

Cougar Express



January Highlights

- ... 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- ... 4: No School
- ... 5: First Day of Third Quarter
- ... 6: Eucharistic Adoration, 9 am, Main Church
- ... 7: Edline Update
- ... 7: Report Cards Distributed
- ... 8: Parent Teacher Conferences, 2:00—5:30, Gym(**no after school care**)
- ... 10: OLSS Open House, 2-4 pm
- ... 13: Class Pictures
- ... 15: 4th Grade Parents' Mass, 8 am, Main Church
- ... 22: Edline Update
- ... 22&23: OLS Boy's BB Tournament
- ... 29: Half Day, No After School Care
- ... 29: Spirit Awards Banquet

Happy
New
Year!

January 2010

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear OLSS family,

May the peace of Christ be with you and your family and may God grant you many blessings during this New Year. On Sunday, December 27 the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary and Joseph). This feast reminds us of the model we should follow as we raise and nurture our own family. It is a model of self-sacrifice, joy, love, humility, endurance, respect and a sense of purpose. Let us all pray for each other that both at school and home we may be able to instill in our children the values that will allow them to live a virtuous life like Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Perhaps the following prayer may help:

**Father in heaven, creator of all,
You ordered the earth to bring forth life,
And crowned its goodness by creating the family of man.
In history's moment when all was ready
You sent you Son to dwell in time,
Obedient to the laws of life in our world.
Teach us the sanctity of human love,
Show us the value of family life.
And help us to live in peace with all men
That we may share in your life forever.**

New Saint Joseph Sunday Missal

Peace,
Fred Valle

Report Cards / Grades Online

Report cards will be distributed Thursday, January 7th. Parent Teacher Conferences will take place Friday, January 8 from 2:00—5:30 pm. You may always access your children's grades online at <https://www.edline.net/Index.page>.

2010-2011 Registrations

Beginning January 6, 2010, the school will be mailing registration packets for the 2010-2011 school year. Packets will be mailed to all current families who have cleared all financial obligations. **Families with outstanding balances will need to clear their account before their registration packet is mailed.** On January 11, 2010, current families may begin submitting registration materials. We will hold space for all returning families until January 31, 2010.

Beginning February 8, 2010, new families may begin submitting registration materials. After February 8, 2010, all remaining spaces for new and returning families will be served on a first come first served basis.

Project Wisdom

January's Project Wisdom Theme is *Making Our School a Caring Place*. The daily affirmations throughout the month will address educating the human heart through humor and laughter, kindness, and principles – the rules for living. Together, let's make 2010 a year that focuses on our personal growth towards becoming more caring and loving children of God. I encourage you to discuss and promote the Project Wisdom theme at home as a family.

Included in this month's newsletter is the January edition of *Home & School Connection*. You'll find some helpful tips for teaching responsibility and ideas to incorporate cooperative learning.

Individual and group counseling sessions continue to be available to any student in need of services. Please visit my website for a description of the services available. If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

May God bless you!
Ms. Lucie M. Garcia, M.Ed.
Guidance Counselor

Golf Classic & Car Raffle

The Annual Golf Classic and Car Raffle will be held on Friday, April 30, 2010 at the Palm View Golf Course. The golf classic is one of the finest tournaments in the Rio Grande Valley. Everyone in the community is invited to participate. Team sponsorships are available at \$1,150, \$2,150 and \$5,000. Also available are hole sponsorships for \$150. Special donations are also accepted. The winner of the raffle will have a choice of one of the following 2010 vehicles from the Ramirez Family Dealerships valued at \$35,000: Land Rover LR2, Ford F150, or Ford GT Mustang. The donation for each ticket is \$50, and only 2,000 tickets will be sold. The drawing for the car will be held on Friday, April 30, 2010 at the Palm View Golf Course at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in purchasing car raffle tickets they are available at the school, church office, and after each weekend mass. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the school's endowment and general funds to assist in the education of the children of our community.

We kindly request your assistance with this event by donating a sponsorship. We invite you to purchase

Golf Classic & Car Raffle Cont'd

or sponsor a team. You may contact the school at 686-3651 for further information.

Any contribution is greatly appreciated. We thank you in advance for helping Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School in providing a quality Catholic education to our children.

Minna Tamez
Development Director

Internet Resources—The Environment

We Are The Environment

From the US Department of Health and Human Services, [NIEHS-Kids](http://kids.niehs.nih.gov) provides games, music, and valuable information on issues of health and the environment. Also contains links to other English and Spanish-language sites with related themes.

courtesy of netTrekker and Tech&Learning

<http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/home.htm>

Deliveries During School Hours

There are times when parents "drop off" items for a student. All such items should be left in the school office. It is the student's responsibility to check with the secretary to see if anything has been left for him/her. We do not interrupt teachers or classes to deliver items.

Student lunches or fast-food items are not to be dropped off at school. If a lunch is forgotten that student is to eat a cafeteria meal. Each student should have a lunch card for such emergencies.

How much have we been basing ourselves upon the worldly values of money, possessions, prestige, status, privilege, power and upon the group solidarities of family, race, class, party, religion and nationalism? To make these our supreme values is to have nothing in common with Jesus.—Albert Nolan, Jesus Before Christianity

Dear Parents,

**How would you like to see your child's name
in lights?**

Well now you can!

**For \$10, you can have your child's name
on the school marquee for their birthday!**

**Just fill out the attached Birthday Order
Form with your child's name and birthday
and turn it in to their homeroom teacher.**

More order forms are available at the office.

**Thank you,
Student Council**



Birthday Order Form

**Have your name on the school marquee
on your special day!**



Children's Names

Birthdays
