



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

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A message from Monsignor Tom

Dear Parents,

There are many things that make Catholic Schools unique – good education, prayers during the day, concern for others, community of people, good friendships formed, supportive parents and staff, etc. Besides what takes place at school, the actions of parents is of primary importance – supporting the school by seeing that their children do their homework, have enough rest to be alert at class, pray together as family, encourage private daily prayer and attend church on Sundays. Now that Lent is here it is a good time to review our spiritual lives and do something special in the way of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These three are the ideas presented in the Scripture readings on Ash Wednesday.

All School Mass

The entire Student Body and the Faculty will celebrate School Mass on March 3rd and March 17th at 10:00 a.m.

YMCA Aftercare

The program is held in Maguire Hall each day after school until 6 p.m. At present 22 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.

AN EVENING IN *Monte Carlo*

Students of OLPH are actively supporting the annual spring fundraiser by selling tickets for the \$5,000 raffle and sponsoring add-on dress up days to purchase items to commemorate the event. Be sure to buy tickets from your favorite student to help them earn a t-shirt!



Mission Choir Concert

The Mission Choir will be performing at the Mission, located on Brown Avenue, on Sunday, March 7, 2010. The Mission Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Davis will perform a patriotic concert will begin at 2 p.m. inside the Mission. Some of the selections that the choir will perform are: "Pledge of Allegiance", "You're My best Friend", "America of Thee I Sing", and "Let's Sing, America". Please plan on attending and supporting our OLPH School students.

Website Links

- [School Website](#)
- [Teacher Websites](#)
- [School Calendar](#)
- [Wednesday Flyers](#)

Important Dates

February 23	Parent Advisory Board Conference Room 7p.m.
February 26	Kindergarten – No School
February 28	School Choir sings at 9:30 a.m. Mass
March 2	Used Uniform Sale 2-5 p.m.
March 3	School Mass 10 a.m.
March 5	No School – Diocesan In-Service
March 7	Choir at Adobe Mission 2 p.m.
March 8	No School – OPLH In-Service
March 9	Parent Education Night 6:30 p.m.
March 17	School Mass
March 19	Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m.
March 19	Monte Carlo Night

February:

Discipline with Purpose

#3 Asking Questions, #10 Communication and #14 Fact vs. Feeling

Student Learning Expectation

Critical Thinker

Sports Scores

The Sports Schedules for the 7th and 8th grade Boys Baseball and Girls Basketball teams can be found on the school Website under Athletics.

March Diversity Education and Anti-Bully Program

On March 9th we will have on campus Mr. Mark Trombino to present a combination of Diversity Education and Anti-Bully Program. Mark will present to students during the day and in the evening a parent session will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Maguire Hall.

Mark is a local actor in Phoenix, Arizona and has appeared in commercials, voice overs, television, movies and theater. He is also a regular on the Tim and Willy Morning show on KNIX, and is the spokesperson for Stone Creek Furniture and the Arizona Lottery. Mark is an adult dwarf standing at 3'3" tall - everyone else in his family is average height. He grew up in Phoenix and attended Lookout Mountain Elementary, Thunderbird High School, and graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in Communication. Mark has also been a keynote speaker at the National Little People of America Conference, and has traveled throughout the country delivering various inspirational messages.

Mark your calendar now to hear Mark speak on March 9th at 6:30 p.m.

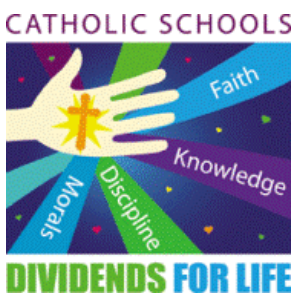
Future City 2010

Joe Cunningham, Shane Susic, Edmund Wong and David Huss competed at the Arizona Regional Future City Competition on Saturday, January 23rd. They won second place in the region and two engineering society awards. They were awarded the Best Functioning City award by the American Public Works Association and the Best Use of Water and Environmental Resources Award by the Arizona Water Association. In addition, their project manager, Rebecca Martin, was awarded a special award for project management by the Project Management association. Their teacher was Mrs. Magish and their mentors were Charlie Griffith and Jennifer Bohac.

Diocesan Spelling Bee

Amanda Thomas (5B) represented OLPH in the Diocesan Spelling Bee on February 2nd. While not placing, Amanda did very well in the competition.

Catholic Schools Week



On Friday, February 5, 2010 we concluded our celebration of Catholic Schools Week with a school rally, led by our Student Council Officers. It focused on school spirit and our appreciation of our local Community leaders. Honored at the rally were Mayor Jim Lane, Chamber of Commerce CEO Rick Kidder, Chief of Police Allen Rodbell, Fire Chief Willie McDonald and Solid Waste Program Director Manuel Castillo.

The rally also concluded the schools canned food drive. Over 1000 cans were presented to representatives of the local SVdP Food Bank. The rally ended with a spirited Volleyball game between the Faculty and Students with the play by play called by the "Voice of the Diamondbacks" and OLPH parent Daron Sutton.

