

WEEK of 18 NOVEMBER 2018

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!” (PS 107:1).

This week prompts us to consider all for which we are grateful. Certainly, CHS is blessed by our faithful staff. Last year was difficult because of personnel changes but our staff remained focused on serving the students entrusted to our care. With this year’s new school administration, they have been exceptionally cooperative; seeking a steady improvement and meeting new standards. They respect and care for each other.



The JV Basketball season is underway

We’re grateful for our students. They are open and generous. Proud to be part of this nine-decade legacy, they seek to make their own imprint.

We’re grateful for the parents of our students who make this education possible through their commitment and sacrifice. They give of their time, talent and treasure to enhance their son’s experience at CHS.

We are blessed beyond measure and profoundly grateful this Thanksgiving. May we always remember that God is the source of every blessing! May this holiday be a source of great joy and peace for your family and you!

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- For the grace of grateful hearts;
- Safe travel during this holiday season;
- Our young men to consider a life of service as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- The needs of our staff, students, and families;
- Those migrating in the Americas and around the world;
- Two of our teachers in need of healing after surgery: Adriana Zavala and Ulli Reichenbach;
- Families undergoing the pain of divorce;
- The repose of the soul of Clara Rose, the daughter of Ruben De Alba '04, and the consolation of her family;
- Those in need of healing; the mother of Jeannette Peterson; our students: Zachary Bowling, Nate Aguilar, Zach Deitch, Edwin Osorno; Mary Vallejo (mother of Yvonne Davis); those fighting cancer (Homero Silva, Brother Robb Wallace, alumnus John Armendariz, Mima Sofia Higuera, CHS mother Rosa Maria Sosa, alumnus Javier Olmos); those dealing with addiction; and for those struggling with mental illness;
- Those families in mourning during this holiday season.

KUDOS and THANKS:

Kudos to our **staff and students** for their prompt and serious response to our **lock down drill** on Thursday morning. We will be debriefing the faculty on Monday afternoon. We had a federal law enforcement agent on hand to assist us with identifying areas for improvement as well as solutions for the future.

Kudos to **Mr. Lopez** and the team who planned the **retreat for sophomores** on Friday. We're grateful to the student team leaders: **Jacob Magallanes, Jordan Strathman, Hugo Sandoval, Alan Loya-Silva, Enrique Carrasco, Emiliano Reyes, Julian Garcia, Diego Lopez-Molinar, Raul Meraz, Andres Mercado, Gerardo Pena, Sergio Salcido, DJ Sanchez, Philip Porras, and Stephen Stresow**. Thank you to the faculty who attended: **Mrs. Vega, Brother Mariano, Brother Rafael, Brother Nick, and Mr. Soto**.

- Thank you to **Saint Stephen's Parish** and the pastor, **Father Joe Molina**, for hosting us.
- We're grateful to **Father Ed Rodin-Lucero** for celebrating the closing Eucharist with the class.

Thank you to **Mr. Puertas** and our **janitorial staff** for preparing our school to host the **youth groups** from **Pecos** and **Monahans** so that they could attend the **El Paso Southwest Youth Conference**. Sleeping on our old gym floor made the trip affordable for 60 youth and 15 chaperones! It's important for us to show Christian hospitality.

Kudos to our sports teams for their recent success! The **JV Golf** team won first place at the Ascarate Golf Tournament. Congratulations to the **Varsity Basketball team** for winning 3rd place at the Faben Invitational tournament. **JV Basketball** earned the consolation slot at the San Elizario Invitational.

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

- Monday, 19 November: **Marcos Tomas, Conner Kaufmann**
- Wednesday, 21 November: **Oswaldo Ramirez, Austin Dirx, Michael Plundo, Pedro De La Cruz**
- Thursday, 22 November: **Marco Lozano, Dylan Diaz-Infante, Frederick Pirk**
- Friday, 23 November: **Anthony Daniel**
- Saturday, 24 November: **Hugo Sandoval, Leslie Valtier (English 4), Pedro Espinoza (AP)**
- Sunday, 25 November: **Sergio Monarrez**



Sophomores on retreat competing with other

NEWS YOU NEED:

Students crossing the international bridge have noted that there have been significant delays recently due to federal personnel being temporarily moved to other border crossing points in California. The **El Paso streetcar** has now been in operation

for a week. Students can walk over the **Santa Fe bridge** and pick up the streetcar a few blocks away. It stops directly at our school's front door. Check out the route and schedule at <http://www.sunmetro.net/streetcar>.

Our **Campus Ministry Office** is coordinating a **drive** to benefit immigrants arriving in the borderland. Donations can be brought to **Mr. Lopez'** office on the third floor. Interested families may donate some of the following items:

- New **socks** (Men, Women, Children)
- New or Used **Jeans** (Men, Women, Children: Small and Medium sizes, no large sizes please)
- Travel size **toiletries** (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, moisturizing cream, and combs)
- **Medication** for Adults and Children (acetaminophen, ibuprofen, Pepto Bismol, cough medicine)
- **Linen** (twin sheets, pillow cases, towels).



Our **Thanksgiving Holiday Break** will be from **Wednesday – Friday (November 21-23)**.

Happy Thanksgiving on Thursday! Blessings to your family and you!

Be sure to check out the annual Sun Bowl Parade on Thanksgiving morning to see **the Irish Swim team** and the legendary **Coach Jack "Great" White** walk the parade route due to their 32-year dynasty of state championships. Such an impressive stretch of success certainly warrants notice as an "Amazing Feat," the parade theme. The parade will be live streamed on www.elpasoproud.com/sun-bowl-thanksgiving-parade.

Looking ahead:

First semester exams will be Wednesday through Friday, December 19-21. The **ninety-minute exams** will be **comprehensive**. It is very important that your son is present and on time for exams.

- Wednesday, 19 December: **Period 1, 2, 3**
- Thursday, 20 December: **Period 7, 8**
- Friday, 21 December: **Period 4/5, 6**

Grades will be due by Thursday, 03 January at 8:00 AM.

ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT:

Alumni and their family are welcome to attend our traditional December general meeting which is a **complimentary Menudo Breakfast** to celebrate the season. The gathering is on



Student leaders at the sophomore retreat

Saturday, 01 December, at 8:30 AM in the Guereca Auditorium. **Please RSVP** with Andres Portillo (andresportillo90@yahoo.com) to get an accurate count.

The **CHS Alumni Association** elected the following officers for 2019: President **Julius Lowenberg**, Treasurer **Jesse Acosta**, and Secretary **Brother Nick Gonzalez**. The Members of the Board of Directors who were elected are: **Rene Valenzuela, JD Douglass, Leo Gutierrez, Jose Sanchez, Phil Pineda, Brad Roe, Ernesto "Marty" Martinez, Andy Portillo, Jose Negrete, David Carrejo, and Benny Brooks**. We thank these faithful alumni for their ongoing generosity of spirit and servant leadership.

The **Board of Directors** would like to welcome four new Members: **Herman Aguilar '62, Gilbert Cordova '66, Frank Liano '84, and Joseph Patrick Casarez '63**. Each spoke of a desire to give back to their alma mater and committed to share their treasure, time, and talent.

MEN OF IRON/MEN OF GOLD



A new generation of La Cate's Zoo