

WEEK of 21 OCTOBER 2018

In Sunday's gospel Jesus is again confronted with the endless ambition of James and John. Both wish to be granted positions of power with Jesus. When the rest of the apostles learned of this request, they were furious. A weary Jesus pointed out to them that gentile rulers lord their authority over the weak. *"But it must not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be the servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all"* (MK 10:44). Jesus reverses the leadership model. To lead is not to grab all the benefits for oneself; it is to serve the rest.

This notion of servant leadership is difficult to learn. When young people discover that they have strengths (personality, athletic talent, organizational ability, etc...), their first reaction is to use it to their benefit or to lord it over someone less gifted. CHS is blessed to have so many role models who teach the opposite lesson: to be gifted is to be responsible for improving the community. I've been able to witness this firsthand with the 2018 Irish Run. Students who served on the committee were selected because of their maturity, perseverance, and reliability. They remained steadfast to an often thankless task. Our students were mentored by quiet mothers and staff who focused on the hard preparatory work which must be done behind the scenes. Our student leaders learned to power through setbacks and disappointments. On the day of the race, I was impressed by the generous spirit of those who volunteered for the event. Everyone from the Boy Scout troop who ran the water stations and provided muscle, to the Irish Football Booster parents who set up the inflatable helmet for the race start, to students who picked up food donations in the predawn hours, approached service with a smile. Parents, faculty, and students attending the race regularly inquired if they could help with clean up or moving tables. While the event provided much-needed funds for travel to competition, it also served as training ground for servant leaders.



CHS Boy Scout Troop 007 volunteering at Irish Run

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- In thanksgiving for God's blessings on the fundraising efforts of the Irish Run;
- Adriana Zavala, our Art teacher, who will be undergoing surgery this week;
- Those affected by the devastation of hurricanes and those who help them;
- In thanksgiving for our friends, alumni, and families;
- The needs of our students and staff this week;
- The Holy Spirit may inspire our students and alumni to consider a life as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- Those students and parents struggling with their faith;
- Those in need of healing; especially Patricia Alvarez, the mother of Diego Alvarez '19 and Santiago '20; Rudy Zarate, Sr '55 (recovering from surgery), Arthur Alarcon; Nate Aguilar; Zach Deitch; Edwin Osorno; Raul Natividad '98 (recovering from a motorcycle accident); Mary Vallejo (mother of Yvonne Davis); those fighting cancer (Homero Silva, Brother Robb Wallace, alumnus John Armendariz, Mima Sofia Higuera, Rosa Maria Sosa, alumnus Javier Olmos); those dealing with addiction; and for those struggling with mental illness;

- The repose of the soul of Carmen P. Teran, mother of Victor Teran '61 and grandmother of Victor Teran '90, and the consolation of her family;
- The repose of the soul of Ana Maria Barba, wife of Luis '53 and mother of Luis Barba, Jr '81, Michael '83, David '84, Jaime '87, and Oscar '89; and the consolation of her family;
- Those in mourning; especially the Talamantes and Cordes families.

KUDOS and THANKS:

Kudos to **Irish Run Committee** for chair **RJ Bowling, Isaac Dominguez, Brandon Seagreaves** and the other members of the **student committee** for a wonderful job of organizing the 13th Annual Irish Run. Thank you to **Mrs. Brittain, Mrs. Porras** and **Mr. Puertas** for guiding the students. We give a huge shout out to our **generous sponsors** for their financial and in-kind support.



First Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences

Our first quarter **Parent-Teacher Conferences** were well-attended with a steady stream of parents over the three hours. It was a wonderful opportunity to coordinate efforts by faculty and parents to magnify student success. Thank you to **Mr. Flores, Mr. Espinoza, and Mr. Estrada** for organizing the event. We're grateful to our staff for their cooperation and diligence.

Kudos to the **Irish Varsity Golf** for winning first place at the **Gadsen Golf Invitational**. Congratulations to the student-athletes, **Coach Albers** and **Coach Whittler**.

Congratulations to **Mr. Lopez, Mr. Baca,** and the **student leadership team** for the freshmen retreat last Friday. It was a positive opportunity to grow in community and faith.

