



# 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

- December 1 -8 - Scholastic Book Fair in room 103
- December 2 - Minimum Day, 12 Noon Dismissal, Faculty Meeting
- December 3 - Advent Retreat 10:00 am -12:00 pm in the parish hall; Christmas Musical Dance Rehearsals 12-4 p.m.
- December 5 - Vision Screening for Preschool-3<sup>rd</sup> Grades; 2<sup>nd</sup> Parents' Club Meeting at 7:00 pm in the parish hall
- December 6 - Vision Screening for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades
- December 9 - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dance at 7:00 pm in the parish hall; Beverages for Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta are needed today.
- December 11 - Celebration for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:00 am – 4:00 pm
- December 14 - OLPH Christmas Pageant at 7:00 pm in the church

## Parents' Club

On Monday, December 5, we will have our second Parents' Club Meeting. Your attendance is important and appreciated. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

## 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. Last week, students in these grades received a consent letter for parents, asking for permission to have their child screened for vision. If you would like this screening for your child, please return the consent form no later than 8:00 am Monday, December 5.



## Stellar Students

Congratulations to the following students who received the Academic Achievement, Academic Honor Roll, Student of the Month and/or Accelerated Reader Award for the First Trimester. The faculty and staff are very proud of these students! Keep up the good work!

### Academic Achievement Award

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade** - Jordan Aguilar, Aaron Araiza, Mario Baltazar, Jillian Brown, Bobbie Sue Call, Gian-Marco Castillo, Jason Diaz, Ricardo Diaz, Yearldy Gonzalez, Jeremy McWay, Alondra Ortega, Samuel Perea, Richard Rivas, Anna Maria Rivera, Ivan Sanchez, Noe Sanchez, Julissa Serna, Erica White, Deija Whiting, Jackson Woods
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** - Nicolas Aguirre, Christine Cao, Neo Flores, Sean Hrycyk, Travis Pimentel, Caleb Stadelman, Judith Urtijo

### Honor Roll

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** - Yazmin Carrillo, Matthew Caro, Breanna Flores, Isabella Gil, Abraham Huerta, Juliana Lopez, Damian Montano, Richard Perea, Maria Saldivar
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Rebecca Brown, Jacob Castaneda, Jazmine Gonzalez, Paige Hrycyk, Justin McWay, Rufino Sanchez
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Marisleysis Aguilar, Miranda Becerra, Ricki Benavides, Andrea Bravo, Adysen Burgen, Kara Diaz, Jackie Ortega, Brian Pham, Aaliyah Zendejas
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Keven Brown, Alexis De la Rosa, Amanda Flores, Naomi Flores, Ryan Loper, Marisela Martinez, Michael McWay
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Mary Becerra, Sabrina Borjas, Patricia Brown, Reyna Castro, Albert Islas, Ivan Palomino, Zayra Zamora
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Ivanna Castro, Amanda Jauregui, Aaliyah Olvera, Alora Reed-Garcia, Guadalupe Saldivar, Jacqueline Solis

### Accelerated Reader

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** - Nicolas Aguirre, Allan Martinez, Travis Pimentel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** - Juliana Lopez, Damian Montano
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Rufino Sanchez, Paige Hrycyk, Natalie Herrera, Daniel Garcia, Hayley Felix
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Reyna Castro, Daniel Connelly
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Jess Sanchez

### Student of the Month

- Kindergarten**-Isabella Pimentel
- First Grade**-Alondra Ortega
- Second Grade**-Caleb Stadelman
- Third Grade**-Abraham Huerta
- Fourth Grade**-Jacob Castaneda
- Fifth Grade**-Nallely Gonzalez
- Sixth Grade**- Monserrat Roman
- Seventh Grade**- Daniel Connelly
- Eighth Grade**-Maria Teresa Rodriguez
- Computer**-Abraham Huerta, Ryan Loper
- Physical Education**-John Paul Angulo, Kara Diaz

## The Christmas Chronicles

As you know, our students have been working hard on our Christmas musical, "The Christmas Chronicles." All grades, except 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> have a dance routine in the musical which they have been practicing mostly during one of their lunch recesses (playtime) each week.

Due to the fact that we had two minimum days this week, and we are getting short on time, there will be a special dance rehearsal for Grades K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 tomorrow, Saturday, December 3. Please bring your student(s) at the times indicated below. The extra practice will be very much appreciated. The parking lot gate will be open Ms. Amabile will meet students in the lunch area.

Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:  
12:45 – 1:15 p.m.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 2:15 – 2:45 p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

If any parent can stay and help supervise these many groups, please see Ms. Amabile. Students will be checked in and out as with Extended Care. As always, thank you for your support!

## Santa Grams

The Choir is selling Santa Grams to raise money for new microphones. Orders will be taken next Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. You can also order from the office by completing the order form and gift tag. The Santa Grams are \$2.00 each. Be a "Santa" to someone you care about!

# Advent Retreat

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School invites you to participate in a special Advent seminar given by

Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre tomorrow from 10:00 am -12:00. This is a free seminar on the topic of **Welcoming Jesus this Christmas**. We will reflect on how to simplify our Christmas activities, how to experience the joy and peace that Jesus wants us to communicate, and how to welcome Jesus into our lives and into our families. To register, contact the parish office at 347-3507 or arrive at 9:30 am. A donation of \$5.00 per person is recommended. Please see attached flyer for more information.

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

On Sunday, December 11 the parish will be having a celebration for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There will be food, entertainment, Las Mananitas, and many festivities throughout the day and on Monday, December 12.



Our school will have a beverage booth. We are asking families to donate one 24 carton of Coca Cola, Pepsi, Sprite, Diet Coke or bottled water on Friday, December 9. If your child brings this in on Friday, December 9, he/she can come to school in "free dress". The school is also looking for families to donate their time in the booth. Hours worked will be credited for service. If you can assist, please contact the school office. Thank you! More information regarding the celebration will be in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for Miss Irene, Preschool Teacher, for chairing this booth!

## Year for Youth

Bishop Gerald Barnes declared this year as "**Year for Youth**". It is only appropriate to acknowledge and recognize our youth for all they do to be better students, better children, and a better example for others and more. The

faculty and staff would like to say "thank you" to our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders who went to Duroville last Wednesday to give the items that were donated by our school families to those in need. Our OLPH students played, prayed, sang, and served a meal to the children of Duroville. They certainly showed how much they care for other youth. We are very proud of our students!

## Revised Roman Missal

Last Sunday, the Revised Roman Missal was implemented. We continue our formation of the new Mass translation with today's article, "The Liturgy of the Eucharist." If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Amabile.

## Catholic Calendar

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception *December 8*

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop

the theology. They point out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

From [americancatholic.org](http://americancatholic.org)

## 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
- A blessed Advent Season
- All who are ill



## What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

### Last Week's Question

The rising smoke of incense symbolizes the lifting up of our

b. prayers

The use of incense in liturgy reminds us of the Scripture passage, "Let my prayer be incense before you" (Psalm 141:2).

### This Week's Question

A Jesse Tree

- a. shows the family of Jesus who was descended from David, Jesse's son.
- b. is a tree David planted for his father.
- c. is the name for Christmas tree in Hebrew.
- d. none of these

See next week's bulletin for the answer!

## Advent Table Prayer Before Meals

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus!

All: Come quickly!

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord,  
God of all creation, in the darkness  
and in the light.

Blessed are you in this food and in  
our sharing.

Blessed are you as we wait in  
joyful hope for the coming of our  
Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours, now and  
for ever. Amen.