

WEEK of 29 JULY 2018

Sunday's gospel from John was the story of Jesus feeding thousands. (It is the only miracle story found in all four gospels.) A huge multitude has followed Jesus to a deserted place. Jesus asked his disciples to feed them. One quickly calculated the huge amount of money needed (which they did not have). Another presented Jesus with the lunch of a young boy (dried fish and small loaves) but lamented that it would not be enough. Jesus took the meal, blessed it, and distributed it so that everyone had enough to eat.

When facing seemingly insurmountable problems and needs in life, we often act like Jesus' disciples. We come up with logical reasons to justify our inaction or we simply give up because we despair at having too few resources. This story reminds us that we have a loving God who knows our needs and will take care of us. We are reminded that God is in charge and not us. God can; however, use the little we have to make miracles.

Let us pray for the faith to believe that miracles will happen in our students and sons this year. Let us pray that our teachers will be transformed this year into more loving reflections of God. Let us pray to be an integral part of Cathedral's best year yet.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- God's blessings on our teachers and students; especially our new ones, as they prepare for a new year;
- God's blessings and protection on our families during the last two weeks of summer;
- Our nation to accept Christ's challenge to welcome the stranger and for families seeking asylum;
- Aaron Cobos, his family, and those who are caring for him in El Paso;
- Those in search of work; especially our parents;
- In thanksgiving for God sending us wonderful administrators and teachers to join our staff;
- In thanksgiving for our alumni, benefactors, friends and families;
- Our young men to consider a life of service to God's people as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- Those in need of healing; especially sophomore Jaime Herrera who is recovering from surgery; Mr. Yanez after his back surgery; the Lisanckie twins in the NICU; alumnus John Armendariz; Mima Sofia Higuera; Rosa Maria Sosa, the mother of Mr. Tubbs; the mother of Jerome Elenez '90; the Sepulveda family; alumnus Javier Olmos; the grandmother of senior Zach Powell; the father of Mrs. Martinez; and the father of alumnus Kevin Arreola;
- Those in mourning; especially the Henry and Sierra families.

KUDOS and THANKS:

We send a shout out to our **janitorial staff** for a great job of preparing the school building for a new year. They've painted, stripped floors, waxed floors and done general maintenance all summer long.



Pedro and Cindy Espinoza at luncheon



Adolfo and Mary Sanchez at luncheon

Thank you to **Ms. Garibay, Mrs. Martinez, and Jake Estrada** for organizing a staff BBQ for our assistant principals (Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Espinoza). It was very well attended and gave everyone an opportunity to reconnect before our upcoming in-service week.

We are grateful to **Fr. Miguel Briseno, OFM**, and superintendent **Mr. Sanchez** for facilitating the recent **Catholic school administrators day of recollection** at the Dominican Retreat House. Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Espinoza and Brother Nick participated in the day's activities which centered around Servant Leadership.

NEWS YOU NEED:

All registered students' 2018-19 schedules are now available on RenWeb. Please contact our registrar, **Mr. Flores** at dflores86@cathedral-elpaso.org if you have any questions.

Online registration for returning students remains open for the 2018-19 academic year. Simply go to <https://logins2.renweb.com/Logins/ParentsWeb-Login.aspx>. Parents can log on with their username and password. The District Code is CTD-TX. Please contact Mr. Flores (dflores86@cathedral-elpaso.org) or Mr. Baca (jbaca13@cathedral-elpaso.org) if you need assistance.

In order to be fair about getting **reserved student parking** in the upper lot (River and Mesa), students of any level with a valid license and valid insurance may submit their names to **Mr. Sanchez**, Assistant



Football players at 7 on 7 competition

Principal for Students, for a lottery. The drawing of names will take place during the first week of school. The cost will be \$35.00 per year.

