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Principal and Assistant Principal’s Corner
Dear OLPH Families,

On this last Sunday of the Church year, we honor Christ the King whose kingdom knows no boundaries. Even as he was dying on the cross, he was able to show compassion for one of the thieves who was hanging next to him.

This week we also received a great message from Fr. Praveen during the school Mass for Thanksgiving – thank you for all the food donations which have been sorted and are being picked up by families today. Fr. Praveen talked about only 1 of the 10 lepers came back to thank Jesus for healing him. This gratitude is about Thanks-Living.

Wow! What a fantastic St. Cecilia Sings Concert on Friday evening! The concert afforded us to pay tribute in memorial of St. Cecilia, the patroness of music, whose feast day is on November 22. We had the opportunity to come together collectively to raise our voices, and as it reads in Colossians 3:16 “in songs, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in [our] hearts to God.” Thank you to all who made it so from the students, to the teachers, to the parents, and to our wonderful music teacher, Barbara Nine.

On Friday, Mrs. Stamm also organized, and Coach Martinez hosted a wonderful shadow puppet show on Friday (paid for by Book Fair funds) that was put on by Matthew Sandbook. It was very enjoyable and entertaining for the students and the faculty.

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Also, on Friday we were able to have our Cheer Team and Spirit Squad lead us in welcoming the winter sports student-athletes. Thank you to Coach Velpel and Coach Weeks for their work in the program, and to the athletes and coaches as well.

In this time of Thanksgiving, I recently read something from Brigadier General Maureen K. LeBoeuf, US Army (Retired), “Let’s become gratitude detectors, not error detectors, and acknowledge all the good things, often in many small ways, which are done every day by all those around us!”

On behalf of the entire OLPH Staff & Faculty, we wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

News from the CDC

Dear Parents,

What a beautiful Mass we had last week! Mrs. Garcia’s K4 class did a wonderful job in their presentation of “setting the Thanksgiving table” before Mass began. Thank you to all of our families and staff members who donated food items for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We are able to help many struggling families with your generous donations.

We had a surprise visit from HEB last Tuesday in the CDC. The CDC won the HEB Read 3 Book Drive and will receive $1000 to go towards audio/visual equipment for our classrooms! Thank you again for all of your book donations.

Last week Mrs. East’s and Mrs. Garcia’s classes participated in the Water Safety course at the Schertz YMCA. The children did a great job!

Many thanks to the Miss Tristan Foundation for providing this wonderful program to 4 year olds in the Archdiocese.

Honeybaked Ham orders will be ready for pick up on Monday, November 25th from 2-4pm in the Pastoral Center and 4-6pm in the CDC. Remember to take your Catholic Life tickets to your family gatherings over the holidays! All tickets are due January 10th. If you need more tickets please see Ms. Kennedy or the school office.

Just a reminder that the school and CDC will be closed Wednesday, November 27th-Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The faculty and staff of the CDC want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. If your family is traveling may God keep you safe and protected.

God Bless,

Stephanie Dunne, Director
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.)
- Wednesdays - 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)

USA Weightlifting launched its combine series as its latest recruitment project aiming to find weightlifting’s next Olympic hopeful. Combines are open to athletes ages between the ages of 12 and 24. Each combine will include the following events:
- 30m sprint
- Vertical jump
- Broad Jump
- Power clean
- Back squat

All athletes are welcome to attend, but please be aware that the combine is meant to find new athletes to participate in the sport of weightlifting. The target athlete will not already be a member of USA Weightlifting. The combine series is **free** to attend, and members of USA Weightlifting are encouraged to invite friends, family, and classmates!

The final two hours of the combine will consist of a weightlifting fundamentals session to go over the basics of the snatch and the clean and jerk for athletes with little or no experience with the Olympic lifts.

*Top athletes will be contacted at the end of the combine series for inclusion in the Transitional Athlete Program. Collegiate opportunities are available.*

Follow this link to register for a combine near you: [https://forms.gle/f1XsLm8czgHyCbu5](https://forms.gle/f1XsLm8czgHyCbu5)

**Schedule:**
- 12pm - 1pm: Test events
- 2pm - 3pm: Weightlifting fundamentals

**Event date and Location:**
Date: 11/30/19
Location: Houston, TX
Gym: Kim Barbell

Thank you and if you have any athletes that may be interested please have them stop by!

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Thanksgiving is a special time to recall all the blessings from the year and give thanks to God who gives us all these good things. We have so many things to be thankful for: our faith, our lives, our families, our Church, our school, happiness even though we may not have everything that we would like to have. However, we have the things that are a source of great happiness for all of us. We have our faith and we have each other for support and love every day but more especially in difficult times. So as we sit around the festive Thanksgiving table, let us give thanks for our bounty and pray for the people who are less fortunate that we are. (A great way to celebrate would be to attend Mass.) After All Eucharist Means Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the day!

Thanks so much for your kind outpouring of love in giving us such a generous amount of gift cards for the Sisters’ Pantry. God bless you all and know that it is appreciated and helps not only the two of us but our sisters at the Motherhouse in Victoria. They are grateful too and keep you in their prayers.

Gratefully,
Sister Leonita
Sister Clementine

St. Vincent DePaul Donations
Bring these items on these dates and wear jeans with your OLPH spirit shirt!
- December 6: Box of Instant Oatmeal (10oz)
- December 13: Bottle of Syrup (18oz)
- December 20: Box of Baking Mix (40oz)
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Girls B team won 2nd at the tournament!

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Library News:
• Don’t be a turkey-Thanksgiving Break Reading Challenge. Color a feather for each book read (Chapter books, one feather for each chapter) and return to school December 2 for a bookmark. Reading logs will not be accepted after December 4.
• Storybook Character Christmas Ornament: Help us decorate the school Christmas trees with your favorite storybook character.

Journalism Student Articles

New Macy’s day balloons?
Written by: Carli Moy

Are you waiting for some new balloons at the 93rd edition Macy’s Day Parade? Well, I have some balloons for everybody to look forward to this year. This year we will have 30 character balloons, 7 balloonicles, 34 floats, 19 amazing performers, 11 marching bands, which one is from our very own city (Reagan), more than 1,000 clowns, and 8 performance groups. It will begin at 9 a.m. at 77th street and Central Park West. Now, for our new balloons this year. First up is Astronaut Snoopy by Peanuts, Green Eggs and Ham by Netflix, SpongeBob SquarePants, and Gary by Nickelodean. In celebration of his 75th birthday, a heritage balloon and fan favorite is finally going to return—Smoky Bear! I hope everybody enjoyed this article and I hope you enjoy this year’s Macy’s Day Parade.

www.macy’s thanksgiving day parade 2019 balloons
https://www.macys.com/social/parade/lineup

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Top NFC V.S. Top AFC

Written By: Laci Reifenberg

From AFC to NFC there are so many different NFL teams. Which ones the best? What’s their records? I am going to answer those questions by taking the top NFC team and top AFC team and comparing their status’.

New England Patriots

The Patriots status has been very good ever since Tom Brady has joined. They have made Super Bowl playoffs 11 times and won 6 of them. They are 9-1 this year and only loss has been against the Raiders.

San Francisco 49ers

The 49ers have been doing good this year. That would be because Jimmy Garapolo (who was the previous back-up quarter-back for New England) has joined and their defense has improved immensely. They are 10-1 with only 1 loss against the Seattle Seahawks in overtime. They have won 5 Super Bowls, and been to 6 most in the 80’s because of Joe Montana.

If both teams make it to the Super Bowl this year, it is almost guaranteed to be a good game. Best of luck to both!

Works cited: nfl.com/playoffs/playoff-pictue
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