



Our Lady of Perpetual Help School



A Treasure Trove of News

May 2010

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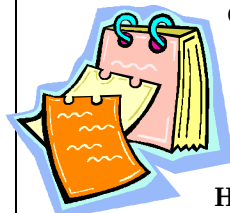
**MAY
CALENDAR**

Saturday, May 1—First Communion 11:00
Monday, May 10
 7:00 Band Concert
May 14-18—8th Grade Exams
Wednesday, May 19—
 9:30 DARE graduation in gym
May 20-24—Exams for Grades 4-7
Friday, May 21—
 9:00 PreK3 promotion in classroom
 7:00 8th grade Mass and promotion in church
Monday, May 24—
 9:00 PreK4 and Kdg promotion in gym
Tuesday, May 25
 Records Day—No School for students
Wednesday, May 26
 Last Day of School
 9:00 Mass, 10:00 Awards Ceremony in gym
 11:15 Dismissal
 No After-School Care or bus today

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Getting Ready for Next Year!

It's hard to believe that our school year is almost over. May will be a busy month, with First Communion, Band concerts, and promotion ceremonies for our 8th graders, kindergarteners, and PreK students. Our awards ceremony on the last day of school will complete our school year.



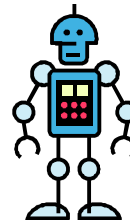
Our school calendar for 2010-2011 still must be approved by the school advisory board, so it is not included in this newsletter. However, you will receive it along with your child's report card on the last day of school. It will also be posted on the school's website.

First Day of School:

Thursday, August 12—Grades 1-8
 Monday, August 16—Kindergarten
 Thursday, August 19—PreK

As of this time, we are not planning any major renovations to the

school. However, the facilities committee of our School Advisory Board is working on a prioritized list of repairs needed, and these will be filled as money is available.



Our robotics program for middle school students will be expanding for next year. We will include 6th graders as well as 7th and 8th graders. Robotics classes are held once a week for about 9 weeks.

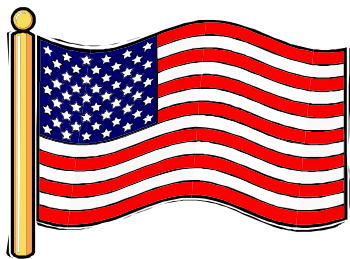
In order to better prepare our students for high school, we are also planning Spanish Classes twice a week for our 7th and 8th grade students.



Last week, each parent received a survey from our school advisory board. Please return these surveys and give us your feedback. We want to do all we can to make OLPH the best school ever!!

4th Quarter Exam Schedule

Date	8th Grade	6th-7th Grade	4th-5th Grade
Friday, May 14	Periods 2 and 3	None	None
Monday, May 17	Periods 1 and 6	None	None
Tuesday, May 18	Periods 4 and 7	None	None
Thursday, May 20	None	6th: Per 1 and 4 7th: Per. 1 and 5	Reading & Math
Friday, May 21	None	Periods 2 and 3	English and Religion
Monday, May 24	None	Periods (5),6,7	Science and Social Studies



Thanks to an anonymous parishioner who donated a new American flag to OLPH School. He was passing by the school and noticed that our flag was tattered and torn. That very day he purchased a new flag and enlisted the help of the Kenner Fire Department to put the flag upon the flagpole. Thanks to the Kenner Fire Department and also to our generous donor!



OLPH Cookbooks

Are on sale
In the school office
\$10.00
each



Reserve your copy of the

2009-10 OLPH Yearbook

Yearbooks will be ready
in September.
\$20 per yearbook

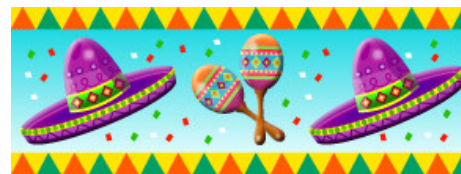
OLPH
Cinco
De Mayo



Celebration

Wednesday, May 5
At 2:00 in the gym
Grades Kdg—6
Parents are invited.

The students have been practicing dances for this celebration of Mexican culture.



Title I News

The first week in May is Title 1 week at OLPH. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students have been practicing a dance to present at our school assembly on Monday, May 3rd. It is a dance originally done by a middle school in Florida to promote reading. The video was originally shown on The Oprah Show.



Title 1 Summer Program

Just as we did last year, OLPH is hosting a summer program in reading and math. This is a great opportunity for students who are having difficulty and need extra help over the summer.

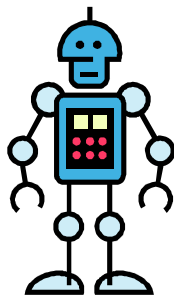
Last year, we had about 20 students who participated. There is no charge at all to parents. Classes will be held in the OLPH library from 8 until noon, Monday through Thursday, for 4 weeks, beginning on June 1.

Requirements are:

- The student must be a Jefferson parish resident, entering 1st through 5th grade in the fall
- Standardized test scores (reading and/or math) must be below 40th percentile
- OR Teacher recommendation

Please call Sr. Julie for more information.

