

WEEK of 05 AUGUST 2018

Sunday's first reading is the story of the newly freed Israelites struggling in the desert. Famished with hunger, they grumble against Moses and express a romanticized longing for the fleshpots of Egypt. God hears them and provides them with meat and bread. In the evenings, quail descend on their camp and are captured. Every morning they awake to a dew which will harden and can be ground into bread. Their faithful God responded to their needs in surprising ways.

School communities can be a good deal like the Israelite community: excited by and simultaneously terrified of change. For a variety of reasons, staff move on from schools and the result can be a quiet



Mr. Espinoza and Mr. Sanchez receive a welcome from the Alumni Association

panic. Those who stay may long for the days of old – whether they remember situations/personalities realistically or with a tinge of nostalgia. We must recall that our God is ever faithful and hears our cries. We may not end up with the people we imagined; usually it's someone even better! God has a more superior vision for CHS than our imagination. We begin this year with a number of new staff who bring a fresh energy and new eyes. This will combine with the wisdom and experience of our veterans. As the summer wanes, we are filled an awe of how God provides for those entrusted to our care (even in the desert!).

Please join us in lifting up in prayer our staff and students as we prepare for the new year. May God's miracles continue!

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- The blessings of the Holy Spirit on our staff as they have their start-of-the-year retreat;
- Our students and families as they prepare for a new academic year;
- 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;
- In thanksgiving to God for a full staff to start the school year;
- In thanksgiving for our generous benefactors who make our ministry possible;
- Those in search of work; especially our parents;
- Families undergoing great trials; especially those working through a divorce;
- In thanksgiving for our alumni, 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; 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;
- In thanksgiving for the healing of the Lisanckie twins who were released from NICU;
- The repose of the soul of Joseph Patrick Browning '58, brother of John '64 and Kenneth '62, and son of the late Harold Patrick Browning '33, and for the consolation of his family;
- The repose of the soul of Rafael "Ralph" Navar, Jr. '58 and the consolation of his family;
- The repose of the soul of Mitch Salzwedel, brother-in-law of Professor Scott D'Urso '88, and the consolation of his family;

- In thanksgiving for God’s blessings on our admissions efforts.

KUDOS and THANKS:

Our major school renovation occurred three summers ago and some very important lettering was removed to facilitate the painting. Thank you to alumnus and former teacher **Frank Rimkus** for putting them back up. Now students and guests are greeted with the phrase, **Enter to Learn**, and are bid farewell with the phrase, **Leave to Serve**. These lessons are found in Lasallian schools all over the world.

Thank you to the **office staff** keeping everything going during this summer. Although we haven’t had classes on campus for month, the activity in the offices hasn’t stopped. We appreciate all of their hard work and commitment to service.

Kudos to **Mr. Vidales** on completing his Masters in Business Administration (MBA) this summer lifelong learners

We’re grateful to the many **student volunteers** who will be helping with New Student Orientation. They had a meeting last week and stayed on to move the remaining textbooks back to the classrooms. They did so cheerfully and efficiently. CHS is blessed by this spirit of generosity.

Congratulations to **Irish Football team** which began their practice last week. All the best to the coaching staff and head coach, Mr. Durkes, with the new season. We give a shout out to the **Irish Football Boosters** who make so much possible for the team.

We are grateful to the **Alumni Scholars** who helped with the setup for and busing tables at this summer’s Alumni Summer Social. Thank you to **Diego Chavira, Nasser Ortiz, Sebastian DeLeon, Daniel Diaz, Gilberto Penuniri, Victor Munoz, Leonardo Gutierrez, Oscar Barraza, Issac Martinez, Emilio Orozco, Pedro De La Cruz, Geo Johny, and Nate Aguilar.**



Mr. Rincon coaching offense

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

- Wednesday, 01 August: **Marco Varela**
- Thursday, 02 August: **Benito Fernandez**
- Friday, 03 August: **Isaac Shane, Steven Garcia**
- Saturday, 04 August: **Patrick Aguirre, Nasser Ortiz**
- Sunday, 05 August: **Thomas Spencer, Esteban Lopez, Egide Nzimulinda**
- Monday, 06 August: **Alan Maya, Ricardo Iglesias**
- Tuesday, 07 August: **Zach Monarez-Grass, Cesar Jimenez, Alan De La Torre**
- Wednesday, 08 August: **Jacob Magallanes**
- Thursday, 09 August: **Leonardo Cavazos, Yiris Hallal**
- Sunday, 12 August: **Fernando Uriarte**

NEWS YOU NEED:

The **school bookstore** will be open on:

- **Monday** and **Tuesday** from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- **Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

- We are so grateful to our volunteer moms: **Mrs. Rodriguez, Mrs. Llarena, Mrs. Zaragosa, Mrs. Porras and Mrs. Villava.**

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 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.

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.

- **Greg Kopra, PhD**, from the Delasalle Institute at Mont Lasalle, will lead the retreat.

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 and the superintendent, **Mr. Sanchez**, on the findings by the consultant group, ART Edu, from last year.



The Martinez family helping at the Alumni Summer Social

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. There are microwave ovens available for student use.

We welcome Mr. **Jaime Herrera** to the English Department. He will be teaching **English II**. Our students will benefit from his nearly thirty years of teaching English at public and Catholic schools.

We're blessed to have Mrs. **Laura Torres** join our faculty as our **Junior/Senior counselor**. This is a vital position on our staff and Mrs. Torres brings over twenty years of experience in the classroom and in counseling. She was most recently a college counselor at Hanks HS.

We extend a hearty welcome to Mrs. **Irma Powell** to the English Department. She joins us with twenty years of experience in teaching at public and Catholic schools. She will be teaching **English I**.

ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT:

Alumni from CHS and Loretto Academy gathered for a Summer Social at Loretto last Saturday. We are grateful to alumnus **Sam Lightbourn** and **The Lightbourn Family Foundation** for underwriting the cost of the convivial gathering. Kudos goes out to **Cindy Peak Hoffmann** from Peak Consulting and **Sofia Larkin** from the Catholic Foundation for organizing the event.



Sam Lightbourn welcomes the crowd at the Summer Social

The **Alumni Association** met for their monthly gathering this past Saturday. The speakers were three new faces at CHS. **Ron Durkes**, the new head football coach, outlined his vision for how the sport can positively form character and build community. **Adolfo Sanchez**, Assistant Principal for Students, spoke about his journey which has led him to La Cate and his hopes for helping our students develop healthy personal discipline. **Pedro Espinoza**, Assistant Principal for Academics, discussed the many ways in which Cathedral graduates played a significant part in influencing his teaching ministry. All three speakers expressed their appreciation for the alumni support in the past; especially for their annual contribution of twenty Alumni Association Scholarships.



Mr. Durkes addresses the Alumni Association

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

