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December 8, 2019

Principal and Assistant Principal's Corner

Dear OLPH Families,

On this second Sunday of the Advent, the theme is faith. The question is what does faith mean to each of us? John the Baptist is in Matthew's Gospel, and his strong and simple message is to "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Last week's school-wide Advent Retreat and Reconciliation was a very appropriate way to start the Advent Season. Thank you to all who made it so. On Tuesday, the 8th Grade students and teachers enjoyed a STEM Trip to Hunter Cement Factory in New Braunfels, and now understand the 'why' of chemistry and math equations. The Catholic Social Teachings class also enjoyed their luncheon with The Lions Club and learned more of their service organization. We also enjoyed story time with Ms. Anastasia this week in the library.

- We are very much appreciative of everyone's generosity in support of the Toy Drive, sponsored by the Journalism students. The gifts will certainly make Christmas special for the adopted and foster children.

The following are other OLPH School Christmas Service Projects:

- K-1-2 grades are sponsoring two tags from the parish's giving tree. The tags chosen are for two of the organizations / homes that are in need of help.
- 3-4-5 grades are sponsoring the Lions Club of New Braunfels.

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Upcoming Events

- Sunday, December 8: 2nd Sunday of Advent
 - Monday, December 9: Feast of the Immaculate Conception 8:30 Liturgy Celebrated by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller
 - Tuesday, December 10: 7:30 Beta
 - Tuesday, December 10: Saint Bowl
 - Tuesday, December 10: 3:45 WWT
 - Thursday, December 12 Cyber Patriots 7:00 a.m.
 - Thursday, December 12: Kindergarten Cookies with Santa
 - Friday, December 13: WWT 3:45
 - Friday, December 13: K-2 Christmas concert 7:00p.m Church
 - Saturday, December 14: HS Placement test
 - Tuesday, December 17: Spirit Night at Baskin Robbins
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- 6-7-8 grades are sponsoring the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The Cyber Patriot Teams spent 6 long hours plus on Sunday in the fall competition round. We are confident that they did well.

CYO and Middle School Basketball Teams are well underway. It's great to see everyone competing on the court, and the support given by the Spirit Team and Cheer Team.



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We are looking forward to this week's events which include:

- Monday: 8:30 a.m. School Mass, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, celebrated by Archbishop Gustavo
- Tuesday: Saint Bowl (questions are on the school website)
- Wednesday: Breathe

Thursday:

- 8:30 a.m.(ish) Kindergarten Cookies with Santa
- 6:30 p.m. Wildcat Worship Team and others perform at Selma City Council
- 7:00 p.m. Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Sanctuary, followed by dinner in cafeteria
- Friday: Christmas Concert, Grade K-2nd, plus Hand bell Ensemble, Recorder Section, and the Wildcat Worship Team
- Saturday: Army Beats Navy

Thank you for all you continue to do for OLPH!
Know Him, Love Him, Serve Him.

News from the CDC

Dear Parents,

The children are continuing to work hard in preparing for their Christmas Program. Our program will be held on Thursday, December 19 at 10 a.m. in the Church. Order forms for DVDs of the program will be sent home this week in the blue folder. Extra order forms will be available at the front desk with Ms. Kennedy.

We had a great visit with Santa last week at the CDC. The children really enjoyed getting to visit with him. We also had Blue Santa stop by to help with our morning dismissal one day last week!

The students were treated to a visit with Ms. Anastasia last Thursday. She read books and the students enjoyed singing along with her as well.

Our K3 and K4 Classroom Christmas Parties will be held on Friday, December 20th at 9 a.m. The cafeteria is closed on this day so children who stay past 11:15 a.m. must bring a sack lunch and drink.

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.

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.)
- 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)

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

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

- December 13-Bottle of Syrup (18 oz)
- December 20-Box of Baking Mix (40 oz)

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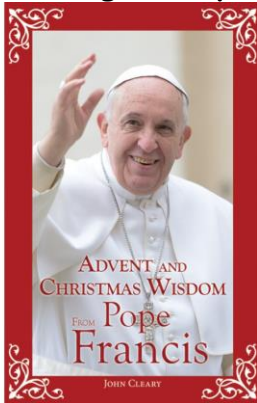
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News from the Religion Department:



"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ."- Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium, or The Joy of the Gospel, I, 2-3

This Advent, prepare to celebrate Jesus' arrival as an infant in the small town of Bethlehem. Born into poverty, he brings us the good news that God loves us - and calls us to give of ourselves to others. Let the example of Pope Francis, as he models the humility and generosity of our Savior, inspire you. Reflect on the pope's teachings, accompanied by Scripture, prayer, and action. Then go out and share the message: Jesus Christ is born!

From the School Nurse:

Parents: Please do not send your child to school after giving them Tylenol or Ibuprofen to treat a fever or other symptoms of illness at home. These medications wear off and then a child presents to me with elevated temperature, cough, headache, sore throat, etc. These different symptoms can be signs of a cold, or flu, or strep throat or another type of viral or bacterial infection after being in class. There have been 2 cases of a flu diagnosis that I am aware of in the last couple of weeks in the primary grades. Any child with a temperature 99.9 or above should not be sent to school and will be sent home if discovered here at school.

