



## ¿Que Pasa? Newsletter



### Weekly Calendar

**Friday 4/14**

Good Friday  
No School

**Sunday, 4/16**

Easter Sunday  
*¡Aleluya!*

**Monday, 4/17**

Easter Monday  
No School

**Tuesday, 4/18**

Classes Resume  
Tuition Due  
Honor roll Assembly  
*\*Palenque Chicken*

**Wednesday, 4/19**

3rd grade Retreat  
Kinder Zoo Trip  
*\*Chicken Alfredo*

**Thursday, 4/20**

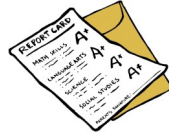
Muffins with Mom  
Jean Day  
*\*Crispy Taco*

**Friday, 4/21**

Holy Mass  
*\*Brisket Sandwhich*

### HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLY

The 3rd Quarter Honor Roll Assembly will be held on **Tuesday April 18**, the day that we return from Easter Break. The program will begin after our school morning assembly.



### OPEN ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 academic year is now open. If you have not yet re-enrolled, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your support and partnership with our school.

### FISHING TOURNAMENT

The Fishing Tournament is fast approaching! Please join us for this fun family event on **South Padre Island** on **May 5th-7th**. The event includes a Friday night social, children's and adult fishing, prizes, auction, and a Saturday night dinner and dance party. This event helps generate funds to support special projects at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School.



### BIDPAL

Families interested in purchasing **Cougar Paws** and **Children's boat tickets** can register online at the bidpal website. Here is the link to the bidpal website. <https://portal11.bidpal.net/Portal/bpe305698/main/home.html?jsessionid=E33298A8D2F19A04D69ED87913216712>

### FUNDS RAISED FROM THE FISHING TOURNAMENT

Every year the school operates on a balanced budget and all revenues meet expenses. The intent of all funds raised is to directly make improvements to satisfy our students' needs through educational programs and special projects. This year we plan on dedicating our fund-raising efforts to replace the linoleum in our school gymnasium that was laid over concrete in 1985. The new floor will provide better elasticity for our young athletes with a subsurface cushion. We plan on contributing all remaining profits to our Capital Campaign which as part of a two phase process will fund modifications to our school infrastructure. (Please view the proposed new gym floor at the end of this newsletter).



### Holy Week Services

### Our Lady of Sorrows Church

#### Holy Thursday -

**7:00pm:** Mass of the Last Supper, Washing of the feet, Procession

**8:00pm - 12 Midnight:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Good Friday -

**3:00pm:** Stations of the Cross (Live Presentation)

**7:00pm:** Good Friday Services

#### Holy Saturday

**8:00:** Mass of the Resurrection

**Easter Sunday** - Regular Sunday Schedule



## BOXTOP WINNERS!

Congratulations to Mrs. Acevedo's First grade class for being the top class in turning in Boxtops to support OLS school. The First grade students each received a cougar paw to show school spirit, and a class they receive the privilege of naming the new school drone.



## SUCCESS MAKER PROGRAM

The SuccessMaker Program provides individualized self-paced instruction for students in grades 1-8 to enhance and reinforce their language arts and math skills. The program courses are designed to help students demonstrate academic achievement and develop confidence in reaching their full potential by allowing them to work on their own level if that means they are working below or above grade level.

The program's difficulty level adjusts automatically in response to the students; answers, thereby providing an learning experience that is neither too easy nor too difficult. This level adjustment, along with assessment and reporting tools, helps teachers and parents address areas of academic strength and weakness and recognize progress of the students.

In addition, this program brings at risk students up to grade level as soon as possible by allowing them needed attempts and providing additional practices in areas in which performance is weak.

