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Principal and Assistant Principal's Corner

Dear OLPH Families,

WOW! A huge thank you to all who assisted in making the Back-to-School BBQ a success and to so many families who attended the event at the gym! Hats off to the PTC OLPH MOMS Group, the PTC, the Grill Sergeants, the servers, the DJ, and to the set-up and clean-up crews, for all their work in making it a wonderful evening. It was great to see so many families and faculty last night -- it's what makes OLPH a wonderful community.

In this week's Gospel, we are told to Strive to enter through the narrow gate. We cannot fake our way through the gate. Fr. Paul D. Scalia (yes, one of the former Supreme Court Justice's son is a priest, another is an Army Officer with whom I served) wrote a column this morning, in *The Catholic Thing*, where he talks about curiosity (the question of how others enter heaven), complacency (with what we have here on earth and how we use our talents), and striving (the struggle). In the column he wrote that the "Greek word for strive to "agonizesthe," from which we have the word agony. A literal translation would be agonize to enter the narrow gate. As Catholics we believe that Heaven is not easily entered. God's grace does not bear fruit in our lives unless we strive - agonize- to cooperate with it."

This Monday evening is Meet-the-Teacher Night. We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow evening starting at 6:30 p.m. in the

Upcoming Dates

- August 26-Meet the Teacher Night (K-8th) at 6:30
- August 28 Mass
- September 2 Labor Day-no school
- September 4 Room Parent Meeting 2:30 in the cafeteria

church (sanctuary), for a brief opening, then we will make our way to the classrooms. We will have two 30 minutes sessions. We will announce a change so that those with more than one student can meet with the other teacher. All middle school teachers will be in the cafeteria to meet with the parents.

Fall sports season is underway as volleyball competed well in their tournaments this past weekend, football played well in the scrimmage on Saturday. Cross country has started putting in some miles on the running shoes, and soccer games will start this Wednesday. OLPH will serve as the host of 8-man soccer, and all games will be played on Wednesdays at 4, 5, and 6 p.m. respectively. CYO has also stated their practices with over 300 athletes signed up to play fall sports. All are welcome to support our athletes.

Thank you for all you do for OLPH!

Know Him, Love Him, Serve Him.

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

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News from the CDC

Dear Parents,

We have had an exciting first full week of classes! The children seem to be adjusting well and everyone is getting into their routines. We had our first practice Fire Drill last week and the students did a great job.

Monday evening's Meet the Teacher is only for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. The CDC held their Meet the Teacher on our Orientation night on the August 12th.

Our registration for After School Activities is underway. We have TOTs, Webby Dance, Art, Orchestra and Chess. Information is available in the CDC.

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

St. Vincent DePaul Donations

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

September 6- 2 lb bag of white rice

September 13-15 oz Fruit Cocktail

September 20-18 oz Peanut Butter

September 27-11 oz Condensed Soup

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

- 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)

Uniform Tip of the Week

13. Logos and markings on shoes or soles must be the same color as the shoe. No high tops or steel-toed shoes are allowed. Shoelaces must be white or black, to match the shoe. Shoes must be kept clean throughout the year.

14. If there is a medical reason why athletic shoes cannot be worn; other solid black or solid white shoes may be worn with written permission from a doctor

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

We all hope that everyone we encounter is kind and respectful. But, sadly sometimes that is not always the case. When that happens, it can be confusing to determine if what we experienced was rude, mean or might even be bullying. Knowing that can make a difference in our response. Here is a handy poster to help us to determine this-



TO ALL NEW AND RETURNING PARENT VOLUNTEERS

There is a new directive from the Archdiocese concerning volunteers in all the schools. You must now read and sign a "Code of Conduct" and complete two more online training modules,

- Sexual Harassment Online Training Module
- Vulnerable Adults Training Module

To get to the site:

- www.archsa.org
- Department & Offices
- Child Protection
- Safe Environment Training

Register here, if you have already completed the "Protecting Gods Children" module you will use the same user name and password you created to log on, if you have forgotten it, please use the "Forgot Password" link and one will be sent to the email address you submitted at that time. Use the VIRTUS link on the same page you registered to complete the online training. At the end of each module please print out a copy of the certificate and submit to the office or email it to wohln@olphselma.org

** Please complete a Criminal Background Check form and submit to the school office.**

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Caring for Creation Mass

- Sunday September 8
- Outdoor Mass at Mission Espada
- 10040 Espada Rd. San Antonio, TX 78214
- Celebrated by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSPS
- Order your t-shirts (order form attached) Deadline to order is Wednesday, August 28.

Library

Accelerated Reader (AR) has kicked off for the 2019-2020 school year. (Kindergarten will start in the spring semester). Students are allowed to read a book and take an AR quiz on the book to earn points. Points from previous years or summer do not carry over, so everyone is starting the new year with 0 points. Just a few reminders for AR:

- Students must read the entire book before attempting to take an AR test.
- Students must take the test independently (which includes reading the questions themselves).
- Students may take AR tests in the classroom (when the teacher allows) or in the library.
- Students may only take 1 AR test in the library.
- Students, in grades 1st-5th, who meet the minimum number of points each quarter will be invited to a celebration.

1st grade- 4 points

2nd grade- 5 points

3rd grade- 10 points

4th grade- 15 points

Just a reminder the library is open daily 7:30-4:00.

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