

WEEK of 02 SEPTEMBER 2018

Monday is Labor Day, a day which celebrates the dignity of work and of all who labor. If St. John Baptist Delasalle were with us today, he would have us reflect on the work that we do at Cathedral High. Here are some of the Founder's words on the significance of our work:

- ***"You must, then, look upon your work as one of the most important and most necessary services, one entrusted to you by fathers and mothers."***
- ***"God has called you, destined you for this work, and sent you to work in his vineyard."***
- ***"You are doing God's work; rest assured that he will take care of you provided that you serve him faithfully and omit nothing that he asks of you."***
- ***"If, then, you devote yourselves to the harvest of souls, how can you fear that the One who employs you as his coworkers will refuse you the food you need to do his work?"***

Let us pray that we are reminded this week of who has called us to this vital work and who is the source of our strength and success.

(Thank you to Brother Ray Bulliard for the quotes.)



Sophomores working on a New Testament assignment

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

- Those who protect and fight for the rights of workers;
- In thanksgiving for God's blessings on our start of the year;
- Young alumni beginning or returning to college;
- Our young men to consider a life of service to God's people as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- Aaron Cobos, his family, and those who are caring for him in El Paso;
- In thanksgiving for our friends, alumni, and families;
- Our nation to accept Christ's challenge to welcome the stranger and for families seeking asylum;
- In thanksgiving for our generous benefactors who make our ministry possible;
- Becky Hermosillo, mother of alumnus Richard Hermosillo; she has entered hospice care;
- Those in need of healing especially students Derek Andrade, Zach Deitch, Edwin Osorno, Nate Aguilar, and Nick Veytia, Raul Natividad '98 (recovering from a motorcycle accident); those fighting cancer (Brother Robb Wallace, alumnus John Armendariz, Mima Sofia Higuera, Rosa Maria Sosa, the mother of Mr. Tubbs, alumnus Javier Olmos); those recovering from sexual abuse;
- The repose of the soul of Oscar Saenz '09 and the consolation of his family;
- The repose of the soul of Rafael Tamez '55 and the consolation of his family;
- Families in mourning; especially the Fernandez and Saucedo families.

KUDOS and THANKS:

Kudos to everyone who participated in our **Back-to-School Night** which was a success! Thank you to parents who came to meet their son's teachers. Thank you to our wonderful **faculty and staff** for tackling a long day with great spirits!

- We're grateful to **Ms. Garibay** the **Spanish Honor Society members** who served as guides: **Christian Silva, Carlo Vasquez, Gerardo Pena, Nicholas Maes, Stephen Stresow, Juan Vargas, Alan Maya, Sergio Ornelas, Isaiah Carrillo, Jonathan Castillo, Fabio Vargas, Alton Strain, Zachary Monarez-Grass, Sergio Tellez** and **Santiago Olivas**. Thank you the staff for organizing the event.

We give a shout out to the **Student Council** and **Mr. Baca** for our first **pep rally!** Our students displayed their school spirit with raucous cheers and great participation. Our senior class burst into rally to make their presence known. The freshmen class proved their mettle with their loud cheering. Student Council did a good job of preparing them. The school was introduced to this year's Dan the Irishman (**Richie Medina**). Unfortunately, Brewster the Rooster (**Nick Veytia**) dislocated his shoulder during the rehearsal!



French I students practicing introductions

Congratulations to Mr. **Albert Gonzalez** who has accepted the role of **Scoutmaster** for the **Troop 007**. Students are invited to join CHS's first scout troop. No previous experience in scouting is needed. Meetings are Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Vandenburg Library.

Thank you to **Mr. Soto** for allowing his English II students to complete the Apply Texas process with Mr. Lisanckie. Thank you to **Mrs. Morales** for the use of the library.

Kudos to the **juniors** who represented CHS at the **Annual Catholic School Mass** celebrated by Bishop Seitz at Saint Raphael's Church: **Santiago Barrio, Gabriel Contreras, Javier Contreras, Jacob Diaz, Fernando Gallardo, Gabriel Garcia, Oscar Giron, Alan Loya-Silva, Nicholas Maes, Adam Mendoza, Alejandro Mendoza, Felix Millan, Andres Ortega, Jordan Strathmann, Santiago Usabiaga, and Juan Vargas**. They conducted themselves in a reverent and mature manner. Thank you to **Brother Javier** and **Brother Nick** for accompanying our students and to **Mr. Alvarez** for providing transportation.

