



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

- Nov 19 - Family Picnic Day, 10:00-3:00 pm at school
- Nov 21 - First Trimester Grades close, Report Card Conferences begin after school
- Nov 23-Thanksgiving Liturgy at 8:30 am; Minimum Day, dismissal 12:00 noon
- Nov 24-25 - No School, Thanksgiving Holiday Break
- Nov 28 - Report Card Conferences
- Nov 29 - Minimum Day, 12 Noon Dismissal, Report Card Conferences
- Nov 30 - Normans' Uniforms at school between 2:30-5:30 pm
- Dec 1- First Trimester Awards Assembly at 1:45 pm in the church
- Dec 2 - Minimum Day, 12 Noon Dismissal, Faculty Meeting

Maintenance Day

Thank you to all our parents who were able to attend maintenance day. Even though it was raining, we managed to complete several tasks such as cleaning and organizing the storage and supply rooms, snack bar, clean the breezeway restrooms and other areas of the school. Our next maintenance day is scheduled for Saturday, March 10. Please note this day on your calendar.

Family Picnic Day

You are invited to a day filled with activities, games, raffles, music, food, and lots of fun for the whole family in honor of the "Year for Youth". Best of all it's FREE to our community. Bring a potluck dish to share with others and don't forget your chairs, blankets, and games. This Family Picnic Day is organized by OLPH Community Life Commission. We hope to see many of our parishioners and school families here. For more information, see attached flyer.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Report card conference appointment times were sent home last week and this week as well. Please review the time scheduled and note in your planner. This is a perfect opportunity to speak with your child's teacher to discuss his/her progress. It is also a good idea for your child to attend the conference. Remember, report cards are given to parents at conference time. Please remember to be on time. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Is a Time to Share

Each year we take up a collection for those who are in need at this time of year. A flyer was sent home last Monday asking for donations. Presentation of all donations will be shared at our Thanksgiving Liturgy on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 8:30 a.m. All are invited to attend this special Liturgy.



The Christmas Chronicles

We would like to thank all our students who have been working hard on our Christmas musical. Every class will have a dance routine, and students have been giving up a lunch recess to work on them. Such dedication is wonderful to witness.

We are still looking for someone who can do "stage" lighting for us. If you know of a DJ who has stage lighting, please see Ms. Amabile with his or her name and contact number.

Lastly, the cast had a rehearsal scheduled for tomorrow, Nov. 19. However, since this would be in conflict with the family picnic event, the rehearsal is canceled.

Vision Screening

We are excited to have back the California-Hawaii Elks organization from Riverside to provide vision screening for students in Pre-school through third grades free of charge. Today, students in these grades received a consent letter for parents, asking for permission to have their child screened for vision. Please return the consent form as soon as possible if you would like this service provided for your child. The screening will take place on Monday, December 5 and Tuesday, December 6.



And Now

Introducing...

Book Flix & True Flix!

We hope you and your student(s) have had an opportunity to visit Book Flix and True Flix at home. We believe this makes reading truly enjoyable. However, it does take some discipline. There is a temptation to just watch the "flix" part of the paired video and book, and not to read the book. We suggest you challenge your young readers to also read the paired book, and then go to the "Puzzlers" section on Book Flix, or the "Activity Center" on True Flix to check on their reading comprehension.

Revised Roman Missal

As we come closer to the date the Revised Roman Missal is to be implemented, it is important to be aware of the changes in the prayers that have been changed. Today we are attaching the eighth article, "Consubstantial." Two weeks ago, we sent out the "I Believe" article. Probably the most confusing of all the translations is the word "consubstantial" found in the revised Nicene Creed. Hopefully, this article will help you to better understand this word. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Amabile.

Reading Homework Tips

- Have your child read aloud to you every night.
- Choose a quiet place, free from distractions, for your child to do his nightly reading assignments.
- As your child reads, point out spelling and sound patterns such as *cat*, *pat*, *hat*.
- When your child reads aloud to you and makes a mistake, point out the words she has missed and help her to read the word correctly.
- After your child has stopped to correct a word he has read, have him go back and reread the entire sentence from the beginning to make sure he understands what the sentence is saying.
- Ask your child to tell you in her own words what happened in a story.
- To check your child's understanding of what he is reading, occasionally pause and ask your child questions about the characters and events in the story.
- Ask your child why she thinks a character acted in a certain way and ask your child to support her answer with information from the story.
- Before getting to the end of a story, ask your child what he thinks will happen next and why.

These reading tips can benefit all age groups. Read with your child every day by listening to your child read, by **you** sitting down and reading a book, magazine, article when your child is reading, or by reading to your child. You will be surprised of the results when you do!

Catholic Calendar

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

November 24

St. Andrew was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Members of this group were beatified on four different occasions between 1900 and 1951. Now all have been canonized by Pope John Paul II.

Christianity came to Vietnam (then three separate kingdoms) through the Portuguese. Jesuits opened the first permanent mission at Da Nang in 1615. They ministered to Japanese Catholics who had been driven from Japan.

The king of one of the kingdoms banned all foreign missionaries and tried to make all Vietnamese deny their faith by trampling on a crucifix. Like the priest-holes in Ireland during English persecution, many hiding places were offered in homes of the faithful.

Severe persecutions were again launched three times in the 19th century. During the six decades after 1820, between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics were killed or subjected to great hardship. Foreign missionaries martyred in the first wave included priests of the Paris Mission Society, and Spanish Dominican priests and tertiaries.

Persecution broke out again in 1847 when the emperor suspected foreign missionaries and Vietnamese Christians of sympathizing with a rebellion led by one of his sons.

The last of the martyrs were 17 laypersons, one of them a 9-year-old, executed in 1862. That year a treaty with France guaranteed religious freedom to Catholics, but it did not stop all persecution.

By 1954 there were over a million and a half Catholics—about seven percent of the population—in the north. Buddhists represented about 60 percent. Persistent persecution forced some 670,000 Catholics to abandon lands, homes and possessions and flee to the south. In 1964, there were still 833,000 Catholics in the north, but

many were in prison. In the south, Catholics were enjoying the first decade of religious freedom in centuries, their numbers swelled by refugees.

During the Vietnamese war, Catholics again suffered in the north, and again moved to the south in great numbers. Now the whole country is under Communist rule.

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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



What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

Last Week's Question

A traditional form of prayer that includes many petitions followed by the repetition of a response such as "pray for us" or "Lord, have mercy" is known as a

c. litany

The repetitive nature of a litany allows us to praise and extol the many wonderful attributes of God, Mary, or the saints.

This Week's Question

The rising smoke of incense symbolizes the lifting up of our

- a. sins
- b. prayers
- c. temptations
- d. curiosity

See next week's bulletin for the answer!

Fostering an Attitude of Gratitude

Prayer of Gratitude

Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to

each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us. Amen.