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Principal and Assistant Principal's Corner

Dear OLPH Families,

Welcome back for another school year! Although it has been extremely hot the past few weeks, it was a bit different starting off this year without a solar eclipse or a hurricane (yet) during the first week. We had a great couple of days to start us off on the right track.

In making it so, we send a huge thank you to the MOMS Group, the PTC, parish ministries, and volunteers for their work at the Boo-Hoo/ Yahoo Breakfast, and for all the families who came to share in friendship and fellowship. Also, another huge thank you to all who assisted in the Campus Clean-up last weekend - YOU make a difference.

This year's school theme is: "Know Him, Love Him, Serve Him." It addresses the WHY of our faith. It also is a truncated version of a familiar Baltimore Catechism response of, "Why did God make you?" "To know Him, love Him, and serve Him in this world, to be happy forever with Him in the next." There will be more to follow on this theme throughout the year. This Sunday's Gospel reading speaks of a 'division.' Although we may immediately think of US political divisions, often the division runs through the center of our hearts. Aleksander Solzhenitsyn wrote about this in *The Gulag Archipelago*, "... the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?" The love of God is the one constant that brings us back to one another, that heals the rifts, that bridges that divides between us.

As a reminder, CYO registration continues throughout the day today.

We hope that you all have a restful Sunday and wonderful week! We look forward to seeing y'all at

Upcoming Dates

- August 18 Sister's Pantry Collection begins
- August 20 Halloween Carnival committee meeting 6:30 (library)
- August 21 School Mass
- August 23 Spirit Day, SPdV donations
- August 24 Back to School Mass and BBQ

the Back-to-School Barbeque next Saturday at the OLPH gym, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Know Him, Love Him, Serve Him.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help...Pray For Us.

Amanda Miller
Assistant Principal

Francis B. Burns
Principal

News from the CDC

Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome all of the children and families to OLPH CDC. Thank you for entrusting us with your precious children as we help guide them in their early years of education. We look forward to working with each child and family this year. I truly believe that your children will reap the benefits of our efforts when we work as a team and assist each other in this ministry.

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Please sign-up for your RenWeb account, if you need help with this please let Ms. Kennedy know. You should be receiving emails from OLPH School and CDC. Please let us know ASAP if you haven't been receiving them.

The elementary school has a 12p dismissal day multiple times throughout the year (the 1st one is on 10/11). The CDC will always be open until 6p on these days. Please contact the CDC if you should have any questions or concerns. The school & CDC will be closed on 9/2 in honor of Labor Day.

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

After School 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

*TOT Sample class 8/20, Dance Sample class 8/21 -

Contact the CDC for more info

Mondays - Art, 9/9 (3:45p, ages 6+, Art Room in the Admin Building)

Tuesdays - TOT, 9/3 (2:30p, PK, CDC Bldg.)

Wednesday - Dance 9/4 (2:45p PK & 3:45p, Kinder+, CDC Bldg.)

Wednesdays - Orchestra - Guitar/Violin, 9/4 (3:30p, Grades K-8, Music room in Admin Building)

Fridays - Chess, 9/6 (3:45p, 1st-8th grade, Art room in the Admin Building)

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

Bring a 15 oz. can of green beans on Friday, August 23, 2019 and wear jeans with your spirit shirt!

Uniform Tip of the Week

3. Spirit Days - FRIDAYS

Every Spirit Day is a privilege. Every Friday is a Spirit Day; students are allowed to wear "spirit wear," which consists of any approved school uniform bottom with an approved OLPH T-shirt to include PE shirt, spirit shirts, OLPH school or OLPH CYO team athletic shirts, Coach D shirt, or club shirts (i.e.: track team, baseball/softball teams, Beta club, class T-shirt, etc.)

Additionally, students are encouraged to bring in a can of food to share with the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) on Fridays. Those who do bring a canned good for SVdP will have the privilege of wearing jeans with their spirit shirt. A featured food item is requested each week and posted throughout campus and in the weekly newsletter. SVdP offers critical assistance to area families in need, and the school has become the primary support, providing an average of over 3,000 pounds of food each school year.

Blue jeans are defined as regular (not tight), denim blue jeans free of holes or tears, with functional pockets in both front and rear. Jeans will not be rolled at the hem. If there are designs on the jeans, they may be limited to the back pockets only. Colored jeans, leggings/jeggings are not permitted. No shorts of any kind, cropped-style pants or flood pants are permitted.

Students must wear approved uniform shoes and socks. Other Spirit Days may be announced throughout the year.

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Library

Hi,

My name is Terri Stamm and I am the new librarian at OLPH. Mrs. Brooke retired, but you still might see her around sometimes.

I've been teaching for 20 years and earned my Master's Degree in Library Science in December. This is my first year as a certified librarian. It is truly the best job in the school because I get to work with everyone.

We have had a few technology glitches, but I think everything is up and running. We will begin check out this week. (Kindergarten will be a bit later). The library is open Monday-Friday from 7:30-4:00.
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Yearbooks are in and have been distributed. If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook, there are some extras available. The price is \$45.00. Checks should be made to OLPH.

I look forward to working with you all.

Art

Dear OLPH Families,

My name is Diana Luis, and I will be the volunteer Art Teacher. I have a first grader at the school and it is because of our shared love for art that I offered to help this year. My background is in Museum Studies, and I am certified to be an ESL and Elementary teacher. I have worked as a catholic school teacher, museum educator, and museum curator in both Texas and the UK. Currently, I am scheduled to teach grades K-5 on Tuesdays and Thursday, but I hope to be expanding this to Middle School on an individual classroom bases. (Stay tuned!)

With my museum background, I have been taught how to include art into every subject, and really love helping individuals take ownership of their art. Also for this reason, I strongly recommend sending your child with an oversized t-shirt to class to help protect those uniforms. I have learned the hard way that washable does not always mean it will wash out.

We will also be practicing Pope Francis' call to be Earth stewards thru recycled art. Please hold on to any bottle tops, can tabs, as well as single use water bottles, and send them directly to the art room. You will be amazed by what we can create with them. I am very excited to be working with you and your children this year, and I know it will be a fun year in art. If you have any questions for me, please do not hesitate to grab me in the art room.

In Christ,
Diana Luis

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