



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

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## Dear Parents:

This is our "green" approach to getting you up-to-date information on a monthly basis. The newsletter will be sent electronically as an attachment to an e-mail on or around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. This will be in addition to Sister Marian Grace's informative e-mails. It will include any changes or updates to the monthly calendar that you receive at the beginning of each month, important reminders, sports and extracurricular information, and will highlight some of the excellent and exciting things that happen at our school.

## All School Mass

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

February 2<sup>nd</sup> Homeroom 8A will serve as Liturgical Ministers.

February 17 the 6<sup>th</sup> grade will serve as Liturgical Ministers

## 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.

## National Geography Bee

Students in Grades 6 – 8 competed in the OLPH Geography Bee in December. Thomas Dye (6B) won the Bee and will compete for a position in the National Geography Bee Finals.

## Diocesan Spelling Bee

Amanda Thomas (5B) will represent OLPH at the Diocesan Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at St Francis Xavier Catholic School. Good Luck Amanda.

## Future City 2010

Joe Cunningham, Shane Susic, Edmund Wong and David Huss competed at the Arizona Regional Future City Competition on Saturday, January, 23<sup>rd</sup>. The young men 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.

## Website Links

[School Website](#)

[Teacher Websites](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[Wednesday Flyers](#)

## Important Dates

January 31	Catholic Schools Week begins
February 2	All School Volunteer Mass 10 a.m.
February 9	Sacrament Meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade parents 7 – 9 p.m.
February 10	Booster Club Meeting 8:30 a.m.
February 11	Spaghetti Dinner – School Ramada
February 12	Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m. Faculty Meeting
February 15	No School – Presidents Day
February 17	Ash Wednesday All School Mass

## January:

### **Discipline with Purpose**

#1 Listening; #6 Cooperation; #12 Resolving Problems

### **Student Learning Expectation**

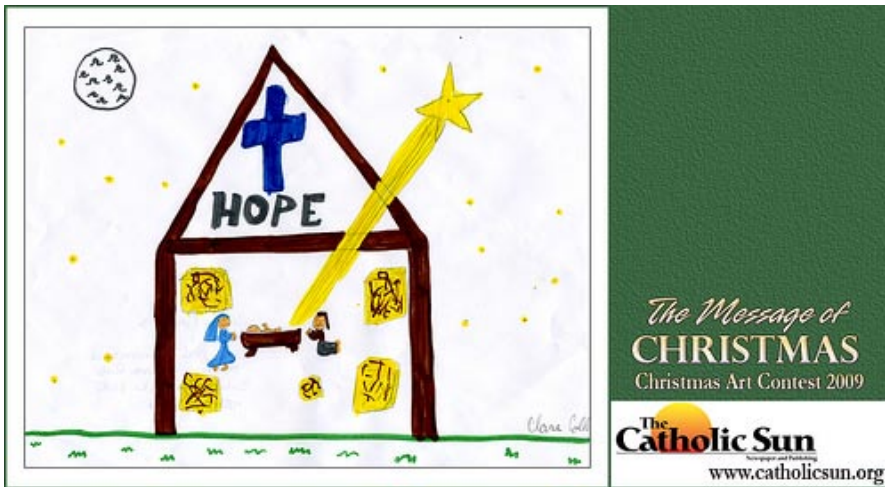
Self-Directed Individual

## Sports Scores

The Sports Schedules and scores for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Softball and Basketball teams can be found on the school Website under Athletics.

## Students Art Work in Catholic Sun

The Catholic Sun invited youth to submit drawings and short essays reflecting upon "The Message of Christmas." Several of these appeared in the Dec. 17, 2009, edition of The Catholic Sun. OLPH was represented by two students, Hannah Marshall and Clare Collins. Congratulations!



Claire Collins 4B



Hannah Marshall 4A

## Classroom News

### Classroom 1B

The students of 1b learned about polar animals and how their physical characteristics protect them from harsh weather conditions. Using a bowl of ice with water students were able to feel firsthand the effects of freezing temperatures on their skin. Next students put on an insulated oven mitt and plastic bag to simulate the polar animal's protective coverings. Burr, we had a lot of fun learning about these amazing animals!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

The fourth grade students are on the move. On January 4<sup>th</sup>, the fourth graders began switching classes for science and social studies. Mrs. Montes teaches science and Mrs. Murphy teaches social studies. This is an opportunity for our students to learn to adjust to different teaching styles and expectations, to write down and turn in assignments to a teacher other than their homeroom teacher, and to transition from one classroom to another and be ready to learn. All these skills will prepare them for fifth grade and above.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Mrs. Sobczyk is doing an awesome power point with the sixth graders using the prayers that they need to learn from the Religion Curriculum. Students in sixth grade are taking prayers such as *The Memorare*, *The Apostles' Creed* and *The Angelus* and making them into power point presentations. Students will then bring them back to the classroom where they will use them for morning prayers.