CHS hosted the **parents** of students who earned the **Gold** (all A's) or **Blue** (all A's and B's) **Honor Roll** on Friday morning. It was a wonderful turnout and a nice celebration to honor student effort. Thank you to **Cafeteria Concepts** for providing the delicious food.

We thank **Mr. Tapia**, one of our math teachers, for his service to our students. Mr. Tapia will be pursuing other opportunities. His last day was last Friday.

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

- Monday, 22 October: **Juan Anzures, Marco Tejada, Fernando Perez**
- Tuesday, 23 October: **Angel Rios, Santiago Olivas**
- Wednesday, 24 October: **Maximo Martinez, Thorin Bridges**
- Thursday, 25 October: **Jose Talamas**
- Saturday, 27 October: **Ulises Duran**
- Sunday, 28 October: **Juan Saldana, Christopher Gross, Alexis Acosta**



Seniors at the 2018 Irish Run

NEWS YOU NEED:

This week students from **Montini High School**, a Lasallian school from Lombard, IL, will participate in the **El Otro Lado** border immersion program from Sunday through Thursday. Various students from CHS will host our guests and join in learning about the complexity of the borderland, Catholic social teaching, and issues surrounding immigration. **Mr. Lopez** is in charge of this program. You can learn more about **Montini HS** at <https://www.montini.org/page.cfm?p=625>.

Eighth grade students from **Saint Joseph's School** will be **Irish-for-a-Day** on **Monday**. They will be on campus to tour, test, and experience CHS. **Mr. Baca** will be informing teachers about which students will be assisting with the day. Please help the boys to feel welcome!

CHS will host a **College Fair** on **Wednesday** from **6:00 to 8:00 PM** in the Houghton MPB. All students, regardless of class level, are invited along with their parents. There will be over forty universities represented, including: UT Austin, UT Dallas, UT El Paso, University of Houston, Texas State University, University of Arizona, University of New Mexico, Loyola University of New Orleans, Saint Mary's University of San Antonio and University of Incarnate Word.

- We are asking that Cathedral's students register at <http://gotocollegefairs.com/>. Scroll down and find the tab titled "Students" and click on "Register Now! It's Free!" Scroll down to the map of the United States and click on the state of Texas, then click on TACRAO 10/22/2018-10/26/2018 San Antonio & El Paso Fairs. Student will then **create their profile** and receive a **personal barcode**. The college reps will scan the barcode and instantly receive the student's information.

Eighth grade students from **Saint Matthew's School** will be **Irish-for-a-Day** on **Thursday**. They will be on campus to tour, test, and experience CHS. **Mr. Baca** will be informing teachers about which students will be assisting with the day. Please help the boys to feel welcome!

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be made available to all students all day **Thursday** in the San Pedro Maldonado Chapel. Students are encouraged to go and will be released through their **Religion classes**. **Father Miguel Briseno**, OFM, and **Father Ron Gonzales**, SJ, will hear confessions.



Mr. Esparza shows off his medal at the Irish Run

CHS students are invited to show their support during **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** by supporting the **Real Men Wear Pink** fundraiser this **Friday**. With a **\$3.00 donation**, students are able to wear jeans, sneakers, and a pink shirt. Students must obtain a bracelet from **Ms. Shashy** and **Science Honor Society members** in the school lobby before the start of the school day.

- All donations will be used to support women with little to no resources for mammograms and related procedures that battle against breast cancer.

We welcome **Mr. J. Vincent** to our teaching staff. He will be teaching **Algebra II** and **Pre-Calculus**. Mr. Vincent has previously worked at El Paso High and Andress HS.

ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT:

The next meeting of the **CHS Alumni Association** will be on Saturday, 03 November, in the Guereca Auditorium. Breakfast burritos and coffee are available at 8:30 AM for a \$6.00 donation. The general meeting begins at 9:00 AM.

Kudos to the alumni who worked with El Paso Museum of History curator **Barbara Angus** on preparing the exhibit on CHS. Angus will be leaving the museum and wrote recently, *"I really enjoyed working on and learning about the history of the diocese, the cathedral, and the school. What made it wonderful was that I was dealing with gentlemen – something I really haven't experienced since I was a child. I hope that all the graduates of Cathedral High leave with that same respect for humankind."*

MEN OF IRON/MEN OF GOLD



Students and parents celebrate Gold/Blue Honor Roll