Classroom News

Kindergarten

The Kindergarteners have been enjoying their special time in Atrium this year. Through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program they are learning so many things about our church and our Catholic faith. They love their prayerful time with Miss Shari.

Third Grade

Third Graders spent their 100th day of school in 10 fun learning centers. They guessed which jar had 100 items, wrote a 100 day Poem, made 100 day crafts, and ate a 100 item snack and more. It was a 100-ful day!

Mrs. Pohlman's 8th grade Literature classes met with their Buddy classes to write and make Valentine cards for Heritage Court, Hospice of the Valley and Mt. Nursing Homes. The students wrote delightful poems and messages with lots of thought and creativity in their decorations and drawings. The cards were a happy surprise and much appreciated.

Both third grades are prayerfully preparing for First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. The first few lessons will be about Belonging to God's Family and Baptism, Being Invited to the God's Table and Preparing to Eat at the Table and Gathering to Celebrate. We will be well prepared for our special day in April.



Library Corner

During the 1st semester of this 2009-2010 school year, from August through December, we were able to purchase 150 new titles to add to our library collection. This is due to the number of families who have contributed through our Celebration Book Club. Thank you for your wonderful generosity and for giving your children yet another reason to "shine"! These contributing families are listed below.



Miller, Cox, Pescatore, Alvarado, Zwissler, Francis, Jones, Riddell, DeLaMacorra, Jameson, Van Vleet, Potempa, Penas, Velarde, Dick, Naughton, Allen, Kazmierczak, Hudson, Perez, Sutton, Andrews, Donovan, Melton, DeHart, Estes, Sifert, Mirmelli, Park, Maio, Rodriguez, Wood, Edgar, Perez, Marshall, Moric, Brothen, Collins, Morgan, Higgins, Keating, Garigen, Menendez, Fogler, Iacono, Eversman, Cormier, Elia, Fuenning, Cordova, Kash, Rief, Ohanian, Zywicki, Prchal, Naldo, Pophal, Straneva, Sese, Estes, Thomas, Larsen, Decker, Alaimo, Baur, Lee, Trn, Gonzalez, Miotke, Kiltz, Sugden, Davison, Navarro, Villalon, Britton, Nannen, Gralen, Cunningham, DiGiovanni, Mitchell, Lahr, Melton, Diedrick, Marino, Wallin, Montes and Parker.

If I have accidentally omitted anyone, please let me know. We will acknowledge families contributing during the 2nd semester in May's school newsletter. Many thanks to all our OLPH library supporters!
Mrs. Zerangue

UNTEAL A CURE!

As many of you know, I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer three and a half years ago. With two major surgeries and two rounds of chemotherapy behind me, I am now in remission and doing very well. Thanks be to God! My oncologist and his team continue to keep a close watch with regular check-ups, blood work and scans. There are other women right here in our OLPH community with a similar experience. We all live with the hope that with enough research better treatments will be discovered that will extend the life span of survivors. We also need more research to discover better means to early detection and diagnosis, since most women aren't diagnosed until the disease is in a later stage. I'm very excited about the **Inaugural Run/Walk** being held on **March 7th** to support **ovarian cancer research** through the **TGen Foundation** here in Scottsdale. We would love to have you join us and appreciate any support you can give toward this research. For more info go to www.helptgen.org. Thank you!
Mrs. Linda Zerangue (school librarian)



AN EVENING IN

Monte Carlo

March 19, 2010
6 - 10 p.m.
OLPH Parish Life Center

Watch for your invitation!

Join us for our annual spring fundraiser in the brand new Parish Life Center on March 19. Come join us for this event, featuring top chefs from local Scottsdale restaurants. Enjoy the live Jazz band, while sipping espresso or a glass of champagne. Don't miss the silent auction or the \$5,000 raffle!

Your cost of admission includes \$25 casino dollars, good at the roulette, blackjack, and craps tables.

See you there!



Bid on Auction Items such as these beautiful earrings donated by Oliver Smith Jeweler (retail value \$2595)

Donations Needed

We are still seeking items for the silent auction and cash donations to help underwrite this event. Donations can be left at the school office, or contact Maria Maddock at **480-766-6797**, THEMADDOCKS@HOTMAIL.COM with any questions.

Come Lord Jesus ("CLJ")

Every Thursday when the CLJ groups meet, we read the upcoming Sunday's Gospel and then have a guided discussion and sharing about what the Gospel means to each of us in the group. On Thursday, Feb 4th we read the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Luke 5: 1-11, The Call of Simon the Fisherman...

1 While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. 2 He saw two boats there alongside of the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. 3 Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4 After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." 5 Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." 6 When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. 7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." 9 For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, 10 and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." 11 When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Here are some of the comments from sharing in their groups...

What is the main point of this reading? Trust in Jesus by saying our prayers. We should turn to Jesus more often because He is always there to help us.