We're grateful to senior **Mario Gonzalez** and his team of volunteers who painted the back wall of our stage black over the weekend. This was part of Mario's Eagle Scout project.

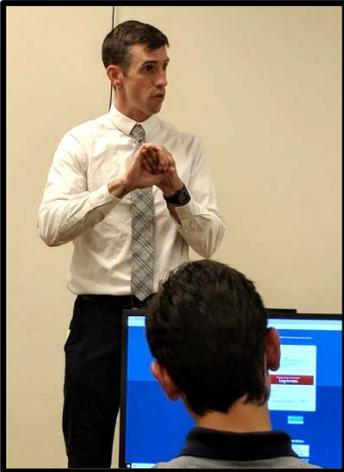
We give thanks to God for the lives of those who celebrate their **birthdays**:

- Sunday, 02 September: RJ Bowling, David Sanchez, Edwin Osorno
- Monday, 03 September: Alejandro Carrasco
- Tuesday, 04 September: Leonardo Cereceres
- Wednesday, 05 September: Nicolas Barreda
- Thursday, 06 September: Fernando Gallardo
- Friday, 07 September: Marco Lopez
- Saturday, 08 September: Marcos Fragasos Herrera

NEWS YOU NEED:

We will be sending home a printed copy of the **Home Language Survey** for **EPISD residents**. It is a simple and short form which should only take a few minutes to fill out and return. Only families residing in the EPISD boundaries may fill out the form. We ask for them back by Thursday morning. The purpose of these is determine how many title resources our students would be entitled to.

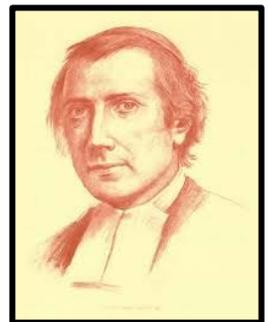
A menu for **September lunch specials** is available on our website (www.cathedral-elpaso.org). Go to the drop down menu for **Current Students**. **Lunch menu** is at the bottom.



Brendan Lisanckie, the Director of **Early Admissions**, was on campus this past week to personally deal with student enrollment issues (the EPCC semester began), introduce himself to our dual credit teachers and facilitators, meet with EPCC administration who oversee dual credit programs, and meet families at the Back-to-School Night. Mr. Lisanckie also met with our students enrolled in the EA Program and walked the sophomore class through the Apply Texas in order to begin the process for TSI (Texas Success Initiative Assessment) testing, a prerequisite for admission to all Texas public institutions of higher learning. He has returned to Boston to finish preparing his family for the permanent move to El Paso. Although he is not physically present, Mr. Lisanckie can be reached at blisanckie@cathedral-elpaso.org to assist EA students and families with any concerns.

CHS will begin to offer **blended SAT prep courses** throughout the year. The courses will include one four hour long live session with Mr. Espinoza on test taking strategies (Saturday, 08 September) with four weeks of access to tailored online practice tests with immediate feedback to students and parents. This first session is strictly for seniors are scheduled to take the SAT on 06 October and planning to apply for early admission to university. The cost is only \$100. We plan to offer more sessions to seniors as well as juniors as the year progress. We hope that it is an economical alternative to nationally recognized test prep programs.

Sunday, 02 September, is the feast of **Saint Solomon** Leclerq, a Delasalle Christian Brother who was martyred during the French Revolution. In a period of anti-Catholic sentiment, all Lasallian schools were closed and all teachers had to take an oath to the new Constitution. Most Brothers refused to do so. Despite the danger, Brother Solomon remained in Paris to look after the Brothers properties. Captured by a mob, he was part of a group of religious who were summarily executed for their Catholic faith.



Picture retakes will be on Wednesday, 05 September, from 8:00 AM to noon.