Upper Elementary and Middle School



Three of our 8th graders—Robert Tilghman, Kassim Sulony, and Ryan Munoz, will participate in the archdiocesan Robotics

Fair on Thursday, May 6. They will be showcasing their robot that “pops a wheelie.” Congratulations, boys!

RETREAT

Our 7th and 8th graders will participate in a retreat on Wednesday, May 5, on the school campus. The retreat will be conducted by the National Evangelization Team. Students from St. Rita's School will be joining us for the day.



On the same day, our Advanced Band students will be participating in the Archdiocesan Band Festival.

Also, the 5th and 7th grade students will be attending a Zephyrs game on May 4 because of their participation in the DARE program.





Sr. Julie's Corner

Welcome, Holy Spirit



A traditional prayer in our Catholic Church is "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love." Here at OLPH, the students like to sing the prayer, often in the morning and sometimes at Mass after receiving Holy Communion.

I think that instead of saying just "Come, Holy Spirit," we should also say "Welcome, Holy Spirit," to show that we are really eager for the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts. We don't just want to be lukewarm Christians, but we want to be on fire with the love and zeal of

the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is sometimes referred to as the forgotten member of the Holy Trinity. We don't mention Him that often, but it is important to remember that the Holy Spirit is God, one in being with the Father and the Son, Jesus. We acknowledge the Holy Spirit every time we pray the Sign of the Cross to begin or end our prayer.

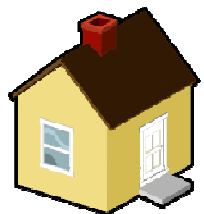
But what does the Holy Spirit do for us? The Bible tells us that "the love of God is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:5) This means that the Holy Spirit gives us



God's love. Whenever the love of God is, the Holy Spirit is there also.

The Holy Spirit gives us many gifts to help us be better Christians: wisdom, understanding, and knowledge, as well as many other gifts. How do we know that we have the Holy Spirit in our lives? If we have the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, and peace) then we can be sure that the Holy Spirit is with us.

Since the Holy Spirit brings us so many gifts, as well as God's love, we can truly say: Welcome, Holy Spirit! Come with your grace and your gifts!



Home and School News

Our last Home and School Association meeting of the year was held on April 22. At this time, we were able to announce some of our officers for next year.

President of the Home and School Association will be Debbie Garner. First Vice-Presidents will be Cheryl Ohlmeyer and Maria Avella. Our Second Vice President will be

Donna Casanovas. Treasurer will be Dawn Connerup, and CCSCC representative will be Janine Schilleci. We are still in need of a few more officers. Please call Debbie Garner at 301-7170 if you would like to volunteer.



Merci Beaucoup

We are very grateful to Danielle Magri who has served as our Home and School Association president for the past three years. It was a great undertaking for Danielle and she has done a marvelous job for the parents, students, families, and faculty of OLPH School. She has a real servant's heart and stepped up when she

heard the Lord's call.

Merci

A Big Thank-You!

As of this printing, the final numbers are not in yet, but the weather cooperated, and it seems that our OLPH Magnolia Festival was a roaring success! Thanks to all of you who participated by working in the booths, to our students and their wonderful entertainment. One hundred twenty students received coupons for Dress-

Down Day because of their parents' participation. Thank you for all of your hard work.

In particular, we would like to thank our Festival Chairperson, Robby Adams, and the members of the Fair Committee: Jennifer Adams, Sharon Styron, Christina and Robby

Daigle, Larry and Jennifer Rome, Randy Konnerup, Tammy and Ryan Hoffman, Bruce and Kerri Schmidt.

If you have any feedback on this year's festival or suggestions for next year's, please let us know. Thanks



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homework assignments, lunch menus,
and many kid-friendly links

Mission Statement

The mission of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School is to encourage personal growth of the students' relationship with God through the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Our Lady of Perpetual Help faculty and staff, along with the cooperation of parents and the parish community, provide students with an education that will prepare them spiritually, academically, socially, and emotionally to make moral real-life decisions.

Philosophy

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School welcomes and serves children of all faiths and backgrounds with the love of Christ, while maintaining our Roman Catholic identity. Teachers implement a variety of teaching methods, which accommodate each individual student's learning style while maintaining grade level expectations. Students are given the opportunity to become contributing members of society through academic, social, emotional, and physical development. Our Lady of Perpetual Help School promotes a spiritual environment of respect, personal responsibility, confidence, and school pride. Administrators, staff, teachers, and parents cooperate as a team to serve the academic and extra-curricular needs of the student body.



PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful

and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.

And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Thanks

Thank you for helping OLPH School to raise money by using your Winn-Dixie Card and collecting box tops and labels from Campbell's soup and Community Coffee. We have raised the maximum amount from Winn Dixie for this school year. Keep up the good work!

And remember to keep saving your labels and box tops over the summer! Then we will have a great supply to submit in the fall.

2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR
BEGINS ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12