



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

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October 13, 2019

Principal and Assistant Principal's Corner

Dear OLPH Families,

Today's Mass readings address cleansing of those afflicted by leprosy and having an attitude of gratitude. Gratitude of the provision, pleasure, protection, presence provided that God provides is also found in Psalm 23.

We would like to thank everyone for their assistance and efforts in addressing our cricket issue this past week.

Next weekend is our Parish Festival, and this year we have been asked to increase our volunteers at the event, as \$10,000 of the net profit will be given back to the school. These funds will be used to fix the HVAC system in the gym which is used by both the school and CYO. There are still many volunteer slots to be filled. We thank you in advance for your support in this community event. Also, Trash-to-Treasure are asking for any boxes that you may have to assist with purchase of items. Please drop-off boxes in the main building.

As a reminder, we do indeed have school tomorrow on Columbus Day. We will not have school next Monday, October 21st, as we clean-up the parish grounds following the Parish Festival.

Thank you for all you do for OLPH!
Know Him, Love Him, Serve Him.
Our Lady of Perpetual Help...Pray For Us.

Upcoming Events:

- October 14-18: Scholastic Book Fair in the library
- Tuesday, Oct. 15: WWT @ 3:45
- Tuesday, Oct. 15: Halloween Carnival Meeting @ 6:30 in the cafeteria
- Wednesday, Oct. 16: Mass & "W" Awards
- Wednesday, Oct. 16: Report Cards emailed
- Wednesday, Oct. 16: School Council Meeting @ 7:00 in the cafeteria
- Thursday, Oct. 17: Cyber Patriots @ 7:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 17: Scoliosis Check (5th & 7th grade girls, 8th grade boys)
- Friday, Oct. 18: 8th grade visits St. Anthony
- Friday, Oct. 18: WWT @ 3:45
- Saturday, Oct. 19: Festival Set-up
- Sunday, Oct. 20: Parish Festival
- Monday, Oct. 21: School & CDC Closed

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

Bring these items on these dates and wear jeans with your OLPH spirit shirt!

- October 25-Green beans (15 oz)
- November 1-Mixed vegetables (15 oz)

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News from the CDC

Dear Parents,

The Selma Fire Department visited our students from K3-2nd grade last week and shared fire safety tips. The students learned about the importance of the equipment fire fighters wear to keep them safe and how the equipment on their trucks can help in fighting fires.



Our Parish Festival is this coming weekend. Please refer to the letter you received last week and bring your donations in. Part of the proceeds from the festival will be coming back to our school.

Sign up is still ongoing for the CDC Parent Conferences on October 22nd and 23rd. Conferences will be held in the upstairs of the Pastoral Center. Please sign up to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

If you would like to volunteer at the CDC or attend class parties you need to complete the VIRTUS trainings and Criminal Background Check through the Archdiocese. Ms. Kennedy has emailed information on how to complete these tasks. They must be completed before you will be allowed to take part in CDC events and our first large event is our Halloween Parade and classroom parties!

The School and CDC will be closed on Monday, October 21st for Parish Festival Clean-up.

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Tenille Kennedy or myself at 210-651-6819.

God Bless,

Stephanie Dunne, Director

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After School Care Activities in the CDC

*Registration/information is available at the CDC or at <http://www.teamsoftomorrow.com/> for TOT and <http://www.webbydancecompany.com/state/texas/selma/> for Webby Dance

- Mondays - Art (3:45p, ages 6+, Art Room in the Admin Building)
- Tuesdays - TOT (2:30p, PK, CDC Bldg.)
- Wednesday - Dance (2:45p PK & 3:45p, Kinder+, CDC Bldg.)
- Wednesdays - Orchestra - Guitar/Violin (3:30p, Grades K-8, Music room in Admin Building)
- Fridays - Chess (3:45p, 1st-8th grade, Art room in the Admin Building)

Uniform Tip of the Week:

- Undershirt options are plain white, short-sleeved undershirt and solid black, navy, white, or gray, long-sleeved, crewneck/turtleneck undershirt (cold weather).
- All outerwear (jacket, windbreaker, sweatshirt or cardigan sweater) for boys and girls must be solid navy. Outerwear may not have any logos other than the OLPH school logo/crest.