Retakes are for the following categories:

- Students and staff who do not have an ID picture;
- Students and staff not satisfied with their initial picture
- Students must be in Irish Standard. Those who have English class in periods 1 – 4 will be allowed to go at the beginning of class. Those students who have English during later periods must try to get in before school begins.

College Night for seniors and parents will be on Wednesday, 05 September, at 5:30 PM in the Guereca Auditorium. Senior counselor Ms. Torres will discuss important deadlines, the FAFSA, and applications.

Looking ahead:

We will be on Morning Assembly/Mass Schedule on Tuesday, 11 September, for a **talk to the student body** by **Mike Spencer** of the **Life Training Institute**. The ministry of this organization is to motivate and equip pro-life ambassadors to make the case for life. The presentation will begin at 10:25 AM. Families are welcome to join us. You can learn more about Mr. Spencer at www.prolifemike.com/.

All **freshmen, sophomore and juniors** will be taking the **Iowa** or **ITED exam** on Wednesday, 12 September, beginning at 8:05 AM. These are nationally normed standardized tests which offer educators a diagnostic look at how their students are progressing in key academic areas. Because it is standardized, it is vital that your son be on time to begin testing. Please be sure that they get sufficient rest the night before and a good breakfast the morning of the exam.

College Night for juniors and parents will be on Wednesday, 12 September, at 5:30 PM in the Guereca Auditorium. Junior counselor Ms. Torres will discuss the importance of PSAT, SAT, ACT testing, and ways that CHS can help your son prepare for these. Goals for junior year will also be outlined.

We will have an **all-school Mass** on Thursday, 13 September, at 10:25 AM at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

Mothers gather together on the **third Thursday of every month** at 2:30 PM to **pray the rosary** for our students in the San Pedro Maldonado Chapel on the third floor. All are welcome to join them. The next rosary will be on Thursday, 20 September.

The **Tradition Ceremony** will be on Wednesday, 26 September, at 5:30 PM in the Houghton MPB. The **senior class** will formally welcome the **freshmen class** to the 93-year legacy of CHS.

- Family and alumni are welcome to join us.
- Justice-of-the-Peace-Elect **Josh Herrera '98** will be the alumni speaker.

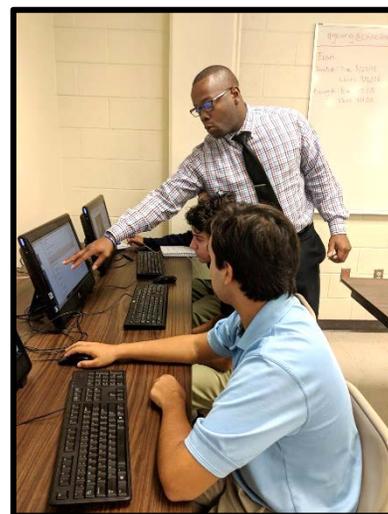
ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT

The **Alumni Association** will host its **monthly meeting** on Saturday, 08 September, in the Guereca Auditorium. This month's speaker will be **Brother Javier Hansen, FSC**. He will address youth and the Church. Brother Javier was one of three representatives from the US to the international pre-synod meeting on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment. The meeting will also be an opportunity to present this year's twenty **Alumni Scholarship recipients**. Breakfast is available for \$6.00 for those interested at 8:30 AM and the meeting begins at 9:00 AM.

- Please support the CHS Alumni Association's upcoming fundraising events during Homecoming Week. All funds raised go to provide scholarships for students with demonstrated need.

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 (3200 Coe Ave, Ft. Bliss). Onsite registration opens at 7:00 AM with a



Mr. Young helping students enrolled in online Introduction to Computer Science

shotgun start at 8:30 AM. The cost is \$125 per player. For more assistance, contact **Phil Pineda '81** at 915-497-7280.

- The day will conclude with the annual **Alumni Tamalada** from 7:00 to 11:30 PM at the Houghton MPB on the CHS campus.
- Tamalada tickets are available at the CHS Office and Bookstore. They are \$25.00 if you buy them early and \$30.00 at the door on the day of the event.

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



Seniors teaching cheers to the freshmen in preparation for first pep rally