



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 4 - 7th & 8th Christmas Dance at 7:00 pm in parish hall
- Dec 6 - Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec 7 - 2nd Parents' Club Meeting at 7:00 pm in parish hall
- Dec 7-11 - Scholastic Book Fair
- Dec 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 13 - Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec 15 - All School Christmas Program at 7:00 pm in the church
- Dec 16 - OLPH Wendy's Fundraiser, 4-8 pm, La Quinta

Advent

Advent is a season of preparation. In **Advent**, we thank God for Christ's first coming, prepare for his final coming at the end of time, and celebrate Christ's presence among us today through the Spirit. God loved us and wanted to share that love. But this existence isn't well-suited for a god; it's too broken, evil, painful, unjust. So, to rescue the created world from this evil, God chose to come here and walk the earth, to grow up, to live the truth, and to die. The only way to start such a thing is as a baby, and the only way to be a baby is to be born. Hence **Christmas**. Because Christmas is centered in the new hope brought by a baby, it's a very child-oriented holiday. Because Advent leads us up to that baby, Advent is also child-oriented.

We invite all families to share in the Spirit of Christmas with one another by sharing and reflecting in the Season of Advent. Remember, **Advent is a preparation**, and the best way to start preparing is with a thankful heart.

Student Achievers

Congratulations to all our students who received the Honor Roll or Academic Achievement Award for the first trimester. Keep up the good work! Thank you to our teachers and parents for encouraging them in their studies. We are proud of you!

First Grade - Maia Becerra, Joshua Calixto, Francisco Cervantes, Antonio De La Rosa, Breanna Flores, Isabella Gil, Hannah Hinojosa, Nicolas Hinojosa, Abraham Huerta, Juliana Lopez, Damian Montano, Richard Perea, Michael Salgado, MiaRae Torres

Second Grade - Rebecca Brown, Jacob Castaneda, Hayley Felix, Jazmine Gonzalez, Natalie Herrera, Paige Hrycyk, Justin McWay, Matthew Rodriguez, Rufino Sanchez, Thomas Santacroce

Third Grade - Marisleysis Aguilar, Andrea Bravo, Kara Diaz, Marcela Flores, Liam Manzano, Brian Pham, Aaliyah Zendejas

Fourth Grade - Keven Brown, Alexis De La Rosa, Amanda Flores, Naomi Flores, Brianna Gonzalez, Sierra Hilton, Ryan Loper, Marisela Martinez, Michael McWay, Rocio Medina

Fifth Grade - Mary Becerra, Alexander Bejjani, Sabrina Borjas, Patricia Brown, Angel Castellanos, Reyna Castro, Daniel Connolly, Jacinto Delgado, Albert Islas, Nathaniel Marquez, Anel Monreal, Ivan Palomino, Ulisses Sanchez, Claudia Valencia, Zayra Zamora

Sixth Grade - Walter Brassea, Joshua Brown, Ivanna Castro, Amanda Jauregui, Karina Monroy, Brandon Munoz, Alora Reed-Garcia, Maria Teresa Rodriguez, Guadalupe Saldivar, Jacqueline Solis

Seventh Grade - Alexandra Bravo, Brian Brown, Megan Brown, Victor Cervantes, Johnny Flores, Michael Juarez, Elijah Martinez, Claudio Medina, Aaron Perez, Leilani Pimentel, Esmeralda Sanchez

Eighth Grade - Roger Garczynski, Jackson Gibson, Victoria Marquez, Joaquin Solis, Analise Spenser

We also like to recognize our **Student of the Month** recipients for the month of November. Way to go!

Kindergarten - Allan Martinez
First Grade - Juliana Lopez
Second Grade - Justin McWay
Third Grade - Kara Diaz

Fourth Grade - Amanda Flores
Fifth Grade - Citlaly Zamora
Sixth Grade - Judith Roman
Seventh Grade - Madison Ries
Eighth Grade - Analise Spenser
Physical Education - Kara Diaz, Leilani Pimentel
Computer - Aaliyah Zendejas, Alora Reed- Garcia,

Accelerated Reader Achievement Award

The Accelerated Reader Achievement Award is a new award for deserving students. In order to receive this award, students must meet all three of their goals which include the following:

- Book level goal set for the student
- Percentage correct goal set for the student
- Point level goal set for the student

Congratulations to these students for achieving their goals in Accelerated Reader.

