



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

Newsletter

Monthly Student Learning Expectation: Effective Communicator

May 2009

God continues to Bless our school with wonderful parents, students, teachers and staff!

Parents: Thank you for your support and for sending your children to OLPH.

Volunteers: Thank you for sharing your gifts of time and talents.

Students: Thank you for opening your minds and hearts to learn and love as faithful Disciples of Christ.

Teachers/Staff: Thank you for educating our children to be Active Faith-Filled Christians, Effective Communicators, Critical thinkers, Self-Directed Individuals, and Life-Long Learners. *We wish all our families a restful, safe and enjoyable summer. See you all in August.*

Website Links

School Website:

<http://www.olphaz.com/school>

[Teacher Websites](#)

[May School Calendar](#)

[Wednesday Flyers](#)

SPECIAL EVENTS

- May 22nd Kindergarten Grad. 9:30am
No School **7th Gr. Only**
- May 25th No School - Memorial Day
- May 26th-28th Early Dismissal 11:30
- May 29th Last Day of School
School Mass 9am
Dismissal 10am - Sunsplash
- Jun. 19th SCRIP for Sale in School Office
8-10am
- Jul. 17th SCRIP for Sale in School Office
8-10am
- Aug. 6th Used Uniform Sale
- Aug. 12th New Families 9-10:30
- Aug. 13th First Day of School Grade 1-8
Parent Welcome Back Coffee
- Aug. 17th Kindergarten begins

SPORTS

Congratulations to all OLPH Sports teams for a great 2008-2009!

OLPH was well represented at the Scottsdale City Track Meet and the following students qualified for the State Track meet:



Rory Cunningham, Tim Cody, Rory Cunningham, Will Fuenning, Luke Heiland, Haley Hoyle, Chet

Johns, Will Fogler, Mary Keating, Sam Minton, Cassie O'Connor, Genna O'Connor, Lauren Pipitone, Meghan Pipitone, Alex Ross, Luke Rubenzer, Megan Shiffra, Joe Van Ribbink, Luke Van Ribbink, and Caitlin White.

State Results 1st-3rd place finishers:
Girls 6th/7th Gr. 4X100 Relay – 2nd Place
Boys 6th/7th Gr. 4X100 Relay – 2nd Place
Boys 3rd/4th Gr. 4X100 Relay – 2nd Place
7th Gr. 1600m – Lauren Pipitone – 3rd Place
3rd Gr. 100m – Rory Cunningham – 3rd Place

REMINDERS

Summer Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8am-2pm

Look for your **June Mailing** which will contain all the information you need for the 2009-2010 school year – calendar, supply lists, uniform info, etc...if you are on vacation or out of town, this information will also be posted in June on the OLPH website.

Booster Club Information will be sent in July.

DISCIPLINE WITH PURPOSE

DWP Skills for May: #4 Sharing, #10 Communication, and #14 Fact vs. Feeling

May Parent Tips: Reinforce the DWP Skills at home.

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OLPH PRIDE

Way To Go Accelerated Readers! WOW Results for 2008-2009 School Year:
Books Read and Quizzes Taken - 5,310
Words Read - 179,177,345

Congrats 8th Grade Scholarship Winners:
Notre Dame Mother's Guild Outstanding Student Scholarship - Rachel Johns
Men's Club Scholarship – Will Alpers, Meagan Flaherty, and Kendyl Melton
Lunch Club Scholarship – Colleen Murry and Jonathon Tavani

8th Grade graduating students are attending these High Schools:

Brophy:15 Xavier:15 Seton:3

Notre Dame:8 St.Mary's:1 Arcadia:2

Chaparral:2 Int'l Baccalaureate Program:2

Saguaro Math and Science Academy:1

Fountain Hills:1 Saguaro:1



*Used Uniform Sale
August 6th
Maguire Hall*

2:30-5:30pm

**Summer Scrip for Sale
School Office 8-10am
June 19th and July 17th**



**Pre-order large orders by e-mailing
Martha Fogler at mfogler@mac.com**

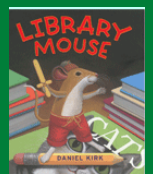
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LIBRARY NEWS

Thank You contributors to the Celebration Book Club! 116 books were donated Second Semester and a total of 290 books have been generously donated to the library this school year.



To celebrate Children's Book Week, the primary students were read the book *Library Mouse* by Daniel Kirk. Students were challenged to become authors and write their own books which were displayed in the library during Children's Book Week.



Discipline With Purpose

A Developmental Approach to Teaching Self-Discipline

Parents: Home and School United

When a school adopts the Discipline With Purpose program there is much parents can do at home to reinforce the concepts and ideas and skill practices. Here are a few helpful hints.

1. Adopt the DWP rules for your household. Talk about the fact that there are only three rules that apply in school and they are the same three rules that apply at home.
 - a) Respect for self, others and property.
 - b) Contribute to the household.
 - c) Follow family procedures.

Since every family has different procedures or preferred ways of working together, identify what your families unique procedures are. Older students might even design a handy booklet that describes "How Our Family Works!". In the booklet, normal routines, expectations and family traditions can be described.

