

WEEK of 10 FEBRUARY 2019

Luke's gospel relates the story of Peter first meeting Jesus. He's exhausted after a night of fishing and catching nothing. With the crowd following him, Jesus asked him for a favor: pull his boat out from the shore so that Jesus can preach. Afterwards, Jesus told Peter to try casting his nets once more. Peter relented and had an astounding catch. Overwhelmed, Peter asks Jesus to leave him. Instead, Jesus asks Peter to follow him and catch me. His friends and he leave everything.



This story is a wonderful model for how God reaches out to us in our everyday lives. It was precisely in the middle of his daily activities that Peter encountered God. In fact, Luke writes that Jesus got into Peter's boat and *then* asked him for the favor. God can be like that – just a bit pushy. God can break in to our lives through a text, a conversation, a movie, and/or a breeze. Often, like Jesus' request, it can come at an inconvenient time. Like Peter, we can be shocked at God's abundant love and wish to back away. We insist that we're simply not worthy. Jesus

response? "Do not be afraid."

As we encounter interruptions this week, let us be open to God's call to follow Jesus by responding as generously and completely as he did. May we recognize Jesus in the annoying student's request for help; the exhausted co-worker; the inappropriate but brilliant question; a smile, and a hug. May we hear the Spirit's call to come follow.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- For safe travel for our soccer and basketball teams;
- In thanksgiving for the graces received during the junior retreat;
- Our young men to consider a life of service as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- The Spirit's blessings on our ongoing admissions efforts;
- In thanksgiving for our generous benefactors;
- The ongoing rehabilitation of Aaron Cobos and for those who work with him;
- The victims of sexual abuse; especially those who suffered at the hands of religious and priests;
- Our seniors as they apply for university and scholarships;
- Marriages; especially of our alumni, which are struggling;
- For peoples migrating around the world – especially those arriving in the borderland;
- For those in need of healing; especially the father of Mr. Whittler (golf coach), Luz Ulrickson as she undergoes some rehab; the wife of alumnus Aaron O'Neal; Pablo Licon's grandfather who has bone cancer; Felix Thomas Antone '72 who has esophageal cancer; Ulli Reichenbach; alumnus Jesse Acosta; those fighting cancer (alumnus Homero

Silva, 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 Elisa Armenta, grandmother of Manuel Armenta, and the consolation of her family;
- The repose of the soul of Charles Edward Heredia '71 and the consolation of his family.

KUDOS and THANKS:

Congratulations to the **Irish Swim team** for being the Runner's Up at the TAPPS State Championship Meet in Mansfield. After regional competition, **Coach White** and the team were able to close a 20-point gap to a 2-point difference going into the final event. That's a



Xavi Navarro awarded 1st place

testament to great coaching and sheer will by our ten state qualifying athletes. The team who won had qualified over twenty students! The scores were: 200 Medley (**Delgado, Guillot, Villava, Vega**) took 5<sup>th</sup>; 200 Freestyle had **Prieto** (5) and **Perez** (13); 200 IM had **Villava** (6) and **Guillot** (12); 50 Freestyle had **Navarro** (3); 100 Butterfly had **Armenta** (3), **Villalva** (6) and **Delgado**(9); 100 Freestyle had **Navarro** (1) and **Perez** (11); 500 Freestyle had **Prieto** (2), **Terrazas** (7), and **Cos** (10); 200 Freestyle Relay (**Armenta, Vega, Prieto, Navarro**) took 2<sup>nd</sup>; 100 Backstroke had **Armenta** (3), **Delgado** (9), and **Terrazas** (12); 100 Breastroke had **Guillot** (12) and the 400 Freestyle Relay (**Prieto, Amenta, Perez, Navarro**) took 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kudos to **Coach Zielsdorf** and the **parent boosters**.

Thank you to the **Porras family** for sponsoring a presentation by a presentation by two members of the cross country team depicted in the Disney movie, **McFarland USA**. Students and staff listened to the personal journeys of **Johnny Samaniego** and **Thomas Valles** from working in the fields to university and beyond. The message of pushing one another and choosing the right attitude was a powerful one.

Kudos to senior **Pablo Vega** for being a semi-finalist for the Terry Scholarship at UT Austin. Kudos to senior **Esteban Lopez** for being a semi-finalist for the Terry Scholarship at UT El Paso.

We're grateful to **Mr. Lopez**, the staff, and student leaders for organizing the junior retreat. Thank you to **Stephen Stresow, Ricardo Medina, Esteban Fernandez, Andres Negrete, DJ Sanchez, Nathaniel Aguilar, Dylan Whitfield, German Tirado, Cristobal Diaz, Andres Mercado, Diego Lopez-Molinar, Sergio Salcido, and RJ Bowling**. We're grateful to **Brother Javier, Ms. Shashy, Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Torres, and Mr. Baca** assisting with the day. Thank you to **Father Joe Molina** and **Saint Stephen Parish** for hosting us.

Congratulations to all of the senior basketball players and their families who were honored at **Senior Night: Esteban Fernandez, Diego Alvarez, Leo Gerardo, Noah Sepulveda, DJ Sanchez, Eduardo Duran, and Andres Negrete**. Custodian **Alex Juarez** was also honored for his commitment to the program. The season's media guide was dedicated to him.

