



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 21 -2nd Parents' Club Maintenance Day 7:30 am-1:00 pm

Nov 20, 23 & 24 - Report Card Conferences

Nov 25 - Thanksgiving Liturgy at 8:30 am; First Trimester Awards Assembly at 1:45 pm in the church

Nov 26 & 27 - No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 4 - Minimum Day; 12:00 Noon Dismissal, Faculty Meeting; 7th & 8th Christmas Dance at 7:00 pm in parish hall

Dec 7 - 2nd Parents' Club Meeting at 7:00 pm in parish hall

Dec 8-11 - Scholastic Book Fair

There will be no bulletin next week

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 18 was the day grades close for the First Trimester. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled beginning November 20 – November 24. Letters with scheduled appointments have been sent home to families. Please mark your scheduled time on your planner so you can attend this important conference. Keep in mind that report cards are only given at conferences the first trimester.

Maintenance Day

The second Parents' Club Maintenance Day is tomorrow from 7:30 am -1:00 pm. If you have not completed your 3 hours of maintenance service, now is the time when the weather is cool. We have a little tidying up to do such as the parking lot, preschool playground, sidewalk, and windows. Bring your broom, rake, bucket, rags, towels, and soap. Remember: "Many hands make light work".

Awards Assembly

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, November 25. We will have our First Awards Assembly for the trimester at 1:45 pm in the church. All are invited to attend.

Norman's Uniforms

Norman's Uniforms will be here in the desert, the first week in December. We do not have a specific date or time as of today; however, it is forthcoming. You can also contact Normans for a specific date at 310.832.8342.

Walkathon

Just a friendly reminder that students who bring in the following amount of pledge money will receive prizes as listed:

1. \$100-\$199.00 in pledge money by Friday, December 4th will receive a pizza party luncheon off campus.
2. \$200.00 or more in pledge money by Friday, December 4th will receive a trip to Knott's Berry Farm.
3. \$500.00 or more in pledge money by Friday, December 4th will receive a trip to Knott's Berry Farm, four free movie passes, and a \$20.00 gift certificate of their choice.

The "Top Ten" students who bring in the most pledge money by Friday, December 4th will qualify for additional prizes as well as those listed above.

Parents' Club

The 2nd Parents' Club Meeting is set for Monday, December 7 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Please mark this important date on your calendar

Thanksgiving Is a Time to be Shared

Each year we take up a collection to be given to those who are in need at this time of year. A flyer was sent home on Tuesday asking for donations. Class donations are as follows:

- Kindergarten:** Toilet paper and paper towels
- 1st Grade:** Toilet paper and toothbrushes
- 2nd Grade:** Toothbrushes, toothpaste and/or bar soap.
- 3rd Grade:** Toothpaste, bar soap and/or adult socks
- 4th Grade:** Boxed cereal, canned soup and/or canned vegetables
- 5th Grade:** Boxed cereal, canned vegetables and/or dried beans
- 6th Grade:** Dried beans, canned fruit and/or boxed rice
- 7th Grade:** Boxed mashed potatoes, canned vegetables and/or boxed rice
- 8th Grade:** Laundry soap, dishwashing soap and/or cleanser.
- Please give as you are able. If you can give more generously, please consider donating grey sweatpants and sweatshirts (adult sizes), Wal-Mart Gift Cards, or Food for Less Gift Cards.

All donations will be presented at our Thanksgiving Liturgy on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 8:30 a.m. All are invited to attend this special Liturgy. God bless you for your generosity.

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.

General Homework Tips for Parents

- **Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework.**

Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions, such as people coming and going.

- **Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and a dictionary, are available.**

Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.

- **Help your child with time management.**

Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.

- **Be positive about homework.**

Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

- **When your child does homework, you do homework.**

Show your child that the skills they are learning are related to things you do as an adult. If your child is reading, you read too. If your child is doing math, balance your checkbook.

- **When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.**

Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.

- **When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it.**

Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions given by the teacher.

- **If homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away.**

Too much parent involvement can prevent homework from having some positive effects. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.

- **Stay informed.**

Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of homework and what your child's class rules are.

- **Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework.**

Have your child do the hard work first. This will mean he will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go fast when fatigue begins to set in.

- **Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration.**

Let your child take a short break if she is having trouble keeping her mind on an assignment.

- **Reward progress in homework.**

If your child has been successful in homework completion and is working hard, celebrate that success with a special event (e.g., pizza, a walk, a trip to the park) to reinforce the positive effort.

Catholic Calendar

St. Francesco
Antonio Fasani
(1681 - 1742)
November 27

Born in Lucera (southeast Italy), Francesco entered the Conventual Franciscans in 1695. After his ordination 10 years later, he taught philosophy to younger friars, served as guardian of his friary and later became provincial. When his term of office ended, Francesco became master of novices and finally pastor in his hometown.

In his various ministries, he was loving, devout and penitential. He was a sought-after confessor and preacher.

One witness at the canonical hearings regarding Francesco's holiness testified, "In his preaching he spoke in a familiar way, filled as he was with the love of God and neighbor; fired by the Spirit, he made use of the words and deed of Holy Scripture, stirring his listeners and moving them to do penance." Francesco showed himself a loyal friend of the poor, never hesitating to seek from benefactors what was needed.

At his death in Lucera, children ran through the streets and cried out, "The saint is dead! The saint is dead!" Francesco was canonized in 1986.

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Prayer Corner

Please pray for:

- Pope Benedict XVI
- Bishop Barnes and Bishop del Riego
- Father Miguel and Father Franklin
- Mrs. Laura Lopez
- Mrs. Diane Martinez who is ill (mother of Elijah Martinez, 7th Grade)
- Students, families, teachers and staff of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

This Week's Question

The lawyer-saint who was ordered beheaded by King Henry VIII of England is

- a. St. Thomas More
- b. St. Joseph Cupertino
- c. St. Benedict Joseph Labre
- d. St. Maximilian Kolbe

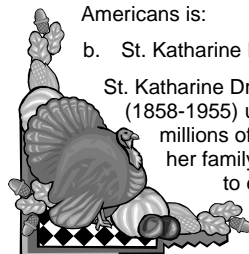
See next week's bulletin for the answer!

Last Week's Question

The Philadelphia heiress who used her wealth to help the poor and founded an order of Sisters to care for Native Americans and African Americans is:

- b. St. Katharine Drexel

St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955) used millions of dollars of her family's fortune to establish schools for



Native Americans and African Americans. To run these schools, she founded an order called the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Happy
Thanksgiving**

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