For this week, the **School Bookstore** will be open:

- **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- **Tuesday and Thursday** from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Thank you to our volunteers: **Mrs. Rodriguez, Mrs. Llarena and Mrs. Villalva**

All parents are invited to a **Reception** for the **New Assistant Principals** on **Thursday, 02 August, at 5:30 PM** in the Guereca Auditorium. This is an opportunity for our parents to get to know our new leadership team in a casual setting.

The school will be open on **Monday, 06 August**, for faculty members who wish to come in and work on getting their classrooms ready.

The CHS will be on our **bi-annual retreat** on **Tuesday, 07 August** at Saint Stephen Deacon and Martyr Parish. There will only be a skeleton crew at CHS.

New Student and New Parent Orientation will be on Tuesday, 07 August, at 5:30 PM in the Guereca Auditorium. Students are to come in regular school uniform. The administration will go over expectations and procedures with the parents. Students will go walk through their schedule and be shown their lockers. They will also be briefed on how to survive the transition to CHS.

- Students should also bring a tie and a lock for their locker.

The faculty will have **professional development** from Wednesday through Friday (08 – 10 August) at CHS.

- The staff will attend a diocesan-wide Catholic Schools Mass celebrated by Bishop Seitz on Friday, 10 August, at 9:00 AM at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. There will be a brief overview after Mass by Bishop on the findings by the consultant group, ART Edu, from last year.

Monday, 13 August, will be the **first day of school** (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM). Students must be in **regular uniform** (uniform polo, belt, uniform khaki pants/shorts, socks, school shoes).



Wednesday, 15 August, will be the first **all-school Mass**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Mass will be at 10:20 AM at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. Families are welcome to join us.

- Students will be in **Irish Standard** (uniform dress white shirt, tie and blazer – no shorts).

Cafeteria Concepts will continue to cater **school lunch** for our students. We're currently finalizing details about which online system we will use for parents to deposit money which their sons will draw from when buying lunch. We will send you the link as soon as the contracts are finalized.

- Students may buy a meal or items (fries, soda, muffins, etc...).
- Students may also bring their own lunch.

Welcome to **Mrs. Danielle Rivero Ward** to our **English Department**. Mrs. Ward is a graduate of Saint Mary's University of San Antonio and has taught English at Hanks HS in El Paso. She has also taught at Holy Cross HS and John Jay HS/Science and Engineering Academy in San Antonio. Mrs. Ward has moved back to El Paso and will be teaching English II. Welcome home!

ALUMNI/DEVELOPMENT:

Alumni of all generations from Cathedral HS and Loretto Academy are cordially invited to a **Summer Social** on Saturday, 04 August, at Loretto Academy's cafeteria and pool patio area. Come enjoy great company and delicious food. The pool will be open for those interested in using it. A lifeguard will be on duty so bring your kids. The event is underwritten by **The Lightbourn Family**. All alumni are welcome!

- There will be an **anticipated Sunday Mass** at 4:00 PM at the beautiful Loretto Chapel.
- BBQ dinner is complimentary and there will be a cash bar.

The next meeting of the **CHS Alumni Association** will be on Saturday, **04 August**, at 9:00 AM in the Guereca Auditorium. The speakers will be some of our new staff whom alumni have asked to meet: **Ron Durkes** (Head Coach for Football), **Pedro Espinoza '92** (Assistant Principal for Academics) and **Adolfo "Sparky" Sanchez** (Assistant Principal for Students). Breakfast burritos, coffee and *pan dulce* will be served at 8:30 AM. The cost is only \$6.00.



Mickey Escoto '16 is a student at Saint Edward's University who has been interning at Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center this summer. He's decided to organize a fundraising dinner to benefit both this organization and the Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services (DMRS). Both organizations provide low cost legal assistance to immigrants and asylum-seekers. The **Immigration Relief Fundraiser** will be on Thursday, **August 17th**, at **7:00 PM in the Houghton MPB**. Tickets are \$35.00. You can learn more about the event and purchase tickets online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/accion-fronteriza-border-action-immigration-relief-fundraiser-tickets-48189460975>.

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.

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.

MEN OF IRON/MEN OF GOLD

