



April Highlights

- ... 1: Holy Thursday, 8 am Mass, 9:30 am Live Stations of the Cross
- ... 1: Half-Day (No ASC)
- ... 2: Good Friday (No School)
- ... 4: Easter Sunday
- ... 5: No School
- ... 7: Eucharistic Adoration, 9 am, Church
- ... 8: Science Fair (Award Ceremony @ 6 pm, Gym)
- ... 9: 1st Grade Parents' Mass, 8 am, Church
- ... 9: Sports Night, 3:30—6 pm, Gym
- ... 11: Divine Mercy Sunday
- ... 13: ACRE Test (5th and 8th grade)
- ... 13: Cheerleader Try-outs, 3:30—4:30 pm
- ... 21: Half Day (No ASC)
- ... 22: Progress Reports Distributed
- ... 23: Walk-A-Thon (1/2 Day, no ASC)
- ... 24: State PSIA Meet
- ... 28: 1st Eucharist Retreat, San Juan Basilica
- ... 30: OLS Golf Tournament, Palm View Golf Course



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From the Principal's Desk

Dear students, parents, faculty and staff,

Rejoice, Rejoice for Christ Is Risen!

These words fill me with a great deal of inspiration and hope. They inspire me because I know that Christ is with me throughout the day in good times as well as the bad. They give me hope because someday I will have the experience of seeing Him face to face. I pray that they also fill you with the same sense of awe, wonderment, and faith not only during this Holy Easter season but throughout the entire year. I share the following poem to help you reflect on the season:

*In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain.
Thinking that he would never awake again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen.
Love is come again like wheat that springs up green.*

*Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain.
Jesus, who for three days in the grave has lain.
Live from dead our risen Lord is seen.
Love is come again like wheat that springs up green.*

*When our hearts are wintery, grieving or in pain,
in your dear touch can call them back to life again.
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been.
Love is come again like wheat that springs up green.*

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain.
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain.
Love lives again that with the dead has been.
Love is come again like wheat that springs up green.*
- John M.C. Crum

Happy Easter,
Fred Valle



Progress Reports / Grades Online

Progress Reports will be distributed Thursday, April 22. You may always access your children's grades online at <https://www.edline.net/Index.page>.

Project Wisdom



April's Project Wisdom Theme is *Building Our Character Muscles*. Throughout the month, the daily affirmations will address the various positive characteristics that define us and ways for every one of us to use these gifts to achieve stronger relationships with one another. I encourage you to discuss and promote the Project Wisdom theme at home as a family.

Included in this month's newsletter is the April edition of *Home & School Connection*. You'll find sections that will assist you in teaching your child how to make good choices, internet safety, and everyday writing tips.

In addition to the monthly Faith, Family, and Friends presentations, I will be visiting each classroom K5 – 8th to present Lesson #2 from the Protecting God's Children curriculum. The goal of the Protecting God's Children curriculum is to provide our children with the necessary skills to protect themselves from unsafe individuals that may harm them.

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

Science Fair



The 2010 OLSS Science Fair will take place on Thursday, April 8th. Our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will be submitting projects that they have been working on for the past eight weeks. The judging of the projects will take place during school hours, but there will be an opportunity for parents and others to view the projects in the evening at 6pm. Winners of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade divisions will be announced at that time also.

Sports News

The following students participated in the Hidalgo Buccaneers Track Meet:

Girls' Results

800 Meter Relay Anagretel Lozano (4th Place)
Caroline Harms
Brittany Garza
Montserrat Bonilla

400 Meter Run Montserrat Bonilla
(4th Place)

200 Meter Dash Brittany Garza (1st Place)

Long Jump Aurelinda Ortega (1st Place)

Triple Jump Aurelinda Ortega (2nd Place)

100 Meter Hurdles Aurelinda Ortega (2nd Place)

300 Meter Hurdles Aurelinda Ortega (1st Place)

Shot Put Sabrina Guzman (5th Place)

BOYS RESULTS

100 Meter Dash Exiquio Gonzalez (2nd Place)

Long Jump Exiquio Gonzalez (4th Place)

200 Meter Dash Jorge Garza (2nd Place)

400 Meter Relay David Garcia
Joseph Cantu
Exiquio Gonzalez
Jorge Garza (5th Place)

Congratulations to Aurelinda Ortega for placing at the La Feria Track Meet:

1st Place Long Jump
1st Place 100 Meter Hurdles
2nd Place Triple Jump
2nd Place 300 Meter Hurdles.

Soccer Season starts April 6th, 2010. Only 7th and 8th grade students will be allowed to compete. Please remember that if you have any failing grades for the Third Quarter (January 5th—March 12, 2010) you will be unable to compete for four (4) weeks.

