



WEEK of 12 AUGUST 2018

This year's theme is *Wake Up the Echoes*, a lyric borrowed from La Cate's fight song. It is a call to remember; to take pride in how we've overcome past difficulties, to give credit to God, and to emerge as a more faith-filled community. During the staff retreat last week, teachers highlighted some heroic figures whose path we strive to follow.

One hero is our legendary Luz Ulrickson. After helping her family survive the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, Mrs. Ulrickson worked two jobs (teacher and night cashier) to put her siblings through college. After serving two years as a lay missionary in Pakistan, she met her husband and moved to El Paso. She was quickly recruited to become the first female teacher at CHS. Although the students initially resented her, Mrs. Ulrickson won them over through her hard work and dedication to helping them learn math. Students regularly showed up to her home on weekends for additional help and a delicious meal. In fifty-two years at CHS, she moderated clubs, helped raise money, and took on extra classes when needed. She continues to exemplify the faith and zeal which are hallmarks of a Lasallian teacher.

We can also draw inspiration from our Lasallian heritage. It is providential that the first day of school this year falls on the feast of Saint Benilde, the first canonized Delasalle Brother (1805-1862). By all accounts, he should never have become a teacher. Although a brilliant student, he was born a hunchback, stood only 4 feet 9 inches, and could never straighten out his right leg. He began as a serving Brother but, when asked to substitute in a classroom emergency, proved to be a strong teacher. As a teacher and administrator, Brother Benilde was clearly committed to helping students who had difficulty learning. In his limited free time, he would visit the sick and was credited for a number of miracles. Refusing to allow his physical limitations to define him, Saint Benilde became a channel of Christ's love for his students.



As we begin the new year, may we draw inspiration from these heroes. May our faith and zeal be evident to our students and families.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- In thanksgiving for the graces from our week of in-service;
- Our school community as we begin a new academic year;
- In thanksgiving for our generous benefactors who make our ministry possible;
- 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;
- Families undergoing great trials;
- In thanksgiving for our alumni, friends and families;
- The repose of the soul of Angel Florentino Esparza '40 and the consolation of his family;
- 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; 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 father of Mrs. Martinez; and the father of alumnus Kevin Arreola;

- Those in mourning; especially the Browning, Navar, and Salzwedel families;
- Our young men to consider a life of service to God's people as a Brother, priest or deacon.

#### KUDOS AND THANKS:

Thank you to **Greg Kopra**, PhD, for facilitating the staff retreat last week. He did a wonderful of (re)introducing our Lasallian heritage to us. Kudos to **Ms. Valtier**, **Brother Javier**, and **Ms. Montoya** for organizing the afternoon activities. They (re)introduced the staff to our La Cate heroes worthy of our emulation. The Holy Spirit was certain at work with our community with everyone feeling refreshed and recommitting to a common vision.



Greg Kopra discusses Lasallian core principles

Congratulations to **Daniel Brunnick '18** for being the recipient of the ExxonMobil/LULAC National Educational Service Centers (LNEESC) Scholarship of \$2,000. This award is made in recognition of his outstanding scholastic achievement and promise of a successful career in mechanical engineering at Harvard University.

Kudos to **Student Council officers** and **Mr. Baca** for hosting breakfast for the faculty and staff last Thursday morning. Their thoughtful kindness and sincere welcome were deeply appreciated.

We give a shout out to **Mr. Espinoza** and **Mr. Sanchez** for the **faculty professional development** this week. It was inspiring, clear, and most relevant. It was an energizing forum for collaboration and coming up with best practices and procedures. We begin the year on the same page.

Our **New Student and New Parent Orientation** was a success on Tuesday night. New students walked out with the skills and knowledge needed to navigate the first week. Parents had the opportunity to speak with the administration and **Mr. Yanez** about their concerns. We appreciate the faculty who were present to help out: **Ms. Garibay**, **Brother Raphael**, **Brother Alphonse**, **Brother Javier**, and **Brother Mariano**. Thank you to **Mr. Baca** and **RJ Bowling** for organizing our student leaders and guides. We're grateful to **Cristobal Diaz**, **DJ Sanchez**, **Anthony Yañez**, **Jose Guillot**, **Egide Nzimulinda**, **Stephen Stresow**, **Sebastian Martinez**, **Esteban Fernandez**, **Benito Fernandez**, **Nick Veytia**, **Juan Pablo Gamboa**, **Isaias Garcia**, **Andres Nevarez**, **Luis Muñoz**, **Jordan Strathmann**, **Emiliano Reyes**, **Alan Loya-Silva**, **Oscar Lopez**, **Isaiah Chavez** and **Alejandro Cos**.



Brother Mariano welcomes Ms. Zavala

Thank you to **Ms. Garibay**, **Ms. Shashy**, and **Mrs. Murphy** for organizing and setting up the **faculty potluck** which was hosted by the **Brothers community**. We're grateful to everyone who brought food and for everyone who helped keep the Brothers skinny by taking home the leftovers. Thanks to everyone who helped to move furniture and to the **Brothers** for the faculty gifts.

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

- Monday, 13 August: Julio Hernandez, Emilio Orozco
- Tuesday, 14 August: Francisco Garcia, Alejandro Valdes, Nick Heincy, Alberto Cortes
- Thursday, 16 August: Adolfo Delgado, Oscar Giron, Mark Pauletti

- Friday, 17 August: Alberto Escobar
- Saturday, 18 August: Austin Albers, Juanpablo Sanchez, Miguel Castillo, Octavio Benitez-Grajeda, Gabriel Garcia, Luis Munoz.

#### NEWS YOU NEED:

Cafeteria Concepts will continue to cater **school breakfast and 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.

- Breakfast is served from 7:15 to 8:00 AM.
- Students may buy a meal or items (fries, soda, muffins, etc...).
- Students may also bring their own lunch. There are microwave ovens available for student use.
- Until the link to deposit online is open, all transactions will be in cash, check, or credit card.
- We are a closed campus. **No food deliveries will be allowed.**

**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).

**Student schedules** will be available before school on Monday morning in the main hallway of the school.

**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. Having completed the course of her earthly life, the Blessed Mother was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. 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).

**Wednesday** will also be **Picture Day** for student ID's. There will be photo packages which parents can purchase. Information will be given out through English classes.

There will be an **Immigration Relief Fundraiser** will be on Thursday, **August 17<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00 PM in the Houghton MPB**. Alumnus Mickey Escoto '16 is looking for twenty student volunteers to help with the event. This will count for service hours for the first quarter.

- Sign up for this event at [mescoto@stedwards.edu](mailto:mescoto@stedwards.edu) or with Mr. Lopez in the Campus Ministry Office on the third floor.



Mrs. Morales, Mr. Barba, and Ms. Torres work together at professional development

**All registered students' 2018-19 schedules** are now available on RenWeb. Please contact our registrar, **Mr. Flores** at [dflores86@cathedral-elpaso.org](mailto: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](mailto:dflores86@cathedral-elpaso.org)) or **Mr. Baca** ([jbaca13@cathedral-elpaso.org](mailto: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 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.

ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT:

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](mailto:ngonzalez80@cathedral-elpaso.org).

#### MEN OF IRON/MEN OF GOLD



Student Council officers and Mr. Espinoza at breakfast for faculty during professional development week