Cricket Invasion

As most of you know, we were sweeping, vacuuming and using the blower to try to get the crickets out of our school.

Thanks to all who helped out!



Crickets peering out of a locker..." Is the coast clear?"



In some countries crickets are a delicacy. Maybe Ms. Cindy could add cricket tacos to our lunch menu!

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Student/Parent Handbook Reminders:

A. Absences

Regular and prompt attendance at school enables a student to make maximum progress in studies. If a child is absent for more than two hours on any school day, he/she will be marked absent for the full day. Noon dismissals are counted as a full academic day. **A student may not receive credit for a class unless the student is in attendance for at least 90 percent of the days enrolled. Students absent (excused or unexcused) for more than 18 days out of the 180 days of school will be required to complete summer course recovery work or service hours.**

Required Procedures for Absence:

A. The student's parent/guardian must notify the school office by 9 a.m. on the day of absence to alert the staff that their child will be absent by calling (210) 651-6811. At that time homework assignments may be requested and will be ready for pick up in the school office between 3:45-4 p.m. that day. *If the phone call or email is received after 9 am on the day of the absence, the student's assignments will be ready the next morning.*

B. When a student is absent, an email or a note signed by the parent or guardian, stating the reason for the absences is **required**. Notes are to be presented to the homeroom teacher before or upon arrival at school on the first day back. Notes will then be sent to and kept in the school office. (See Sample Absence Note.)

Dear OLPH Catholic School, August XX, 20XX

Please excuse Johnny for being absent on August XX. He was not feeling well and running a fever.

Parent Signature

Parent Name

Thank you,
Mrs. Adams

C. If a student is absent for more than three days documentation from a licensed medical physician's office -- **who is unrelated to the student**- is required stating the reason for the absence and 'return to school' statement.

D. Upon the first day of return to school, the student shall notify all his/her teachers, including teachers of classes such as elective course (which may/may not meet that day) to receive make up work due to any absences. Grades will reflect work missed if the work is not made up. Under normal circumstances, all work of this nature must be completed and given to the student's teachers within three school days. For extended excused absences, students shall make special arrangements with teachers to complete assignments. Teachers are not required to provide assignments prior to the absence. (Refer to the section on make-up work.) Athletes must be marked present in school the entire day in order to be eligible to participate in games/competition or practice later that same afternoon or evening.

E. On days when a student is absent for the entire day (except for school-sponsored activities), excused or unexcused, the student may not participate in any school athletic/extracurricular activity schedule that day.

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Excused absence:

An excused absence does not mean a student will not be marked absent. A student not physically present at school, excused or unexcused, is marked absent. The only exception is participation in school-sponsored activities. Examples of excused absences are classified as follows:

- Personal illness;
- Serious illness or death in the immediate family;
- Medical or dental attention;
- Absences approved in advance by the principal
- Poor weather/hazardous driving conditions
- Absences approved in advance by the principal

Unexcused Absences:

Examples of unexcused absences not approved by the principal include but are not limited to:

- Car trouble
- Failure to bring a written note within two school days following an absence
- Leaving school without the permission of the principal or other administrator
- Oversleeping
- Personal business
- Vacations
- Non school-sponsored athletic activity

B. Tardiness

Tardiness to school or to class results in the loss of valuable class time and disrupts the learning process of all students.

- Students who are not inside their homeroom by 8:00 a.m. are considered tardy.
- Tardiness is designated as either excused or unexcused. Examples of an excused tardy are the same criteria as in Paragraph A above. Any tardy that is not excused will be considered unexcused. A tardy is automatically considered unexcused if the parent or guardian does not sign the student into school through the front office, as stated above. ***A student who accumulates more than three unexcused tardies in one grading period will incur a \$10 per tardy charge to the family account for each subsequent tardy and the missed time will be made up.***
- During the school day students who are not in their assigned place when class begins are also considered tardy. Class tardies are considered unexcused unless excused by a teacher in writing. During the school day, students who accumulate five unexcused class tardies during the school day may serve a one hour after school detention.