Second Grade - Justin McWay, Thomas Santacroce

Third Grade - Aaliyah Zendejas

Fourth Grade - Keven Brown, Alexis De La Rosa, Amanda Flores, Christopher Hilton, Sierra Hilton, Noah Hinojosa, Marisela Martinez, Michael McWay

Sixth Grade - Maria Teresa Rodriguez, Walter Brassea, Alora Reed-Garcia, Judith Roman, Jacqueline Solis,

Seventh Grade - Johnny Flores, Leilani Pimentel, Madison Ries

Norman's Uniforms

Norman's Uniforms will be here at OLPH School, on Tuesday, December 8 from 2:30-5:30 pm. They will have uniforms, sweatshirts, and jackets for purchase. Now is the time to purchase additional items such as a sweatshirt, school spirit t-shirt or jacket if your child does not have one. You can also contact Normans at 310.832.8342 or visit their Website at

www.normansuniforms.com to order online. Refer to our school code 82470.



Scholastic Book Fairs

The Scholastic Book Fair has arrived. The book fair will be open during recess, lunch time and after school, beginning Monday, December 7 through Monday, December 14. Come by and see the variety of reading materials and other items. The fair will be open until 4:00 pm in room 103.

Walkathon

Just a friendly reminder that all Walkathon \$ was due today. If you have not turned in your child's pledge money, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Parents' Club

Monday, December 7, we will have our Second Parents' Club Meeting in the parish hall at 7:00 pm. Your attendance is important and definitely appreciated. We hope to see you at this meeting.

Car Raffle Tickets

The Bishops' Golf Classic is next Thursday, December 10. This is the day the Chrysler 300 Series will be raffled. If you have not yet turned in the two raffle ticket stubs, please do so. Your tickets will not be in the drawing if they are not turned in on Wednesday, December 9.

DSI Raffle

7th grade will be selling raffle tickets for a Nintendo DSI now until Dec. 14th. Tickets are \$1 each. See any 7th grader to purchase a ticket. Don't miss your chance to win!

Food Sales

This month we have several different food sales. Please note the following.

- Wednesday, December 9** - Chilitos (chips w/chili beans & cheese) \$1.00
- Friday, December 11** - 8th Grade Tostada Luncheon \$4.00
- Tuesday, December 15** - Sloppy Joe's Luncheon \$4.00
- Wednesday, December 16 4-8 pm** - OLPH Wendy's Fundraiser

Thursday, December 17 - 2nd Grade Taco Luncheon \$ 4.00

Thanksgiving Is a Time to be Shared

Thank you to all who made donations to our annual Thanksgiving collection. May God bless you for your generosity.

Maintenance Day

On Saturday, November 21 we had several parents here for Maintenance Day. Our school cannot continue to look nice and kept up without our parents' service. Thank you so much for all your hard work in maintaining our facility and grounds. A special thank you to...

Rudy Reyna, Bertha Cendejas, Leticia Herrera, Gabriel Montes, Roberto Montes, Alex Borjas, Celia Borjas, Dan Watson, Rafaela Saldivar, Carolina Felix, Norma Peru, Richard Pimentel, Maria Gonzalez, Miguel Gonzalez, Jose Tijerina, Raquel Huerta... and to Ms. Diane Flood and Mrs. Mary Rodriguez for their leadership in organizing and preparing for maintenance day. You are all appreciated!

Free Kittens

Ms. Elsa Villanueva, one of our parishoners, has kittens to give to loving homes. If you are interested, please call her at 760-263-4156.

Catholic Calendar

St. Nicholas

(d. 350?)

December 6

The absence of the "hard facts" of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to St. Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that, after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet, historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas

had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him—an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries.

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In the English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

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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
- Students, families, teachers and staff of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

This Week's Question

The Immaculate Conception

- a. means that Mary was preserved from sin from the moment of her conception in her mother's womb.
- b. means that Mary conceived Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- c. was proclaimed in the year 1215 AD.
- d. none of these.

See next week's bulletin for the answer!

Last Week's Question

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

a. St. Thomas More

St. Thomas More (1478-1535) was a brilliant lawyer, a friend of the king, and the Lord Chancellor of England. His conscience would not allow him to approve of King Henry VIII's divorce and his plan to name himself head of the Church of England.

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.