

## WEEK of 19 AUGUST 2018

To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Delasalle Christian Brothers' continuous presence in Louisiana, as well as the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our continuous presence in California, the District of San Francisco New Orleans commissioned an art piece which will travel from school to school this year. Cathedral is the starting point and the art work will be on display in the lobby all this week.



At the top of the painting, Saints Paul and Peter are depicted between Our Lady of the Star. These two are the patron saints of our two oldest schools in Louisiana (Saint Paul's in Covington and Saint Peter's in New Iberia). Our Lady of the Star is the Patroness of the Lasallian Institute. The next level portrays the first four Brothers who have been canonized: Saint Miguel Febres Cordero, Saint LaSalle, Saint Mutien-Marie, and Saint Benilde. Holy relics of these saints are contained in the four circles on the wooden cross. The final level depicts the first two principals of the oldest schools (Brother Nilammon Lauret: Saint Paul's in Covington and Brother Justin McMahon: Saint Mary's in San Francisco). The wooden frame was built from altar that was in the Brothers Chapel at Lafayette, the longtime headquarters of the District. The wooden cross is the top of a larger cross which was located at the Brothers first headquarters and winery in Martinez, California. The smaller cross is made of iron nails salvaged from a fire which destroyed Dixon Hall, the main building at Saint Paul's.

These artifacts and paintings serve as reminders of our Lasallian journey. We pause to pay respect to the men and women whose zeal who built our schools. They overcame hardships with great faith and passed on to us a legacy of belief in the loving Providence of God in our lives. Live Jesus in our hearts... forever!

### PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- Our students and staff in the second week of school;
- In thanksgiving for our friends, alumni, and families;
- Those students who are having a difficult time adjusting to the new year;
- Aaron Cobos, his family, and those who are caring for him in El Paso;
- Our nation to accept Christ's challenge to welcome the stranger and for families seeking asylum;
- Our young men to consider a life of service to God's people as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- Victims of sexual abuse and for the perpetrators,
- Those in need of healing; especially for Julius Lowenberg (recovering from minor surgery); Raul Natividad '98 (recovering from a motorcycle accident); Mr. Yanez after his back surgery; thoe fighting cancer (alumnus John Armendariz, Mima Sofia Higuera, Rosa Maria Sosa, the mother of Mr. Tubbs, alumnus Javier Olmos); the mother of Jerome Elenez '90; the father of Mrs. Martinez; and the father of alumnus Kevin Arreola;
- In thanksgiving for the healing of the Sepulveda family after their car wreck last year;

- The repose of the soul of Mary Flores, the mother of Albert Flores '88 and grandmother of Isaiah Abraham Flores '22, and the consolation of her family;
- The repose of the soul of the paternal grandfather of Eddie Fernandez '18 and for the consolation of his family;
- Those in mourning; especially the Esparza family.
- In thanksgiving for our generous benefactors who make our ministry possible.

#### KUDOS and THANKS:

Kudos to the **faculty members** who helped with the Mass on the feast of the Assumption of Mary. Thank you to **Brother Rafael** for his reflection and for organizing the Mass. As always, we're grateful to **Ms. Montoya** and her music group. We were pleased to have so many family members join us.

Thank you to **Ms. Valtier** and the **English Department** for coordinating student photos on Wednesday. The process went very well.



Mlle Olivas helps her students to practice French pronunciation

*Felicidades* to **Mickey Escoto '16** for mobilizing our community to support free and low cost legal assistance to migrants. Family and friends volunteered to cook the delicious meal and a small army of **CHS volunteers** served as waiters and busboys. Thank you to **Andres Lopez** for organizing the student volunteers. The sold out fundraising dinner raised funds to benefit Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center and the Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services.

Congratulations to **Mr. Baca**, **Mr. Flores** and **Mr. Vazquez** for their ongoing hard work with admissions. We hit **443 students** which is a significant feat given the shrinking pool of eighth grade boys from our traditional feeder schools. Thank God!

Thank you very much to **CHS Boy Scout Troop 007** for cleaning up the green space between the Alumni Annex and the upper parking lot this weekend. They removed litter and weeds to ensure that the area will drain rain water properly.

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who celebrate their birthdays:

- Sunday, 19 August: **Sergio Sanchez, Phillip Porras, Eduardo Sandoval**
- Monday, 20 August: **Reece Klein, Jose Real, Diego Villegas**
- Tuesday, 21 August: **Sebastian Garcia, Mr. Flores** (Registrar)
- Wednesday, 22 August: **Manuel Ocana Lares, Nick Valenti, Jose Herrera**
- Thursday, 23 August: **Enrique Carrasco, Alejandro Cos**
- Friday, 24 August: **Emmanuel Gomez, Mr. Reichenbach** (Calculus)
- Saturday, 25 August: **Raul Meraz, Vinicio Carrera, Andres Ortega, Alejandro Ortega**

#### NEWS YOU NEED:

Your **son's safety** is vitally important to us. Last week a grand jury report on systemic sexual abuse and the subsequent cover up by Church officials in Pennsylvania was staggering. The Diocese of El Paso is firmly committed to protecting children and vulnerable adults. All faculty and staff are required to pass a

**criminal background check** before employment. It is re-run through the system annually. Every employee and volunteer must participate in **safe environment training** called Virtus. This training focuses on identifying and stopping predatory behavior. Along with parents and family, we will continue to be vigilant in order to protect the young people entrusted to our care.