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Library News:



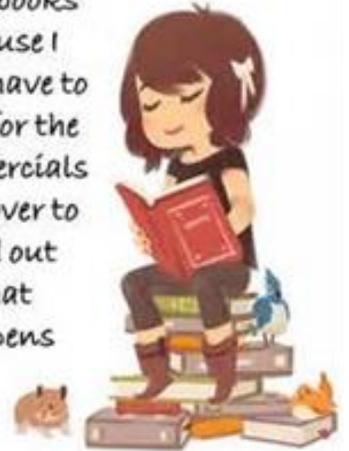
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It's Book Fair time and we are so excited! The library will be closed for checking out/returning books and for taking AR tests this week. All students were allowed to check out an extra book last week to accommodate no check out this week. You still have time to set up eWallet for your child. **If you have more than one child, an account has to be created for each child.** If your child doesn't spend the entire amount in their eWallet, it will not be deducted from your account.

Shopping Hours:

- Monday 7:15-5:00
- Tuesday 7:15-5:00
- Wednesday 7:15-6:00
- Thursday 7:15-5:00
- Friday 7:15-4:00

I love books
because I
don't have to
wait for the
commercials
to be over to
find out
what
happens



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Designer Purse Bingo!!



date:

Saturday, November 16th, 2019

time: Doors open at 6:00pm

Bingo starts promptly at 7:00pm

location:

OLPH GYM 16075 N. Evans Rd, Selma Texas 78154

ticket prices:

General Admission \$ 55.00 Includes 15 bingo games, one bingo dauber ,
food and dessert

VIP ticket \$ 75.00 Includes 2 sets of 15 bingo games, one bingo dauber, food
and dessert

VIP table \$ 750.00 for 10 people Includes 2 sets of 15 bingo games,
bingo daubers for 10 , food, dessert, complimentary wine and snacks at your
table. VIP tables are encouraged to decorate the tables and the winner will
win a \$150.00 gift card to 1908 House of Wine & Ale.

BYOB Event, Margaritas available with in-kind donation

Tickets will be sold at OLPH and Schertz Pharmacy (cash and check preferred)

For further information please contact us at OLPHPTC@olphselma.org

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Journalism Student Articles

BORDER COLLIES

By: Lianne Martinez

AKC Breed Popularity: Ranks 35 of 193

Height: 19-22 inches (male), 12-18 inches (female)

Weight: 30-55 pounds

Life expectancy: 12-15 years

Group: herding group

Border collies

Border collies are medium sized dogs that love to run and herd. Their almond colored eyes are famous for their intelligent looking gaze. They are very athletic dogs and are great for agility training.

Border collies like to have a job to do.

Care for border collies

grooming

Using a pin brush, brush once or twice a week.

Keep their coat clean and tangle-free. They have seasonal shedding.

Trim their nails regularly.

Exercise

Border collies need more than just a walk around the park. They want a job to do. Border collies do great in obedience training, sports, and other competitions.

Training

You should socialize your Border Collie throughout the first seven months of their life. They are very trainable because they are eager to please their owners. Start their obedience training early in their life. They love being with their families but might not always be as open towards strangers.



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Fiesta Texas

By Claire, Mallory, Keira

Everyone loves Fiesta Texas. It's a great place to have fun with family and friends. How could you not love it! They have rides, food, and a water park. Some rides are from ages 3-9 like the spinning teacups, tornado, and children's water parks. Other rides for ten and up are roller coasters such as, The Goliath, Iron Rattler, The Batman, and The Superman.

At Six Flags they also have a water park. Something they have there that many people love is the wave pool! This pool is sure to be enjoyed by the whole family and friends. Now you are prepared to come to Fiesta Texas and have some fun with your family and friends!



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