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The Annual Sports Banquet will take place on May 14, 2010 at 7:00 pm. The keynote presenter will be Theresa Casso, Mcallen High School Girls Basketball Coach.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Coach Abraham

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 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



Reading Lab News

Congratulations to the students who completed Reader's Workshop and Initial Reading courses in the 3rd quarter.

Reader's Workshop

5th Grade

Alejandro Arango
Regina Meade
Luis Andres Pineda
Norisha Quaicoe
Luis Salinas
Nicholas Villarreal

6th Grade

Luz Ortega

Initial Reading

2nd Grade

Alyssa Boek
Cody Castillo
Marcela Garza
Valeria Gracia
Alexis Harrison
Brittney Hernandez
Anthony Lagos
Camilo Lopez-Yanez
Felicia Montes
Paolo Penick
Alexa Ramirez
Madison Slavin
Eduardo Suarez
Jorge Zedillo

1st Grade

Marina Guerra
Alvaro Mayorga
Nathaniel Sanford



*I am the
resurrection
and the
life.*

AR Awards—3rd Quarter

5 Point Club (1st-3rd Grade)

1st Grade

Juan Daniel Trujillo
Mia Tamez
Sofia Lopez
Sofia Aguilar
Santiago Garcia-Rojas
Alyssa Gutierrez
Ana Gonzalez
Jade Moreno
Alexa Miner
Manny Cuevas
Patricio Rojas
Frida Balderas
Haider Ahsan
Alejandro Hinojosa
Mariella Vela
Roselle Argosino
Arturo Cantu
Patricia Salinas

2nd Grade

Sophia Bugnone
Cristian Garcia
Connor Daley
Samuel Salts
Devin Daley
Jhonier Marin
Alexis Harrison
Ramon Meade
John Henry Ruiz
Martina Rey
Jorge Mendez

3rd Grade

Lauren Villarreal
Paulina Elizondo
Andrea Ramirez
Benjamin Sandoval
Alberto Vaca
Meagan Maldonado
Ana L. Urias
Gabriel Tamez
Marisa Cuevas
Isabella Moreno
Roberto Olivares
Alejandra Fernandez

10 Point Club (1st-5th Grade)

1st Grade

Vanessa Jimenez
Angelica Rod.-Santana
Mariajose Moreno
John Kazen
Raul E. Hernandez
Jason Delgado

Esteban Quintanilla
Martin Cuevas
Zalma Yzaguirre
Lucas Mendez
Marcelo Ramirez
Veronica Jimenez
Elijah Walsh

2nd Grade

Enrique Martinez
Timothy Graham
Valeria Cantu
Felicia Montes
Daisy Garza
Madison Slavin
Alyssa Boek
Alfonsina Aldama
Nazier Moore
Valeria Gracia
Cody Garr

3rd Grade

Carlos Galvan
Alejandro Cardenas
Ana Sofia Flores
Adrian Gomes
Caroline Flores
Ivanna Garza
Valentina Salinas
Pamela Orfanos
Gabriela Gomez
Sofia Vasquez
Lillian Honrubia
Ramiro Solis
Marcela Jarvis
Edessa Reyes
Carlos Quintanilla
Diego Benavides
Guido Herrera
Joseph Seiba
Ileana Vela

4th Grade

Sabrina Ochoa
Diego Zamora
Matthew Moreno
Noah Lucio
Richard Treviño
Karla Long
Gabriela Mayorga
Daniela Zedillo
Renata Nava

5th Grade

Andrea Garza
Daniela Paez
Daniela Garza
Amanda Arevalo
Elsa Zamora

15 Point Club

1st Grade

Patricio Miner
Adriana Kennedy
Sophia Gomez
Kamila Quintanilla
Nathaniel Sanford
Mia Honrubia
Alan Humphrey

2nd Grade

Camilo Lopez
Marie H. Crisostomo
Regina Ochoa
Gianfranco Laddaga

3rd Grade

Sofia Gonzales
Cecilia Rodriguez

4th Grade

Katherine Scalise
Ellie Joe Cisneros
Carlos Rodriguez
Giovanna Milano
Montserrat Longoria
Theodore Morales
Ariana Silva
Natalia Anzuldua
Sabrina Peña
Marla Guerra
Salvador Moreno

5th Grade

Roxanne Argosino
Sara Vann
Julia Monday
Adrian Benitez
Mia Quintanilla
Andrea Martinez
Cordelia Balderas
Nora Anda
Ray Thomas

6th Grade

Alexa Gutierrez
Jesus Moreno
Armis Sunday
Brittany Hausbeck
Haley Seiba
Aaron Gonzales

