



OLPH NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School is committed to providing an affordable, quality education in a Catholic, Christian atmosphere within the framework of the teaching of Jesus and His Church.

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Calendar Reminders

Mar. 5 - 2nd Trimester Report Cards go home today

Mar. 6 - 2nd Grade Reconciliation Learning Center 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Mar. 6-7 - Relay for Life Cancer Walk

Mar. 10 - 2nd Trimester Awards Assembly at 1:45 pm in the church

Mar. 13 - 3rd Parents' Club Maintenance Day 7:30 am -1:00 pm

Mar. 13 - 2nd Grade Reconciliation Learning Center 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Mar. 14 - Daylight Savings Time begins, Spring forward

Mar. 16 - WCEA/WASC visit school today

Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 19 - No School, Religious Education Congress for Teachers in Anaheim

Mar. 22 - St. Joseph's Prayer Service at 9:00 am

Students may wear only white T-shirts/camisoles under their uniform shirts. Quite a few students are coming to school with colored T-shirts/camisoles or long-sleeved shirts under their uniform shirts. As of Monday, February 22, students who come to school out of correct uniform will be directed to go to the restroom to remove the t-shirt/camisole and put it in their backpacks for the remainder of the day.

Parents' Club

Thank you to all who attended our Parents' Club Meeting last Monday. Your input for upcoming events such as *Nite @ the Races* is so valuable. The Parents' Club Officers appreciate all your support in their efforts to assist the school with students and teacher needs. We will continue to work together so our students can continue to receive a quality Catholic education. Our next meeting will be in May. Thank you again!

had a great discussion in preparation for the Nite @ the Races. Everyone is invited to participate in this planning session. **The next meeting is Tuesday March 9 at 6:30 pm. We are requesting all room parents to attend this meeting as information on the class basket will be given. Please send at least one room parent representative.** The meeting is in room 205.

Currently, we are looking for pictures for a power point presentation the evening of the event. If you would like to share your pictures of school and/or class activities to be placed in the power point presentation, please send to Mrs. Arias at darias@olphschoolindio.com Your support is appreciated!

Report Cards

Report cards for the 2nd Trimester were sent home with students today. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please contact the teacher. Teachers can be reached by email on the school website at www.olphschoolindio.com



First Reconciliation

A few reminders and a few changes: The first "First Reconciliation Learning Centers" event is tomorrow, Saturday, March 6 – not March 16 (sorry, it was a typo). This event will take place in Rooms 103 and 104 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. You won't want to miss this time with your child preparing to make his/her First Reconciliation! Also, please note a change in the date for the sacrament: **Saturday, March 27** at 9:00 a.m. This was due to a scheduling conflict. A letter was sent home today to explain all changes and events.



Third Parents' Club Maintenance Day

Please note the 3rd Parents' Club Maintenance Day has been moved to Saturday, March 13. There will not be a maintenance day on Saturday, March 6.

Free Dress

Next Friday, March 12 students can come to school in appropriate "Free Dress" for \$2.00. Monies raised will go toward purchasing prizes for the *Nite @ the Races*.

Awards Assembly

Mark your calendar for Wednesday March 10. There will be an awards assembly for the 2nd Trimester at 1:45 pm in the church. All are welcome to attend.

Dad Alert!



Calling on Dads! Mark your calendars for Monday, March 22! We will be celebrating Saint Joseph's Day / Father's Day that morning. You won't want to miss your day!

Uniform Policy Reminder



Nite @ the Races
Last Tuesday there was a good turnout of parents who

First in Math Online

Teachers are pleased to announce that our school has enrolled in a trial online math software program that engages students in math computation, problem solving, estimation, and concepts. This First in Math online is very exciting to students who are participating. Teachers will be talking about this more throughout the remainder of the school year and encouraging students to log online to complete problems. This is another way to enrich the math curriculum here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. For more information about First in Math online, speak with your child's teacher.

Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society is sponsoring a Relay for Life Cancer Walk on Saturday March 6 and Sunday March 7 at the Empire Polo Grounds in Indio. Anyone can participate in this cause. Relay is a life-changing event that brings together more than 3.5 million people to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and empower individuals and communities to fight back against a disease that takes too much. If you are interested in participating in the Rely for Life by walking or forming a team representing OLPH School, please stop by the school office. Packets and information are available.

Computer News

1st Grade – students have been concentrating on keyboarding the past few months. We're learning how to keyboard using "home row" and proper fingering. Students are doing well!

2nd Grade – Students have been learning about Mercury using a software program called "The Magic School Bus Explores the Solar System." We have completed a worksheet and begun "painting" a picture of the planet using Paint. Lots of fun going on in 2nd Grade!

3rd Grade – Students in 3rd grade have been exploring tropical rainforests online at the Enchanted Learning website. We have learned about layers of the rainforest and animals and insects that populate these important biomes.

4th Grade – has been learning about California Missions online. Next week they begin a study of a mission they have chosen



which will culminate in a PowerPoint project.

5th Grade – In addition to keyboarding, our 5th graders have been on a cyber trip of several states. So far we have visited Pennsylvania and Alaska. Our next stop is Hawaii! Once we have finished our tour, we will make a PowerPoint of our destinations.

6th Grade – While 6th grade students also have been improving their keyboarding skills, we are learning about Ancient Egypt. Currently we are studying the pyramids. This study will result in a "travel" brochure in which each student will showcase their chosen pyramid.

7th Grade – Like all other classes, 7th graders have been working to improve their keyboarding skills. We have also learned about Medieval Europe. Currently we are working with spreadsheets. Students have been given an assignment to survey people about their favorite sport. Soon we will take this data and create a bar graph using Microsoft Excel.

8th Grade – Keyboarding and the Internet have been spotlights of learning in the past few months. Students have recently visited the House of Representatives and the Senate via the Internet and learned more about the workings of Congress. Currently, they, like 7th grade, are learning about spreadsheets and are also doing a survey. From their data they will produce a bar graph.

If you would like to see their work, please stop by and visit the computer lab.

Catholic Calendar

St. Dominic Savio
(1842-1857)

So many holy persons seem to die young. Among them was Dominic Savio, the patron of choirboys.

Born into a peasant family at Riva, Italy, young Dominic joined St. John Bosco as a student at the Oratory in Turin at the age of 12. He impressed John with his desire to be a priest and to help him in his work with neglected boys. A peacemaker and an organizer, young Dominic founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception which, besides being devotional, aided John Bosco with the boys and with manual

work. All the members save one, Dominic, would in 1859 join John in the beginnings of his Salesian congregation. By that time, Dominic had been called home to heaven.

As a youth, Dominic spent hours rapt in prayer. His raptures he called "my distractions." Even in play, he said that at times "It seems heaven is opening just above me. I am afraid I may say or do something that will make the other boys laugh." Dominic would say, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing, to be for the greater glory of God."

Dominic's health, always frail, led to lung problems and he was sent home to recuperate. As was the custom of the day, he was bled in the thought that this would help, but it only worsened his condition. He died on March 9, 1857, after receiving the Last Sacraments. St. John Bosco himself wrote the account of his life.

Some thought that Dominic was too young to be considered a saint. St. Pius X declared that just the opposite was true, and went ahead with his cause. Dominic was canonized in 1954.

What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

This Week's Question

Lent lasts

- thirty days
- forty days
- fifty days
- sixty days

See next week's bulletin for the answer!

Last Week's Question

.When Jesus was transfigured atop a high mountain, he took with him

- Peter, James and John
- Peter, James and John are mentioned together in the "same breath" four other times in the Gospels: the healing of

Peter's mother-in-law, the raising of Jairus' daughter, a discussion with Jesus on the Mount of Olives, and in the Garden of Gethsemane.

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