



October 3, 2011

Dear Parents,

I am happy to share with you a message from Monsignor Tom:

We are very happy that you have chosen OLPH School for the education of your children. Catholic education means excellence in education, community awareness and support, emotional development, and choosing Jesus to interpret life for us.

Buddhists, Jews, Humanists interpret life their way. We, as Christians, interpret life as Jesus taught. This is what we mean by having a Catholic identity. To know Christ is to love Him.

One of the essentials of our Catholic identity is a strong belief and love of the Eucharist. We at OLPH try to instill that love in the children and ask your support as parents by doing the same. At school this year, we have a weekly Mass and the best support you can give is attending Mass every Sunday as a family. Besides the example you give to the children, it will do wonders for the family as a whole. "The family that prays together, stays together" was a favorite saying of Father Peyton.

Mass Update – This week we will attend Mass on Thursday at 10:00am instead of Wednesday morning. We will be joined by other Catholic school students across the diocese in celebration of the orphans visiting from **Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos**, El Salvador. Bishop Nevares will be the Presider for the Mass. We hope you can join us for this special Mass.

Monthly Calendar – The October calendar has been sent home and is on the website. Important dates:

October 04	Parent Advisory Board Meeting 7:00 pm
October 05	Wednesday Lunch Program begins
October 06	NPH Mass at 10:00 am
October 07	No School, Fall holiday, end of first quarter
October 08	NPH Fiesta 6:30pm
October 09	Safe Environment Training, 12:30 in Maguire Hall
October 10	No School, Diocesan In-Service
October 11	November Lunch forms due

Scrip News – Free \$5 grocery cards from Bashas or Frys to all **new** families. If your family is new to OLPH school and you have not already received your complimentary card, please stop by the scrip office to get one. There will be an extra opportunity for purchasing scrip this week. After

the 10:00am Mass on Thursday there will be a scrip table set up outside the church. How can you get Scrip when you need it on the weekend? Load your Bashas or Fry's card with the amount of the gift cards you would like to purchase and buy them at the grocery store. They carry a wide variety of merchants and restaurants. My favorite recent scrip news is the Scrip Gift Certificate, please see flyer from this past week if you haven't had a chance to look at it yet. <http://olphaz.com/school/pdf/Flyers/2011-2012/September/Scrip%20Gift%20Certificates%202011.pdf>

Magazine Drive – Thank you to our amazing students and parents for the support you gave to the Magazine Drive; our net proceeds total about \$14,000. Thank you to Dianna Wilson and Cathy Allen for all their hard work.

Peanut Butter Drive – St. Mary's Food Bank is most grateful for over 1000 jars of peanut butter donated by our school. Congratulations to 6B, 4B, and 7B who brought in 177, 126, and 125 jars respectively. Thank you to Annie Hoyle for organizing the drive.

Yearbook Information – This year we will be including kindergarten through eighth grade in the yearbook. The cost of the book will be \$30.00. Look for information and order forms to come out soon from the yearbook committee.

High School News – St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School is hosting a Catholic High School Information Evening on October 12th at 6:30pm in the St. Thomas Parish Hall. The meeting is to help parents make an informed decision when choosing a high school for their student. They ask that only the parents or guardians attend; please do not bring your student. It is suggested that 7th and 8th grade parents attend this meeting.

Saints and Feast Days of the Week

October 4 – Saint Francis of Assisi, patron of animals, merchants, and ecology; founder of the Franciscan order

October 5 – Saint Faustina, Apostle of The Divine Mercy

October 6 – Saint Bruno, founder of the Carthusian order of monks and nuns

October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

October 9 – Saint Denis, patron saint of France

God Bless,

Donna Lauro

Principal