are interested in participating with Project Care this year or with next year's new Project Care group, please contact Linnea Shiffra (602-751-3003), Amy Videan (602-762-0354), or Liz Sese (480-577-4732).

Classroom News

Kindergarten Classrooms

The Kindergarten classes are learning about the Advent tradition of the Jesse Tree. Each day they have been adding symbols to their own Jesse Tree. The symbols represent the ancestors of Jesus and remind us of the promises that God made to us.

Classroom 1A

During this beautiful season of Advent, the children in 1-A are preparing for the coming of the Savior. They are writing thank you notes to staff members who have helped them, they are participating in the Adopt a Family Program, and they are praying for the special intentions of their families. How pleased our heavenly Father must be with his little ones and their joyful spirit of giving as they await the birth of his Son.



3A and 3B Classrooms

Thanksgiving Centers were a great learning experience in third grade! Reading a recipe, measuring and mixing different ingredients to make a yummy harvest blessing mix. Writing a Thanksgiving card/making a placemat with a special message and a thanksgiving prayer. Enjoying a variety of books about the first thanksgiving, traditions and funny stories too. Solving math problems to color in a turkey. We are so proud of our third graders for being reverent and holy liturgical leaders during our November school Mass.

5TH Grade



During the month of November the 5th grade students became explorers with the goal of sailing a caravel to a destination of their choice in order to discover valuable resources to bring back to the Queen (i.e. Mrs. Higgins). In the process each group was assigned a Prince or Princess (like Prince Henry, the Navigator) to lead the expedition. Along with the Prince or Princess, students interviewed with their Prince or Princess for a job. Each group had shipbuilders, mapmakers, and a sea captain to help in the process and had a specific role and job. Some of their ships, maps, and navigational tools have been on display in the library.

Creativity is Cooking in Sixth

Grade



The sixth graders in Mrs. Greene's English classes have taken their knowledge of adjectives and become entrepreneurs and the results are amazing. Students created their own restaurant concepts and have gone cross curricular. In English class, they created descriptions, menus and advertisements for their establishments concentrating on using adjectives. In Computer class with Mrs. Sobczyk, they created their menu formats using Microsoft Publisher. They also created business cards and advertisements. In Art class with Mrs. Layne, they created 3D models of their restaurants while studying scale and perspective. The results are delicious!

Classroom 7B

"Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." (Isaiah 11:1)

As part of their study of Jesus, the 7th grade religion classes have explored the genealogy of Jesus. Mrs. Layne constructed a wall size Jesse tree for the students to adorn with their hand-crafted three dimensional ornaments representing the family tree of Jesus. It is on display in 7B.