7th Grade

Aaron Serna
Alex Hernandez
Marcelo Mendes
Greta Martinez
Rodrigo Moreno
Daniel Rodriguez
Francisco Paez
AnaPaula Salinas

Rebeca Guerra

8th Grade

Gerardo Martinez
Oscar Espinosa
Sarah Marchan

20 Point Club

1st Grade

Vianca Castilleja
Noah Arevalo

2nd Grade

Paolo Penick
Mario Guerra
Luis F. Pacheco
Francesca Turgeon
Huma Ahsan
Andrea Espinosa
Marcela Garza

3rd Grade

Ivan Rios
Valeria Argüelles

4th Grade

Cecilia Garza
Kristen Morales
Diego Mendez

5th Grade

Sarah Margo
Gabriel Ramirez
Isabella Penick
Luis Cardenas
Alma Vaca

6th Grade

Jose M. Pineda
Jose A. Gonzalez
Hugo Reza
Serapio Cantu
Elise Lopez
Sandra Solis
Jamie Sandoval
Camila Gomez

7th Grade

Andrea Fernandez
Carlos Ramirez
Karla Espinosa
Ana G. Garza
Roxy Ureña
Daniel Benitez

8th Grade

Victor Jaramillo
Alex Cisneros
Victoria Margo
Casey Vasquez

Montserrat Bonilla
Aurelinda Ortega
Etienne Sunday
Caleb Morales
Eline De La Fuente
Emilio Garza
Mariajose Ochoa
Melanie San Roman
Marcela Treviño
Caroline Harms
Daniela Blanco
Fernanda Tijerina

25 Point Club

1st Grade

Max Al-Ali
Alejandra Ramirez
Anna Honrubia
Loren Patino
Anthony Vasquez
Patricia Policarpio
Sebastian Garcia
David M. Garza
Marina Guerra
Pablo Ramirez

2nd Grade

Daniel Gonzalez-Franco
Roberto Garcia
Alexa Ramirez
Jessica Martinez
Eduardo Suarez
Juan Hector Vasquez
Arturo Fuentes
Madelaine Guerra
Jorge Zedillo
Cody Castillo

3rd Grade

John Graham
Hanna Ahumada
Juliana Morales

4th Grade

Luciano Farias
Pedro Rojas

5th Grade

Carlos Gonzalez
Luis Salinas
Andres Tamez
Roberta Gutierrez
Alfredo Perez
Marian Guerra
Arush Shekar
Adriana Marin
Carlos Sanchez
Paulina Camara

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AR Awards—3rd Quarter

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Norisha Quaicoe
Mariel Salinas
Francisco Salinas
Regina Meade
Alejandro Arango
Palmer Yarto

6th Grade

Yuria Paez
Jorge Andrade
Gerardo Kamel
Michael Guerra
Zachary Lucio
Mary Catherine
Esguerra
Paul Bonilla
Kathleen Guerra
Michael Mohun
Natalia Garcia

7th Grade

Maria Jose Bald-
deras
Fabiola Lopez
Arianna Ramirez
Gabriela Cueva
Margaret Leal
Gustavo Montoya
Christopher De
La Rosa
Maria A. Rodri-
guez
Paulina De La
Fuente
Luisa Fernanda
Gutierrez
Carlos Deander
Caleb Ayala
Kiara Olmeda
Sarah Walsh

8th Grade

Anagretel Lozano
Valeria Laddaga
Javier E. Gonzalez
Ryan Henry
Esteban Vidal
Valeria Gomez
Valeria Sanchez
Ariana Pearson
Cecilia Perez
Daniela Garcia
Ana Lucia Garza
Jorge Garza
Mariano Salinas
Rio Azcueta
Cristina Ara Her-
nandez
Roberto Peña
Sofia Sanchez

Angelina Vela
Natalia Meade
Fernanda Gomez

50 Point Club

1st Grade
Rebekah Rodri-
guez
Alvaro Mayorga

2nd Grade

Marcelo Guerra
Rajiv Swarup
Michael Morales
Javier Mayorga

3rd Grade

Raphael Boek
Arjun Koolwal

5th Grade

Juan Carlos
Lozano
Pablo Herrera
Marian Urias
Kayla Hickle
Nicholas Villarreal
Jack Wang
Luis E. Gutierrez

6th Grade

Jasmine Long
Cidney Cardenas
Maheen Khizar
Alejandro Rami-
rez
Mariana Lozano
Bianca Garza
Esmeralda
Mendez
Alondra Garza
Tiffany Yang
Madelyn Guerra
(7th Grade)
Leslie Sanchez
Paloma Moreno
Victoria Quaicoe
Helena Manrique