What strikes you in this reading? Jesus asked the fishermen to put their nets in the water after they had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. When they did put their nets in the water, they were able to catch a lot of fish. They listened to Jesus and were rewarded despite their doubts!

What was the significance of Jesus calling the fishermen to follow Him and become "fishers of men"? One 8th grader said it was the beginning of Christianity and another one said the beginning of discipleship.

What virtuous qualities does this gospel call us to? Obedience, Faith, Love, Humbleness... Jesus knows what's best for us so we should follow Him!

Why do you think Jesus called Simon Peter, a fisherman, to be an apostle? Why would Jesus entrust this man with little or no education, no material wealth, no social standing or power with such leadership? What was Jesus thinking? Those things weren't important to Jesus. He wanted to choose common men because more people can relate to common men. Jesus wanted people with good hearts... that was more important to the job. He didn't want someone who could be corrupted or attached to their things in the world.

Please continue to pray for the CLJ! groups that we can all be open to receiving the Word of God and are able to listen to the words and put them into action in our daily lives. By Christa Keating, CLJ! Facilitator

Friends of the Orphans/ NPH Update:

EVERY OLPH STUDENT SHOULD GIVE HIM/HERSELF A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR A JOB WELL DONE... THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT OF THE PEQUENOS!

Kindergarten (KA/ KB):

Yearly goal \$360 for **Ivone...** students donated **\$360.33**
(6th grade helped Kindergarten by sharing \$20 of their donations)

1st Grade (1A/1B):

Yearly goal \$360 for **Ulises...** students donated **\$448.71**

2nd Grade (2A/2B):

Yearly goal \$360 for **Maria...** students donated **\$376.76**

3rd Grade (3A/3B):

Yearly goal \$360 for **Emanuel...** students donated **\$369.31**

4th Grade (4A/4B):

Yearly goal \$360 for **Saul...** students donated **\$371.96**

5th Grade (5A/5B):

Yearly goal \$360 for **Jessica...** students donated **\$372.52**

6th Grade (6A/6B):

Yearly goal \$360 for **Gustavo...** students donated **\$499.30**

7th Grade (7A/7B):

Yearly goal \$360 for **Tomas...** students donated **\$437.61**

8th Grade (8A/8B):

Yearly goal \$360 for **Karen...** students donated **\$180** through Project Care.
(8th Grade still needs to complete Spring Collection)

DONATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ACCEPTED THROUGH THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED! THANK YOU FOR HELPING THOSE OF US IN NEED!



Dear Parishioners, School Parents and Friends of OLPH,

I am extremely happy to report that contributions to CTODP designating Our Lady of Perpetual Help have **increased** approximately 10%. This will be a tremendous help to meeting the needs of our students who qualify for financial assistance.

The 2009 campaign would not have been such a success without the parent volunteers, the student representatives and most importantly the many contributors who redirected a portion of their tax dollars to OLPH. **Thank you to each and every one of you.**

CTODP is in the process of finalizing all of the contributions. Acknowledgement letters will be mailed to all contributors, with the necessary tax form, by the end of January. If any information, such as school designation, is incorrect you can call CTODP at (602) 218-6542 and request a correction. If you have any problems or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at (480) 874-3715.

On behalf of Msgr. Tom, Sr. Marian Grace and the entire school staff, thank you for your generosity and continued support of our school community

Sincerely,

Mimi Robertson
School Accounting



USED UNIFORM SALE

WHEN:
TUESDAY MARCH 2ND

TIME:
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE:
MAGUIRE HALL

**WE ARE BUSTING AT THE
SEAMS**

**COME AND TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF THE
GREAT DEALS ON USED
UNIFORMS.**

Coming Soon: Look for Used
Uniform Order Form on the school
website



It has been observed that there is a **STUDENT SAFETY** issue involving the morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

If you are driving students to school

KB through 6th grades:

Enter the Parking Lot from Second Street near the Convent. **Proceed single file.**

KA, 7th, and 8th

Enter the parking lot from the center Miller Road entrance. Turn right (**NOT LEFT OR STRAIGHT**) around to the end of the parking spaces, and proceed to the 8th grade wing or KA classroom.

Proceed single file.

****If your students fit in both of the above groups, please use the **Second Street** drop off rather than both drop off points.

If you want to park and walk your students to class:

Enter the parking lot from the center Miller Road entrance. Turn **right** and park. Escort students all the way across the parking lot.

**NEVER – NEVER- NEVER
PASS WAITING CARS IN LINE TO DROP OFF!**

If you are picking up students in the afternoon

Cars must enter at 2nd street and Miller Road (the school's south entrance).

The following pick up procedures must be followed:

1. Form lanes facing north.
2. Use the Center exit to go north **DO NOT USE THE CENTER EXIT TO ENTER.**
3. Use the North exit to go north only if you are in the two east lanes.
4. Please do not change lanes. When you do so you cross lanes that students and faculty use to walk to the cars. The lanes between the rows of cars are Pedestrian Only areas.
5. If you have student business to conduct during dismissal, please park your car in a parking space behind the pickup lanes.