



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. 31 – Feb. 6 - Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 5 - Minimum Day, 12 Noon Dismissal, Faculty Meeting

Feb. 9 - Riverside County H1N1 vaccine at 1:00-3:00, courtyard classroom

Feb. 12 - No School, Faculty in-service

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb. 15 - No School, President's Day

Minimum Day

A reminder to all that next Friday, February 5 is a minimum day. Dismissal will be at 12:00 noon. Students not picked up by 12:15 will be checked into Extended Care. Please pray for our faculty as they meet to discuss curriculum.

Episcopal Visitation

Thank you to the following parents who volunteered their time to supervise students during lunch time while the teachers visited with Bishop Gerald Barnes. You were awesome!

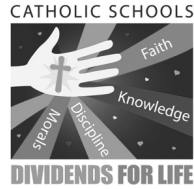
Mr. George Brown, Mrs. Jennifer Brown, Mrs. Evangelina Borjas, Mr. Joaquin Solis, Mrs. Maricruz Taboada, Ms. Mary Velasquez, Mrs. Esther Brown, Mrs. Ana Loper, Mrs. Maria Gonzalez, Mrs. Norma Palomino, Mrs. Renee Boyle, Mrs. Lorena Zamora, Mrs. Mary Castaneda, Mrs. Antonia Molina, Mr. Marcos Romero, Mrs. Renee McWay

Thank you also to Mrs. Martha Sendejo for taking charge of the hot lunch program and to Mr. & Mrs. Manzano for providing the delicious lunch for the Bishop and OLPH School Staff.

You are appreciated!

Catholic Schools Week

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week January 31 – February 6, 2010. This year's theme, Catholic Schools - Dividends for Life, is a reminder that a Catholic education is an investment in a child's future. Students are prepared for faith, morals, knowledge, and discipline. OLPH Catholic School is proud to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.



Here are a couple of questions to think about.

- **What does Catholic Schools Week celebrate?**

Catholic Schools Week celebrates education that goes beyond preparation for a secular life — it is education that prepares students for a Christian life. CSW also celebrates the high standards of excellence and the quality of the education available to all students in Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the U.S.

- **What is the purpose of the Catholic Schools Week celebration?**

The purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to build community awareness of, and involvement in, Catholic schools throughout the country. During this week, many dioceses and schools encourage parents to take full advantage of the benefits of local Catholic schools by enrolling their children in those schools. CSW also is an occasion for schools to interest citizens in volunteering their time and talents to the local Catholic schools.

The following activities are planned for the school.

Sunday, January 31 - Students will participate in the Sunday liturgies as altar servers, lectors, readers for the prayers of petitions, and preparation of gifts. We ask all students to wear their school uniforms when attending Sunday Liturgy.

Monday, February 1 - Academic Day - Schoolwide reading, math and science activities will be incorporated throughout the day. Student of the Month Awards will be presented at a 2:00 p.m. assembly in the lunch area.

Tuesday, February 2 - Student Appreciation Day - Teachers will have special activities with their students, provide lunch, and outdoor games. Students may come to school in "free dress".

Thursday, February 4 - Community Service Day - The school will sponsor a shoe drive for Catholic Charities. Families and/or students are encouraged to bring in shoes to donate for the Schoolwide Shoe Drive.

Friday, February 5 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day - Lunch will be provided for the teachers/staff. Students and families are welcomed to recognize and acknowledge the school staff for their dedication to Catholic education.

Saturday, February 6 - Catholic Schools Week Banquet, Ontario- This year OLPH School is recognizing Mr. & Mr. Roger Garczynski, Mrs. Marlene Gibson, and Ms. Mary Velasquez, school parents, for their commitment in service to OLPH School. They will receive the Distinguished Volunteer Award from the Diocese of San Bernardino. Congratulations!

Weekly Cash Drawing

Today Weekly Cash Drawing tickets were sent home with the oldest child. This is our spring fundraiser for the school. Families can start selling tickets for the first drawing on March 18, 2010. Information about the Weekly Cash Drawing regarding procedures for the drawings, dates of the schedule drawings and cash giveaways are mentioned. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

Walkathon Assembly

Next Friday, February 5, Walkathon prizes will be given to the Top Ten Students who brought in the most money from their pledges. We will also be announcing the names of students who will be going to Knott's Berry Farm in April and the names of students who will be having a pizza luncheon. This will take place at 8:15 am during morning assembly. We are excited to recognize our students who worked hard in bringing in their pledge money.

If you still need to turn in Walkathon money, please do so as soon as possible.

Basketball

Thank you to Mr. Alfonso Taboada who will assist with the boys' basketball team on Mondays and Wednesdays. We still need another volunteer to help out on Tuesdays and Thursday. If you can assist by coaching, please contact Mr. Dreisbach at 760.238.1023 or email him @ rdreisbach@olphschoolindio.com



Thank you to Mr. Jess Juarez for volunteering to coach the girls' basketball team. We wish you the best of luck this season. Go Angels!

Valentine's Candy Grams

The 7th grade class will be taking orders for Valentine's Candy Grams. This is a perfect time to show your appreciation/love/friendship for someone special, in recognition of Valentine's Day. There will

be two prices, \$1.00 or \$2.00. If you are interested in purchasing a Valentine's Candy Gram, please see a parent or student after school beginning Monday, February 1. Orders will be taken through Monday, February 8. All candy grams will be delivered on Thursday, February 11.

H1N1 Vaccine

Riverside County Community Health Agency, Department of Public Health will be offering the Pandemic H1N1 vaccine for all students and their families here at the school. This vaccination is free for those who are interested. Packets were sent home to families last Wednesday with a consent form allowing your child to be vaccinated against the influenza (flu) at school. The Vaccination Clinic date is Tuesday, February 9, 2010 from 1:00-3:00 pm in the kindergarten courtyard classroom. If your child or your family members have not been vaccinated for the H1N1 flu, we encourage you to do so. **Please return the consent form for your child if you are interested.**

Catholic Calendar

St. Blaise
(d. 316)

February 3

We know more about the devotion to St. Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. The Council of Oxford, in 1222, prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual St. Blaise blessing for their throats

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary *Acts of St. Blaise* were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting

freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

As the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, the legend has it, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone. Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. (English wool combers, who used similar iron combs, took Blaise as their patron. They could easily appreciate the agony the saint underwent.) Finally he was beheaded.

From americancatholic.org

Prayer Corner

Please pray for:

- Pope Benedict XVI
- Bishop Barnes and Bishop del Riego
- Father Miguel and Father Franklin
- Mrs. Laura Lopez
- For the people of Haiti
- Soul of Marilyn Lee, parishioner
- For the survivors of the earthquake in Haiti
- For peace in the world
- Students, families, teachers and staff of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

This Week's Question

The blessing of throats is associated with the celebration of this saint's feast.

a. Blaise

- b. Ansgar
- c. Anthony
- d. Jude

See next week's bulletin for the answer!

Last Week's Question

The language that Jesus spoke was

- c. Aramaic

Aramaic was the language of the people who lived in Palestine during our Lord's time.

Non-Discrimination Statement

The schools of the Diocese of San Bernardino admit students of any sex, race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the respective schools. These schools do not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of their educational policies, admission policies, financial assistance, and athletic and other school administered programs.