## OLSS BRICK PAVERS AND MEMORY TREE

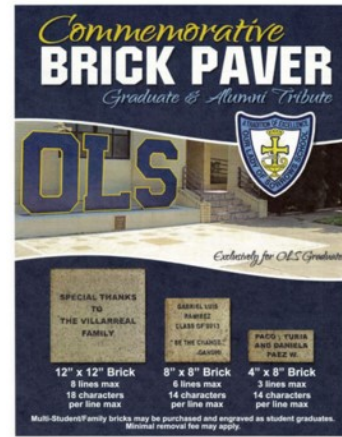
*The end of the year is around the corner, commemorate your child's legacy and accomplishments with a Brick Paver or Giving Tree Leaf! (Great for Graduation, First Holy Communion, PSIA, Chess)*

### Giving Tree

*The Memory Tree is a beautiful tree proudly displayed in our front office celebrating achievements, milestones or the special people who make these moments happen.*



*"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*



**Commemorative Brick Paver**  
Brick Pavers are a great way to commemorate and/or give tribute to OLSS Graduates and Alumni.

**OUR LADY OF SORROW CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL BAY FISHING TOURNAMENT**

**We are now accepting kid-friendly donations for the Cougar Paws.**

**Ideas for items:**  
Water games & toys like Pool Petz available at Sam's and Costco; board games; bikes; roller blades; gift cards to restaurants Peter Piper, Toy Us, Target, Cinemmark movies; Chuck Cheese, Build a Bear, Main Event; tickets to Schlitterbahn, SeaWorld, and Fiesta Texas; electronics; jewelry; beach chairs; beach mats; beach towels; sport items; coolers; etc.

**We thank you for your support!  
Please turn in at front office.**

**COUGAR PAW**

**\$50 ea.**

Cougar Paw Raffles will be held on both Friday and Saturday Night Events at the OLS Bay Fishing Tournament on May 5 & 6  
\*Must be present to win.

**100%**  
Chance to WIN!

## Catholic Schools: Communities of Personal Excellence

If you ask Catholic school parents why they chose to send their children to a Catholic school, they may tell you because it was the right choice for their children. But, more often than not, they will explain to you that it was the right choice for their families. Parents know that Catholic schools combine academic rigor with high standards of personal responsibility and a commitment to service in safe, nurturing, learning environments. Catholic schools provide a comprehensive and extraordinary experience for children, educating them in spirit, mind and body. Simply put, Catholic schools are known for excellence.



personal excellence, children who attend Catholic schools embrace the true meaning of servant leadership by learning to help others and making a difference in the world around them.

The Diocese of Reno, along with input from the Diocesan School Board and School Administrators, has truly captured the essence of personal excellence as outlined in their Philosophy for Catholic Schools. Reprinted with its permission and the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Karen Barreras, the following are the statements of the Diocese of Reno Philosophy for Catholic Schools:

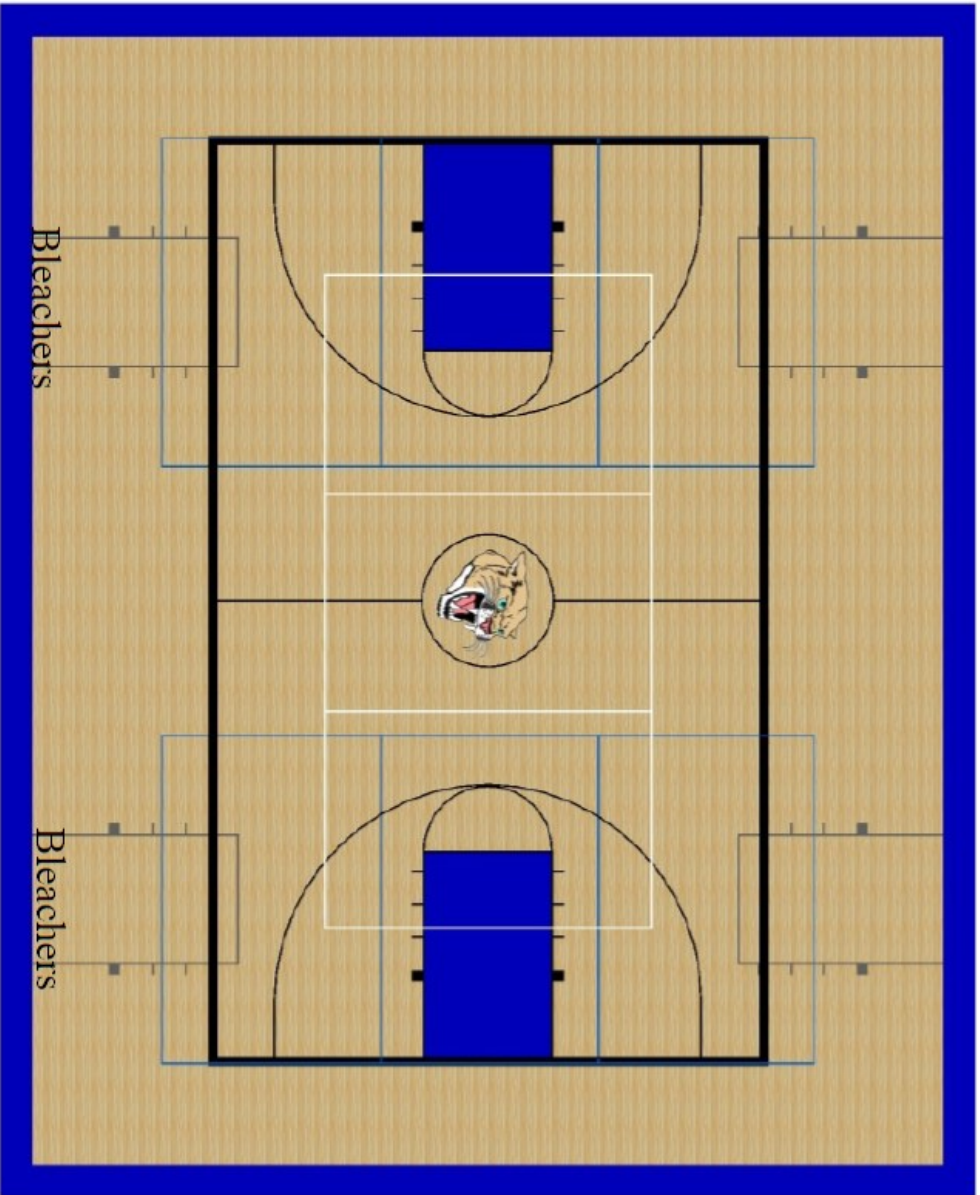
All schools can deliver knowledge or academic excellence, thus educating the mind. Also, through physical activity and athletics, all schools can provide a means to develop the body. However, what about the spirit or soul of the child? That's what sets Catholic schools apart. Catholic schools strive to provide the opportunity for each student to achieve personal excellence by offering a faith-based education thereby developing the whole child.

Catholic schools are devoted to instilling strong values, fostering a life of faith and servant leadership and inspiring each student to shine to the fullest extent of his or her God-given potential. In other words, Catholic schools are committed to developing the personal excellence of each student by encouraging them to do one's personal best every day while striving to go beyond it as well. This excellence is not limited to just the classroom, the athletic fields or the arts. It also relates to the student's character, citizenship and integrity. To be human is to live to one's highest potential - to be the best that one can be. This is what Catholic schools emphasize day in and day out.

Catholic school students learn that excellence is a response to God's blessings. In pursuing the growth of spirit, mind and body, students in Catholic schools learn to nurture their potential and accept the gifts and uniqueness of all individuals. As responsible Christians we are: "Many members, one body. Many gifts, one spirit." By developing prepared, confident, capable and compassionate students who strive for

- Catholic schools strive to educate the whole person by promoting the spiritual, moral, physical, and intellectual development of each student in an environment centered on Catholic values.
- Catholic schools help students develop a loving relationship with God, promote spiritual growth, and provide knowledge about and opportunities to practice the Catholic faith.
- Catholic schools challenge the unique individual abilities of each student in such a manner as to enhance self-worth, self-discipline, responsibility, and to attain academic excellence.
- Catholic schools seek to motivate students to live as part of a faith community which works to serve the needs of society; to foster love of life, love of family and love of country.
- Catholic schools seek to enable students to embrace the plurality of cultures and beliefs and to respect and reverence this plurality as a wonder of God.
- Catholic schools are committed to fostering community through careful leadership, competent teaching and cooperative endeavors with parents.

Hall of Fame football coach Vince Lombardi suggests: "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence." This is a prime reason why parents choose Catholic schools for their children. By exposing students to Gospel values, high academic standards and individual expectations, Catholic schools are committed to preparing and enhancing the personal excellence of each and every student. ❖



Our Lady of  
Sorrows



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