## Come Lord Jesus ("C L J")

Come Lord Jesus ("C L J") started again for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Once a week, during C L J, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students meet in small groups with a parent facilitator to read and discuss the gospel passage that will be read at Mass the following Sunday. C L J encourages the students to discuss and share their thoughts with their peers regarding the meaning of the Gospel and its application to their lives. When asked if C L J is beneficial to them, one student replied, "It helps us have a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ and the Gospel." Another responded, "C L J is nice because it is the calmest part of my week." Another answered, "It helps answer some of my questions."

On December 3, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class also went on an all day retreat to Mt. Claret. At the retreat, OLPH'S Youth Ministry Director David Lins guided the students through thought provoking analogies and narratives designed to help the students understand the magnitude of Christ's sacrifice for us. The students also watched the short film *Most*, which is a powerful fictional story about a father who faced the agonizing decision of having to sacrifice the life of his own son in order to save the lives of many others. During the course of the day, the students separated into their C L J groups with their respective parent facilitators to discuss in greater depth the topics presented to them during the retreat, including their thoughts on *Most*. Finally, the day was interspersed with group games that helped the students relax and come together as a group. "My favorite part of the retreat was playing Ninja and some of the other games," said one student. "The movie was really moving and made me realize how much other people sacrifice which I didn't really think about before," said another. Finally, several students commented, "David Lins was awesome!" That about sums it up.

Written by Elaine Donovan  
CLJ! Facilitator



## 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.

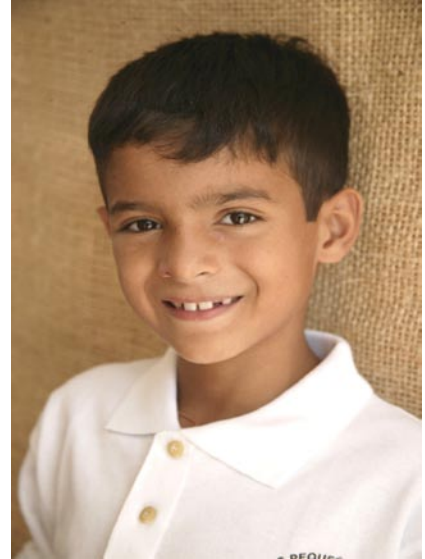
If you are interested in participating with Project Care this year or with next year's new Project Care group, please contact Linnea Shiffra (602-751-3003), Amy Videan (602-762-0354), or Liz Sese (480-577-4732).

**Friends of the Orphans/ NPH Update:**

**YOU ARE DOING A GREAT JOB WITH YOUR DONATIONS!!  
WE ARE WELL ON OUR WAY TO MEETING THE GOAL OF \$360/ORPHAN  
FOR EACH GRADE, FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR...  
THANK YOU SO MUCH AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!  
FRIENDS OF THE ORPHANS/ NPH SAY THANK YOU  
TO THE STUDENTS OF OLPH SCOTTSDALE!  
KEEP UP YOUR GENEROSITY, PRAYERS, & GOOD WORK!**

**Here is information on the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade orphans...  
1st Grade Orphan:**

**Ulises Perez Rodriguez** was born on November 20, 1999. He joined the NPH family in February of 2005 and came to the home with his sister, Perla. The children were abandoned by their mother and nothing has ever been known about their father. The children were living with their great-aunt but she was no longer able to care for them.



**4th Grade Orphan:**

**Saul Torres Flores** was born on February 25, 1998 and along with his three sisters and two Brothers, joined the NPH family in February of 2003. The children were abandoned by their father and their mother had severe problems and was unable to care for them.



**Ulises and Saul say thank you OLPH!!**



Our Lady of Perpetual Help -  
Scottsdale Catholic School  
Schedule for Catholic Schools Week  
January 31 - February 6, 2010  
Theme: Dividends for Life



**Sunday, January 31:** Dividends for Life: In Our Priests

- 9:30 Mass - School Choir sings

**Monday, February 1:** Dividends for Life: In Our Family

- "Thank you to Parents" letter taken home by students.

**Tuesday, February 2:** Dividends for Life: In Our Volunteers

- Volunteers honored with a Continental Breakfast in church courtyard at 9 a.m.
- Mass at 10 a.m. to honor Volunteers

**Wednesday, February 3:** Dividends for Life: In Our Nation

- Student Council to attend Mass at Cathedral and Rally at the Capital.

**Thursday, February 4:** Dividends for Life: In Our Vocations: Sisters, Faculty, and Staff.

- Staff honored for their commitment to Catholic Education with a luncheon

**Friday, February 5:** Dividends for Life: In Our Students & Community

- Can Food Drive for our local St. Vincent de Paul Society ends in each classroom.
- Student Council leads school in celebration of school spirit and unity with a "Spirit Rally" at 1:45 p.m. and civic leaders given token of appreciation.