2. Post the 15 self-discipline skills. Let each person select on skill they will work on during the week. Expect some accountability by telling one another what skill you will work on and, at the end of the week how you practiced the skill. Discover if each person feels they are making progress in:
 - a) Noticing when the skill is needed.
 - b) Practicing the skill without reminders or prompts.

Remember: Items such as making beds, picking up papers, taking dishes to the dishwasher give people a chance to practice Skill #8: Figure out on my own how to accomplish a task.

3. When teachers and parents visit about a student's progress each can tell the other the skill they see a student practicing and one they seem to struggle with. Often the same skill the student struggles with in school is also the skill they struggle with at home. Parents and teachers can agree to provide more opportunities for students to practice missing skills. Together home and school can be consistent in helping children acquire the skills they need for a lifetime.

15 SELF-DISCIPLINE SKILLS

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| 1. Listening | 9. Demonstrating Leadership |
| 2. Following Instructions | 10. Communicating Effectively |
| 3. Asking Questions Appropriately | 11. Organizing time, space, people, things |
| 4. Sharing: time, space, people, things | 12. Resolving a Problem |
| 5. Demonstrating Social Skills | 13. Taking the Initiative to Resolve a Problem |
| 6. Cooperating | 14. Distinguishing Fact from Feeling |
| 7. Understanding the Reasons for Rules | 15. Sacrificing/Serving Others |
| 8. Accomplishing Tasks Independently | |

NEWS FROM THE OLPH WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB

During the past school year here at OLPH, "The Wednesday Lunch Club" has offered us all a break, with the option of buying our lunch once a week instead of brown bagging it. For the 5th year in a row, the OLPH Wednesday Lunch Club has been able to give back to the community, by turning "Lunch" into a philanthropic endeavor!

While our 'good neighbors' Julio G's, Pizza Hut, Subway, and Burger King helped keep our costs down, our own parent volunteer army offered their time and skills to coordinate and serve pizza, sub sandwiches, burgers and burritos to approximately 500 students per week.

THE GREAT NEW IS -- WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RAISE OVER FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR CHARITABLE CAUSES WHILE WE ATE LUNCH THIS YEAR !!!

Over the past 5 years, with the support of Monsignor Tom and Sister Marian Grace, the great majority of the OLPH School – Wednesday Lunch Club proceeds have been donated to charitable causes, with special consideration for those in need, the underprivileged and the poor – both within our community and beyond. With much thoughtful consideration, this year's proceeds will be given in the name of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School – Wednesday Lunch Club, to the following organizations, at the all-school Mass on May 12:

- Traditionally, the 8th Grade Class presents a gift to Our Lady of Perpetual Help School that has been funded by the Lunch Club proceeds, and \$5,000 was given on behalf of the Class of 2009 to the OLPH Building Fund, to be used for Locker Room Furnishings;
- A donation in the amount of \$2,500 was made to Habitat for Humanity-Valley of the Sun, to be used within the Phoenix Metro area, in the name of OLPH School Lunch Club;
- A donation in the amount of \$2,500 was made to St. Vincent de Paul c/o OLPH Parish to be used for Food and Utilities for those in need, in the name of OLPH School Lunch Club;
- The Men of OLPH Scholarship Committee will name **2** additional OLPH 8th grade scholarship recipients who meet the Committee's award guidelines, to each receive a scholarship given in the name of The OLPH School Lunch Club. The recipients will receive \$2,500 each, to be used for tuition at a Catholic High School in the Phoenix Metropolitan area, and will be which will be awarded by the Men of OLPH Scholarship Committee at the 8th Grade Awards Assembly on May 19th. The winners of these scholarships will be announced then.

Please take a moment to say "Thank You" and applaud the extraordinary parent volunteers who made Wednesday Lunch Club a part of our school week. Tremendous thanks to the following OLPH MOMs who plan, organize, and coordinate Lunch Club every Wednesday:

Teresa Wehn & Aimee Smith ~ Burrito Day
Lynn Viles & Cecelia Eversman ~ Pizza Day
Deb Findlow & Mary Straneva ~ Sub Day
Cathy Miller & Joan White ~ Burger Day

These women are the backbone of the lunch program – and we thank them and their band of helpers for making it all happen, each and every week:

Cathy Allen	Martha Fogler	Maddie Larkin
Cindy Bullington	Mary Beth Groves	Kathleen Ohanian
Judy Carney	Lisa Harrington	Beth Pipitone
Stephanie Cunningham	Megan Heiland	Anne Ross
Megan Dawson	Mary Beth Hollaender	Kristena Shackelford
Elaine Donovan	Shawn Kearney	Linnea Shiffra
	Cathy Largay	

We know how much our kids, moms, dads, teachers and support staff look forward to Wednesday Lunch Club. We hope that you will be pleased to know that with your support and with the "gift of time" given by so many volunteers, we've also been able to give to those in need -- within our school family, our local community, and also the world beyond.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Kathleen Zywicki
Lunch Club Coordinator