



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

Jan 21 - 2nd Parents Retreat at 9:30 am in room 103

Jan 26 - Nite @ the Races Meeting, 6:30 pm in room 205

Jan 27 - No School, Teacher In-service day

Jan 29 - Feb 4 - Catholic Schools Week

Jan 30 - Spelling Bee for grades 4-8

Feb 2 - Nite @ the Races Meeting, 6:30 pm in room 2

Feb 3 - 23rd Annual Walkathon



Walkathon

Walkathon is just around the corner and we are still looking for a DJ for the students. If you know of someone who would be willing to be our disc jockey for the event, please contact the school office. Please remember the following:

- ✓ All forms-permission slips, student contract & volunteer forms need to be turned into the office. The pledge sheet is not due until Tuesday, January 31.
- ✓ We will be needing oranges for all participants. If you can donate cut up oranges, it certainly will be appreciated. Students love these oranges as a treat when walking.

We will also need cupcakes and plenty of volunteers to assist this day. Thank you!

Progress Reports

Progress Reports were sent home with every student today, Friday, January 20. If you have questions regarding your child's progress, please contact the teacher via email or the school office at 347.3786.

Helping Others

Mrs. Williams, our third grade teacher, will have school supplies such as notebooks, paper, pencils erasers, binders, etc. and simple snacks on sale for a \$1.00 during recess. The sale will continue until supplies last. Proceeds will benefit the less fortunate in the Philippines. Thank you!

Faith. Academics. Service.

Catholic Schools

The final Sunday of every January marks the start of Catholic Schools Week in the United States. This week-long event, jointly sponsored by National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is a time to honor the mission of Catholic education, its impact on individuals and the community, and to emphasize effective marketing of Catholic schools.

It is an ideal time to learn more about the history of Catholic education and what constitutes theologically sound Catholic education still today.

We, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, strive to instill Gospel values through the examples lead by Jesus Christ. It is through this belief that OLPH School continues to embrace our Catholic faith, *To Teach as Jesus Did*.

The administration, faculty and staff are very pleased to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme, "*Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.*", is a reminder that each child is special and deserves to grow academically and spiritually, and can learn to serve one another. OLPH School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 29-February 4, 2012. Please note the following:

- ✠ **Sunday, Jan 29** - Catholic Schools Sunday
- ✠ **Monday, Jan 30** - Academic Day - Students will engage in activities such as egg drop experiment and 4-8 Spelling Bee
- ✠ **Tuesday, Jan 31** - Teachers/ Staff appreciation day - Lunch will be provided for teachers by the Student Council. Parent Volunteers are needed for lunch supervision.
- ✠ **Wednesday, Feb 1** - Student Appreciation Day - Lunch is provided. Pajama Day for students. They can come to school in their pajamas or free dress!
- ✠ **Thursday, Feb 2** - Reflection/Prayer day - School Liturgy at 8:30 am

Parents' Retreat

Next Saturday, January 21, we resume our "Growing Faith Project" as we explore the topics "How Does God Speak to Us?" and "Do You Believe?" The morning will be filled with prayer, faith sharing and deepening our faith. Come join us and be filled with the Holy Spirit! Please bring a Bible, journal and pen. Also, if you attended the last session in October, please bring your packet with you. A phone call to the office to let us know you are coming would be very much appreciated.

Remember: Tomorrow, Saturday, January 21 at 9:30 in Room 103.

Nite @ the Races



Thank you to those who attended our first Nite @ the Races meeting yesterday. It was a great start to prepare for this year's event. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 26 at 6:30 pm. If you signed up to be a part of the steering committee or would like to be a part of the steering committee please attend this meeting.

📅 **Friday, Feb 3** - School
Community Day-23rd Annual
Walkathon

Field Trips

Every year students, parents, and teachers have the opportunity to attend educational field trips. All grades prepare in advance to be ready for the day of the trip. We are asking all parent volunteers to make sure the following is in place before driving or attending a class field trip.

- Complete the Safe Environment Training for the Protection of Children online through the Diocese of San Bernardino at www.sbdioocese.org. If you have never taken the course online it is time to do so. The workshop given at the Parents' Club Meeting five years ago on this topic has expired, and online training is needed. Once the training has been completed, print the certificate and bring to the office.
- Complete the necessary paperwork for fingerprint clearance. This process can be done in the school office. The fee is \$35.00. Once approval is made on clearance, the parent will be contacted.
- Bring your proof of insurance to drive to the school office. The declaration page of your insurance policy should state 100/300/25 minimum in liability. If you do not have this coverage, contact your insurance agent to increase this important liability. You can also fax your declaration page to the school office at 347.7207.
- Sign the driver's form in the school office whenever you are driving for a field trip.
- If your child is 7 or 8 years of age, he/she must have a booster seat.

Please always remember to notify the school office staff of any changes. Remember this policy not only relates to field trips, but to sports events-all drivers must have the above criteria met. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

Catholic Calendar

St. Angela Merici

(1470? - 1540)

January 27

Angela has the double distinction of founding the first teaching congregation of women in the Church and what is now called a "secular institute" of religious women.

As a young woman she became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis (now known as the Secular Franciscan Order), and lived a life of great austerity, wishing, like St. Francis, to own nothing, not even a bed. Early in life she was appalled at the ignorance among poorer children, whose parents could not or would not teach them the elements of religion. Angela's charming manner and good looks complemented her natural qualities of leadership. Others joined her in giving regular instruction to the little girls of their neighborhood.

She was invited to live with a family in Brescia (where, she had been told in a vision, she would one day found a religious community). Her work continued and became well known. She became the center of a group of people with similar ideals.

She eagerly took the opportunity for a trip to the Holy Land. When they had gotten as far as Crete, she was struck with blindness. Her friends wanted to return home, but she insisted on going through with the pilgrimage, and visited the sacred shrines with as much devotion and enthusiasm as if she had her sight. On the way back, while praying before a crucifix, her sight was restored at the same place where it had been lost.

At 57, she organized a group of 12 girls to help her in catechetical work. Four years later the group had increased to 28. She formed them into the Company of St. Ursula (patroness of medieval universities and venerated as a leader of women) for the purpose of re-Christianizing family life through solid Christian education of future wives and mothers. The

members continued to live at home, had no special habit and took no formal vows, though the early Rule prescribed the practice of virginity, poverty and obedience. The idea of a teaching congregation of women was new and took time to develop. The community thus existed as a "secular institute" until some years after Angela's death

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What's Your Catholic I.Q.?

Last Week's Question

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the action of the priest as he says the words forgiving your sins is called

a. absolution.

The word *absolution* comes from two Latin words that together mean "to free from."

In the sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest, in the name of Christ and his Church, frees you from your sins.

This Week's Question

Regarding occult practices (such as witchcraft, Ouija boards, horoscopes, palm readers, psychics, and the like, the church

a. takes a neutral position.

b. warns the faithful strongly against them.

c. says they're not against the Ten Commandments.

d. none of these.

See next week's bulletin for the answer!

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
- Matthew Fajardo,
former student
- All who are ill

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