Thank you **Laoshe Yang** and **Laoshe Song** for organizing our **Lunar New Year celebration** last Tuesday. Students made and sampled dumplings, made paper lanterns, practiced calligraphy and, sang songs. We are grateful that **Director Ren** from the **Confucius Institute** at New Mexico State University joined us for the festivities.



#### NEWS YOU NEED:

On **Monday, Irish Soccer** will travel to Dallas for **bi-district competition**. They are scheduled to play Bishop Dunn HS on Tuesday at 11:00 AM.

There will be an **Advisory Board** meeting on **Monday, 11 February**, at 5:30 PM in the Vandenburg Library.

Our **Boy Scout Troop 007** will have a **Court of Honor** on **Tuesday** at 6:00 PM in the Vandenburg Library to recognize each scout's progress on their merit badges and other accomplishment.

In our ongoing efforts to ensure a **safe environment** for our students, we're inviting **freshmen and sophomore parents** to a short VIRTUS presentation by Mr. Sanchez on **Tuesday, 12 February**, at 5:30 PM in the Guereca Auditorium.

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Faculty are invited to bring their favorite **sweet treat** on Thursday, **Valentine's Day**, to share with others. It's a dessert potluck. Please sign up with Pat Vega.

**Friday, 15 February**, will be **all-day professional development** for our faculty. There will be no classes for students. Faculty will learn about an active shooter scenario, a program to access TEKS more effectively, an introduction to Near Pod (interactive classroom resources) and an opportunity to work with departments.

**Irish Basketball** will travel to Houston on **Friday** for district competition.

You have already **paid** for the **Diocesan Spring Raffle** with your tuition payment in the FACTS program. No further money needs to be turned into the school. To participate in the raffle and take advantage of your many opportunities to win any of the prizes, **fill out**



Juniors showing off their senior shirts

**the ticket stubs and turn them in** anytime to Mr. Flores in the Registrar's office. All ticket stubs are **due by Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**.

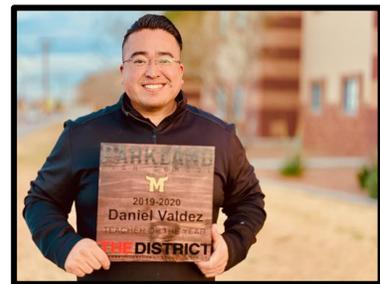
- The drawing will be on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The prizes are: Grand Prize - \$ 3,000 Tuition Voucher or Gift Card; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$ 1,500 Tuition Voucher or Gift Card; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – \$ 1,000 Tuition Voucher or Gift Card; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Apple – iPad Mini; 4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Apple Watch Series 3; 5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Go Pro Hero – 7 Waterproof Action Camera – White; 6<sup>th</sup> Prize – Nintendo Switch; 7<sup>th</sup> Prize – Apple Air Pods; and 8<sup>th</sup> Prize – Amazon Echo Spot.
- We have additional tickets available in Mr. Flores' office if you are interested in increasing your chancing of winning by purchasing more tickets.

Looking ahead:

The **All-school Mass** for February 14<sup>th</sup> has been moved to **February 21<sup>st</sup>** at 10:20 AM due to a scheduling conflict with Bishop Seitz, the celebrant. We're grateful to Bishop for desiring an opportunity to spend time with our student body.

ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT:

Kudos to **Danny Valdez '99** who was recently recognized as Teacher of the Year at **Parkland HS** in YISD. Mr. Valdez works at the Go Center which helps students to find their best fit for university.



Thank you to legendary local sports writer **Ray Sanchez** for his shout out to the **CHS Alumni Association** for hosting **Dana Dimel**, UT El Paso head football coach, a week ago. Check it out at: [http://www.elpasoinc.com/lifestyle/how-utep-coach-learned-to-make-winners/article\\_a004c90c-2bd8-11e9-8ed3-ab9045336585.html](http://www.elpasoinc.com/lifestyle/how-utep-coach-learned-to-make-winners/article_a004c90c-2bd8-11e9-8ed3-ab9045336585.html).

Cathedral High School is blessed to have a number of endowments established to benefit current students. One of them is the **Luz Ulrickson Scholarship Fund** established by her former students to honor this CHS institution. Mrs. Ulrickson has served as a math teacher at La Cate for over fifty years and continues to work with the Golden Graduates and so some tutoring. Many credit her with the foundation needed to go on to become engineers. All credit her with learning the lesson that there is no substitute for hard work. Recently, we've received a **challenge gift to match donations to this fund up to \$5000**. If you wish to contribute to CHS or want to honor this very special Lasallian, please go to <https://www.elpasodiocesefoundation.org/donate-to-a-fund/catholic-schools/luz-ulrickson-scholarship-fund> to make a tax-deductible gift.

Congratulations to **Jerome Elenez '90** on becoming the **Chief Marketing Officer** for the **Dallas Mavericks**. This is a marriage of two of his passions: basketball and marketing.

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TAPPS Swim State Runners Up 2019