



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

Dec. 21 – Jan. 1 - Christmas vacation

Dec. 25 - Christmas

Jan. 27 – Feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Jan. 1 - Solemnity: Mary, Mother of God; Happy New Year!

Jan. 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord Solemnity

Jan. 4 - School resumes

Jan. 6 - School Liturgy @ 8:30 am

Jan. 8 - Minimum Day, 12 Noon Dismissal, Faculty Meeting

Jan. 18 - No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Christmas Pageant



Thank you to our students for their wonderful performance at our annual *Christmas*

Pageant. Everyone who attended enjoyed the songs sung and talents displayed. Special thank you to Ms. Sandi Amabile and Mrs. Jennifer Brown, our Co-Directors; Mrs. Vanessa Brown, OLPH Choir Director, Mrs. Christine Becerra on Synthesizer, Mr. Roger Garczynski, Sound Engineer; Jackson Gibson, Tristan Ries, and Victoria Marquez, our Microphone Technicians; Daisy Corona, Lighting Technician and our dedicated teachers for all their hard work! We look forward to next year's production filled with the Spirit of Christmas.

Thank you again!

this packet with your child and decide on a project.

Service with a Smile

The teachers and staff were given special treats everyday this week by our very own Hospitality Committee. A variety of food such as lasagna, pan dulce, cookies, salad, chili, pozole, bagels, chips, salsa, clam chowder, pies, donuts, was served for our teachers and staff. Every food item brought was delicious! Thank you to our Hospitality Committee-Mrs. Renee Boyle, Mrs. Lorraine Perea, Mrs. Victoria Shatavy, Mr. Marcos Romero, Mrs. Rosa Alcalá, Mrs. Andrea Watson, Ms. Laura Perez, Mrs. Christine Becerra, Mrs. Maria Gonzalez, Ms. Dora Flores, Mrs. Lorena Zamora, Mrs. Gina Wilson, Mrs. Norma Palomino, Ms. Rosa Macias, Mrs. Ana Gonzalez, Mrs. Laura Moroney, Mrs. Eliana Rodriguez, and Mr. Rudy Reyna. The teachers and staff loved this extra attention. Muchas Gracias!

Merry Christmas

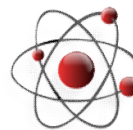
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Faculty and Staff wishes all our families a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. May God send His blessings of Peace, Love, and Joy throughout this Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas!

See you on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Science Fair

Our annual Science Fair is scheduled for Thursday, February 25. In order to give students "heads-up," Science Fair packets were sent home with students in Grades 4-8. Please take some time during the Christmas break to review



Parent Survey

Parent surveys were sent home to the oldest child last week. These surveys are important as they provide us with information on our school's strengths and areas of growth. Please take some time to complete the survey and return to the office or your child's teacher as soon as possible.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this. Thank you!


Office Hours

The school office will be opened Monday, December 21-Wednesday, December 23 and Monday, December 28-Wednesday, December 30 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Feel free to contact the office if you would like to speak with Ms. Flood or Mrs. Arias.

Fresh & Easy Neighbor Market

OLPH School is participating in *Shop for Schools*. For every \$20 spent at Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market, the school will receive a \$1.00 donation. Fresh & Easy is located on Jackson & Ave 42. All you have to do is bring in your receipt if you spent a minimum of \$20.00. There is a box in the school office for all receipts. This is a great way to support OLPH. Please tell your families and friends to support our school by shopping at Fresh & Easy.

Box Tops for Education

Have  you begun your holiday baking? Shopping for your holiday dinner? Please take a look at the groceries you choose, and, if possible, choose items with the Box Tops For Education coupons. Clip them out and send them in with your children. We really appreciate your efforts! Also check out www.boxtops4education.com for coupons and specials, and the Market Place. Thank you for all your support.

Catholic Calendar

Christmas Day

December 25

On this day the Church focuses especially on the newborn Child, God become human, who embodies for us all the hope and peace we seek. We need no other special saint today to lead us to Christ in the manger, although his mother Mary and Joseph, caring for his foster-Son, help round out the scene.

But if we were to select a patron for today, perhaps it might be appropriate for us to imagine an anonymous shepherd, summoned to the birthplace by a wondrous and even disturbing vision in the night, a summons from an angelic choir, promising peace and goodwill. A shepherd willing to seek out something that might just be too unbelievable to chase after, and yet compelling enough to leave behind the flocks in the field and search for a mystery.

On the day of the Lord's birth, let's let an unnamed, "un-celebrity" at the edge of the crowd model for us the way to discover Christ in our own hearts—somewhere between skepticism and wonder, between mystery and faith. And, like Mary and the shepherds, let us treasure that discovery in our hearts.

From www.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 peace in the world
- For safety of all who are traveling this Christmas
- Students, families, teachers and staff of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

This Week's Question

On Epiphany we celebrate

- a. Moses and God's people passing through the Red Sea.
- b. Jesus raising from the dead.
- c. the three kings seeing Jesus.
- d. Jesus ascending into heaven.

See the bulletin for Jan. 8, 2010 for the answer!

Last Week's Question

The name *Emmanuel* means

- c. "God is with us."

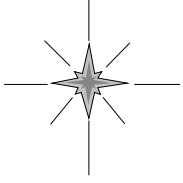
See Matthew 1:23. By taking on human nature, the Second Person of the Trinity became "God-with-us" in a new way.

Christmas Prayer

Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you

*shepherds, innkeepers,
wisemen. Help us to rise bigger
than we are. Amen*



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