The link and directions to put money into your son's **online lunch account** was sent out last Friday. Please begin to fund that account so that your son can use his code to get lunch. Please remind your son to keep that code a secret and not to give it to any other students. Left over funds and left over debt have been transferred over from Lunch Box accounts. (There are a few exceptions which we're working on to resolve.)

Student requests for **schedule changes** will end on this Tuesday afternoon. Requests must be made to the level counselor and with the approval of the faculty involved. Faculty requests or EA changes may still be possible after Tuesday.

**Service Hours:** This year we will continue using Mobile Serve as a way for students to log their service hours. Every returning student should already have an account but Mr. Lopez will be visiting all Religion classes in the next weeks to help new and returning students create their accounts and to answer any questions students might have regarding service. Mr. Lopez can be reached at [alopez@cathedral-elpaso.org](mailto:alopez@cathedral-elpaso.org).

- A new category has recently been uploaded to Mobile Serve titled "First Quarter 18-19." This is where students should register their hours for this quarter.
- Students are asked to do five hours of community service at an approved volunteer site per quarter.



Boys Scouts cleaning our campus this past weekend

The administration will meet with the **senior class** and senior **teachers** on Tuesday during **6<sup>th</sup> period** in the Guereca Auditorium. We are on Regular Bell Schedule #1.

The administration will meet with the **junior class** and junior **teachers** on Wednesday during **6<sup>th</sup> period** in the Guereca Auditorium. We are on Regular Bell Schedule #1.

There will be **CHS, Inc Board meeting** on Wednesday at 2:00 PM at the Diocesan Offices. The CHS, Inc Board oversees the administration of the school. The president/interim principal reports directly to them. **Bishop Seitz** is the chair. Its' members are **Father McFadin, Irene Pistella, Brother Gale Condit '60, Father Tony Celino, Bernie Olivas '71, and Ernesto Herrera '92.** Vicar General **Father Ben Flores** and school superintendent **Steve Sanchez** sit in on the meetings.

The administration will meet with the **sophomore class** and sophomore **teachers** on Thursday during **6<sup>th</sup> period** in the Guereca Auditorium. We are on Regular Bell Schedule #1.

The administration will meet with the **freshman class** and freshmen **teachers** on Thursday during **7<sup>th</sup> period** in the Guereca Auditorium. We are on Regular Bell Schedule #1.

CHS will host a **neighborhood meeting** on Thursday at 6:00 PM to hear a presentation by **Sun Metro** on the **street car** which should be running on Stanton Street (in front of the school) by the end of the year.

CHS seniors are scheduled to take their **senior portraits** at LifeTouch Prestige Studios (11233 Rojas, Suite B) (915) on Friday beginning at 4:00 PM and Saturday beginning at 8:00 AM. Their number is (915)587-8818. Seniors can obtain more information from **Ms. Valtier**, the yearbook moderator.

We will have a **Back-to-School Night** on Wednesday, 29 August, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Parents will follow their son's schedule in order to meet all of his teachers.

The **Labor Day holiday** will be on Monday, 03 September. There will be no classes.

ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT:

With their most recent donation of twenty Alumni Scholarships to current students, the **CHS Alumni Association** has donated **\$436,589** in scholarships to families with demonstrated need over the past twenty years! Those funds have been earned through the sweat and tireless efforts of Alumni Association members, alumni and friends of Cathedral by way of Tamaladas, dances, golf tournaments, special requests and gifts. A long range plan is to build up the Alumni Association Endowment. Friends and alumni are invited to consider becoming sustaining donors with monthly contributions. Simply contact **Sofia Larkin** at the Diocesan Foundation at 915-872-8412 or 433-2003. Consider a monthly gift of \$25 or more to continue to keep CHS accessible to students with need.

SAVE-THE-DATES:

**Homecoming 2018** will be on Friday, **28 September 2018**.

- The day begins with the **Irish Open Golf Tournament** at the beautiful and challenging Fort Bliss Underwood Golf Course.
- The day will conclude with the annual **Alumni Tamalada** from 7:00 to 11:30 PM at the Houghton MPB on the CHS campus. Tickets are available at the CHS Office.



Brother Javier working with his junior students



Seniors volunteer at fundraising dinner for immigrant legal services

The next **Irish Run 5K** will be on Sunday, **21 October 2018**. Since it close to Halloween, the race will be called *The Dead Man Run*. (Costumes are encouraged!) Our student leaders will continue visiting potential race sponsors. If you are interested in being a sponsor or donate anything in-kind, please contact Brother Nick at [ngonzalez80@cathedral-elpaso.org](mailto:ngonzalez80@cathedral-elpaso.org).

Men of Iron/Men of Gold