



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

Jan 26 - Nite @ the Races Meeting, 6:30 pm in room 205

Jan 27 - No School, Teacher In-service day

Jan 29 - Feb 4 - Catholic Schools Week

Jan 30 - Egg Drop Experiment; Spelling Bee for grades 4-8

Jan 31 - Teachers/Staff Appreciation Day

Feb 1 - Student Appreciation Day

Feb 2 - Nite @ the Races Meeting, 6:30 pm in room 2

Feb 3 - 24th Annual Walkathon

Feb 4 - Catholic Schools Banquet in Ontario

Feb 6 - Room Parent Meeting at 6:30 pm in the computer lab

No School Tomorrow

Please remember there is no school tomorrow, Friday, January 27. This is a teachers' in-service day. Classes will resume on Monday, January 30.

Nite @ the Races

Our next Nite @ the Races meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 pm. If you signed up to be a part of the steering committee or would like to be a part of the steering committee please attend this meeting. Thank you!



Helping Others

Mrs. Williams, our third grade teacher, will have school supplies such as notebooks, paper, pencils erasers, binders, etc. and simple snacks on sale for a \$1.00 during recess. The sale will continue until supplies last. Proceeds will benefit the

less fortunate in the Philippines. Thank you!

Walkathon



Walkathon is just around the corner and we are very excited about this upcoming event.

Please remember the following:

- ✓ All forms-permission slips, student contract & volunteer forms need to be turned into the office. The pledge sheet is due Tuesday, January 31.
- ✓ We will be needing oranges for all participants. If you can donate cut up oranges, it certainly will be appreciated. Students love these oranges as a treat when walking.
- ✓ We will also need cupcakes and plenty of volunteers to assist this day.
- ✓ All volunteers need to arrive by 7:30 am to confirm stations and duties.

Walkathon Dress Code
The Walkathon Dress Code below will be enforced. Students may choose one of the following dress codes:

- OLPH PE Uniform and school tennis shoe
- OLPH School Spirit T-Shirt, with PE Uniform shorts and school tennis shoes
- OLPH School Spirit T-Shirt, with Uniform shorts and school tennis shoes **OR** OLPH School Uniform and school tennis shoes

Students may bring their I-pods to listen to appropriate music. Phones of any type will not be allowed. Please also remember this is one exception in which OLPH will allow an I-pod. Keep in mind that the school is not responsible for lost, stolen or misplaced items.

Catholic Schools

Faith. Academics. Service.
The final Sunday of every January marks the start of Catholic Schools Week in the United States. This week-long event, jointly sponsored by National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is a time to honor the mission of Catholic education, its impact on individuals and the community, and to emphasize effective marketing of Catholic schools.

It is an ideal time to learn more about the history of Catholic education and what constitutes theologically sound Catholic education still today. We, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, strive to instill Gospel values through the examples lead by Jesus Christ. It is through this belief that OLPH School continues to embrace our Catholic faith, *To Teach as Jesus Did.*

The administration, faculty and staff are very pleased to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme, *Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.*, is a reminder that each child is special and deserves to grow academically and spiritually, and **can** learn to serve one another. OLPH School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 29-February 4, 2012. Please note the following:

- Sunday, January 29** - Catholic Schools Sunday: Join us for one of the masses; Students are to come to church in school uniform.
- Monday, January 30** - Academic Day: Students will engage in activities such as egg drop experiment and 4-8 Spelling Bee
- Tuesday, January 31** - Teachers/Staff Appreciation Day: Lunch will be provided for teachers by the Student Council.
- Wednesday, February 1** - Student Appreciation Day: Lunch is provided. Students can come to school in their pajamas because it is pajama day! or free dress!
- Thursday, February 2** - Reflection/Prayer Day: School Liturgy at 8:30 am
- Friday, February 3** - School Community Day-24th Annual Walkathon

Field Trips

Every year students, parents, and teachers have the opportunity to attend educational field trips. All grades prepare in advance to be ready for the day of the trip. We are asking all parent volunteers to make sure the following is in place before driving or attending a class field trip.

- Complete the Safe Environment Training for the Protection of Children online through the Diocese of San Bernardino at www.sbdioocese.org. If you have never taken the course online it is time to do so. The workshop given at the Parents' Club Meeting five years ago on this topic has expired, and online training is needed. Once the training has been completed, print the certificate and bring to the office.
- Complete the necessary paperwork for fingerprint clearance. This process can be done in the school office. The fee is \$35.00. Once approval is made on clearance, the parent will be contacted.
- Bring your proof of insurance to drive to the school office. The declaration page of your insurance policy should state 100/300/25 minimum in liability. If you do not have this coverage, contact your insurance agent to increase this important liability. You can also fax your declaration page to the school office at 347.7207.
- Sign the driver's form in the school office whenever you are driving for a field trip.
- If your child is 7 or 8 years of age, he/she must have a booster seat.

Please always remember to notify the school office staff of any changes. Remember this policy not only relates to field trips, but to sports events—all drivers must have the above criteria met. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

Room Parents

Mark your calendar for Monday, February 6. There will be a room parent meeting in the computer lab at 6:30 pm. This is an important meeting regarding our upcoming Mardi Gras celebration in February. A room parent from every class needs to be represented. Thank you!

Catholic Calendar Presentation of the Lord

February 2

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany (January 6), the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later—February 15. (Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship.) This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

Comment:

In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient

expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Early references to the Roman feast dub it the feast of St. Simeon, the old man who burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at day's end.

Source: www.americancatholic.org

What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

Last Week's Question

Regarding occult practices (such as witchcraft, Ouija boards, horoscopes, palm readers, psychics, and the like, the church

- b. warns the faithful strongly against them.

The Church firmly opposes all occult practices, saying they are against the first commandment and that they are opposite of putting ourselves confidently into God's hands concerning the future.

This Week's Question

Jesus taught the Beatitudes to

- a. Peter, James and John.
- b. the twelve apostles.
- c. his disciples.
- d. Mary and Joseph.

See next week's bulletin for the answer!

Prayer Corner

Please pray for:

- Pope Benedict XVI
- Bishop Barnes and Bishop del Riego
- Father Miguel, Father John, Father Luis, and Mrs. Laura Lopez
- Students, families, teachers and staff of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School
- Peace in our hearts, peace in our words, peace in our actions
- All who are ill



Nunc Dimittis

Prayer of Simeon Upon Seeing the Lord Jesus

*Lord, now you let your servant
go in peace,
your word has been fulfilled:
My own eyes have seen the
salvation,
which you have prepared in the
sight of every people:
a light to reveal you to the
nations
and the glory of your people
Israel.*

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