8th Grade

Ailyn Barragan
Marisol Garcia
Alec Padron
David Garcia

100 Point Club

5th Grade
Luis Pineda

6th Grade
Javier Holguin
Diana Moreno

7th Grade

Ma. Victoria
Garza
Yaelis Avila
Mariana Rojas
Roberto Yarto
Kristen Peña
Silvia Camara
Danielle Bassetti

8th Grade

Brittany Garza
Valeria Reza

**Congratulations
on all the hard
work!**



Technology News—Internet Sites

Readingrockets.com

Readingrockets.org is an excellent resource for everything related to reading and sometimes even language arts. Please take time to visit this excellent free resource. You will find:

1. strategies to teach reading
2. research related to reading
3. reading guides
4. book recommendations
5. author interviews
6. Reading resources

Can TV Impair Children's Language?

Here is an interesting article about TV impairing language development in young children.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2009-06-01-TVandkids_N.htm

Library of Congress: Zoom Into Maps

Reading, analyzing, and creating maps are important concepts in many education standards. Using historic maps with subjects such as migration and settlement, travel and transportation, military and pictorial maps, students learn basic map reading skills. There is also a section called Unusual Maps that includes ideas on how these maps can be used in the classroom. A graphic organizer is included.

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/maps/>

**Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty,
come to the water! You who have no money, come,
receive grain and eat; come, without paying and
without cost, drink wine and milk!**

**Why spend your money for what is not bread,
your wages for what fails to satisfy?**

**Heed me, and you shall eat well,
you shall delight in rich fare.**

**Come to me
heedfully,
listen, that you may
have life.**

**- Isaiah 55 (Easter
Vigil)**



Be Kind, Be Kind, Be Kind . . .

OLSS is excited to announce the implementation of our new program entitled *Random Acts of Kindness*. The program is designed to promote positive behavior that our students are demonstrating in their classrooms. The goal is to acknowledge the students that are following Christ's footsteps in their daily interactions with their fellow classmates and staff members.

When a teacher witnesses a student demonstrating a random act of kindness, he/she will issue an "OLSS Random Acts of Kindness Award" to the student. The award identifies the student, the random act of kindness demonstrated, and the name of the teacher issuing the certificate. Each homeroom has a designated area where the certificates are to be displayed. The display of the certificates will encourage other students to engage in random acts of kindness as well. At the end of a specified three week period, the student that has earned the largest number of certificates in their classroom will be treated to a breakfast celebration and special recognition during morning assembly.

Each grade level will nominate one student who will be recognized with the "Random Acts of Kindness" award during the OLSS Awards Assembly at the end of the school year. Please assist in this endeavor by reminding your child to be kind, be kind, be kind.

SchoolReach Parent Contact System

We are excited to announce a new technology that was implemented in February. Through a company called SchoolReach, we are subscribing to an automated calling system that will allow messages to be delivered to all parents via phone call and/or text message. Through this system, OLSS administration will be able to contact all families with specific messages regarding school events, major changes, weather announcements, etc. We are optimistic this will improve communication and provide another means to circulate important information.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. O'Keefe in the office at 956-686-3651.



Saint and Virtue of the Month

Our saint for the month of April is St. Catherine of Sienna (Doctor of the Church), while our virtue for the month is faithfulness.

St. Catherine of Sienna was born in northern Italy in 1347. She was the 24th child of a wool dyer, and from a very young age she experienced mystical visions. She joined the Dominican order at the age of 16, continuing to have visions of angels, Mary and Jesus. She lived a quiet, prayerful life until she was told to enter public life by Jesus in a vision. She began writing letters, travelling, and working with the poor and suffering in her community. St. Catherine attracted many followers, and she would continually ask them to change their lives through "the total love of God."

St. Catherine tried to bring peace and reconciliation to individuals as well as to warring countries. She began experiencing profound physical suffering, and towards the end of her life ate almost nothing except the Body and Blood of Jesus during Mass. She died in 1380 at the age of thirty-three. Several miracles were reported to take place at the site of her grave, and in the year 1461 she was declared a saint of the Church. In 1970 she was one of the first two women to ever be declared a Doctor of the Church, an honorific title that recognizes her life and writing as being of great importance to the Church.

The virtue tied to St. Catherine this month is faithfulness. Just as St. Catherine listened to the voice of God and lived a life of faithful trust, we are called to trust in God's providential care, and to be faithful to the teachings handed on to us through the living witness and tradition of the church, as well the written revelation of our Scriptures.

Prayer in honor of St. Catherine
God of Wisdom you made our sister Catherine burn with divine love in contemplating the Lord's passion and in serving your Church. With the help of her prayers may your people, united in the mystery of Christ, rejoice forever in the revelation of his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Blessings & Peace,
 Hugo De La Rosa III
 Campus Minister

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