6th Grade Parents: When scheduling your child for a doctor's appointment in the coming year, please have the booster to the DTP and the Meningococcal vaccines given prior to the 2020 fall semester. These vaccinations are required for entry into 7th grade for all schools in Texas. Right now there are 23 6th graders who have not received the vaccines or there is no documentation in their school health file that they have received them.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Christ's Peace, Nurse Beth



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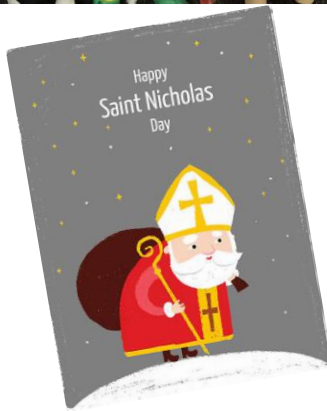
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Sabrina Kennedy and Addison Edwards starred in Elf Jr. the musical this weekend.



Pre-K excited about Saint Nicholas Day

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Journalism Student Articles

1st seed to 5th seed

Written by: Laci Reifenberg and Jaslyn Al-saigh

The San Francisco 49ers had a streak of winning all of their games. Along with being 1st seed in the NFC. Until it became all except one with losing against the Seattle Seahawks, but still in the first seed. However, after losing to the Ravens this weekend, they became 5th seed and the Seattle Seahawks became 1st in the NFC. The NFL is different though. Due to the playoff rules the 49ers still have a chance at making play-offs if they don't move down further in the seed placement. As a 49ers fan, I want them to definitely move up in the seed placement before they do worse and move down.

Christmas Toy Drive

Written by: Carli Moy and Ryan Drever

This year, OLPH journalism class will be helping Vinnie Vinzetta and Adoption Priorities in a toy drive. It will happen from December 2, 2019 to December 16, 2019. We would love for everybody to help us in this amazing cause for adopted/foster children. You can turn in your unwrapped gifts to the box in the library. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Remember, when you help this amazing cause, you give hope for a future, faith in a family, and love for a child. Thank you so much for your time and donations, but if you are not able to purchase any items, prayers are greatly appreciated.

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Great Things to Do to Get in the Christmas Spirit!!

Written by: Carli Moy

Well, Christmas keeps creeping up on us and we all know we want some things to get us in the wonderful Christmas spirit. Well, if you do this is the perfect article for you. The first great idea I have for all of you is watch your favorite old Christmas movie. For example, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. Another great choice is Charlie Brown's Christmas. Now, you know the traditional activity to get in the Christmas spirit is going to see Christmas lights maybe even just around your neighborhood. Another great choice is go buy some Christmas socks. They do not even have to be fancy. Just some cute Christmas socks to get you in the Christmas spirit. Now, we all know the all-time original drink..... hot cocoa! Now, you can't just have hot cocoa, you have to add the amazing whip cream and marshmallows! Now that you have the perfect hot cocoa, you need to make the perfect Christmas cookies to go with it. Now, when you make the cookies, you need to make sure you add the icing and sprinkles (but they have to be in Christmas colors to get in the Christmas spirit). Now, you know that music app on your phone that plays music for free but you never use it, well you can use it now. Make a Christmas music playlist of your favorite old and new Christmas songs. Also, don't forget to decorate your Christmas with your fluffy socks, drinking your hot cocoa, and playing Christmas music. Now, I hope you enjoyed this article and make sure to try out all of these wonderful activities to get in the Christmas spirit!

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LANGUAGE LESSONS

By:Liam Shannon

Ever find someone who spoke another language than English? Then look no further, I'm here to help. Let's start with the basics like hi, hello, bye, good morning, good night, morning, night, and day.

Italian

Hi=Ciao

Hello=Ciao

bye=Ciao ciao

Good morning=Buongiorno

Good night=Buona notte

Morning=mattina

Night=notte

day=giorno

French

hi=salut

Hello=salut

Bye=au revoir

Good morning=bonjour

Good night=bonne nuit

morning= matin

Night=nuit

day=journee

German

Hi=Hallo

Hello=hallo

Bye=tschuss

Good morning=guten morgen

Good night=gute nacht

Morning =morgen

Night=nacht

day=tag

Spanish

Hi=hola

Hello=hola

Bye=adios

Good morning=buenos dias

Good night=buenas noche

morning=manana

Night=noche

day=dia

Latin

Hi=salve

Hello=salve

Bye=vale

Good morning=bonum mane

Good night=bonum nocte

Morning=mane

Night=noctis

Day=dies

Hebrew

Hi=היי

Hello=שלום

Bye=ביי

Good morning=בוקר טוב

Good night=לילה טוב

Morning=בוקר

Night=לילה

Day=יום

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Japanese

Hi=こんにちは Kon'nichiwa
Hello=こんにちは
Kon'nichiwa
Bye=さようなら Sayōnara
Good morning=おはようござ
います Ohayōgozaimasu
Good night=おやすみなさい
Oyasuminasai
Morning=朝 Asa
Night=夜 Yoru
Day=日 Hi

Chinese(simplified)

Hi=你好 Nǐ hǎo
Hello=你好 Nǐ hǎo
Bye=再见 Zàijiàn
Good morning=早上好
Zǎoshang hǎo
Good night=晚安 Wǎn'ān
Morning=早上 Zǎoshang
Night=晚 Wǎn
Day=天 Tiān

Chinese(Traditional)

Hi=你好 Nǐ hǎo
Hello=你好 Nǐ hǎo
Bye=再見 Zàijiàn
Good morning=早上好
Zǎoshang hǎo
Good night=晚安 Wǎn'ān
Morning=早上 Zǎoshang
Night=晚 Wǎn
Day=天 Tiān

Now you know several languages, like Hebrew. Spend some time learning about these languages. Use Google translate to help.