

WEEK of 16 SEPTEMBER 2018

In Mark's gospel, Peter proclaimed that Jesus is the Lord. When Jesus proceeded to explain that the Messiah would suffer at the hands of the authorities and die, Peter scolded him. This was not what the disciples wanted to hear. "Get behind me Satan!" answered Jesus. If anyone wanted to follow him, Jesus promised that they'd need to take up their cross and follow him. Jesus was honest; to follow in his footsteps means frustration and pain.

It's difficult to be a Christian in today's society. In an era of political correctness, we're called to be God's voice when discussing such hot button issues as immigration and abortion. Our voices and influence are needed when addressing welfare and health care. It's the duty of this Lasallian Catholic institution to



The Legacy Ceremony on the Porras Family Patio

help develop our students' ability to understand these issues and to argue their positions in an intelligent and persuasive manner. This past week our students listened to a presentation on how to logically defend a pro-life stance; especially against those who will argue that men have no voice in this important debate. Disciples don't get to choose their crosses; they must deal with the issues of their day.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may give us a desire to learn truth and the courage to speak it to the world.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- Those in the eastern U.S. and in Asia who are suffering from hurricanes and for those who are helping them;
- God's blessings on the efforts of the Alumni Association to raise funds for scholarships;
- Aaron Cobos, his family, and those who are working with his rehabilitation;
- The needs of our faculty and students this sixth week of school;
- Our young men to consider a life of service to God's people as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- The Holy Spirit's inspiration to have honest discussions about the right to life;
- Our nation to accept Christ's challenge to welcome the stranger and for families seeking asylum;
- Those in need of healing; especially our injured students: Derek Andrade, Zach Deitch, Edwin Osorno, Nate Aguilar, and Nick Veytia; Raul Natividad '98 (recovering from a motorcycle accident); Mary Vallejo (mother of Yvonne Davis); those fighting cancer (Brother Robb Wallace, alumnus John Armendariz, Mima Sofia Higuera, Rosa Maria Sosa, alumnus Javier Olmos); those recovering from sexual abuse; and for those struggling with depression;
- In thanksgiving for the news that Cuauhtzin Rangel and his wife will soon be parents;
- Sunil Bodapati as he begins his graduate work at Stanford;
- The repose of the soul of the father of Adrian Fernandez '98 and the consolation of his family;
- The repose of the soul of Becky Hermosillo, mother of Richard Hermosillo '04, and the consolation of her family;
- The repose of the soul of Lucy Ellen Antone, sister of Tom '72 and Joe '76 Antone, and the consolation of her family;
- In thanksgiving for our friends, alumni, and families.

KUDOS and THANKS:

Kudos to **Michael Spencer** of the **Life Training Institute** for the clarity of his all-school presentation on the pro-life stance last week. Mr. Spencer's goal was to help our students to understand how to enter into discussions/debate about the issue of abortion with intelligent and logical arguments. Thank you to junior **Rudolfo Martinez** for hosting and introducing Mr. Spencer.



Congratulations to senior **Steven Stresow** on being named a **National Merit Semi-Finalist**. Steven is one of six area students to receive this prominent recognition. About 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the competition by taking the PSAT. This pool represents less than 1% of US high school seniors.

We give a shout out to **Mr. Baca, Ms. Montoya, and Brother Paul-Andre** for the **Legacy Ceremony** with the senior and freshmen classes on the one-month anniversary of starting school. Freshmen walked up through the arched entrance to the 1923 Building, were introduced to a welcoming senior class, received a class wristband (Wake Up the Echoes!) and a beanie for the upcoming Homecoming Week.

Thank you to **Mr. Lopez** for organizing a retreat leadership training session on Friday. Approximately **sixty student leaders** developed their skills and their own faith. We are grateful for their generosity in serving their classmates.

We give a shout out to **Ms. De La Cruz**, principal of **Saint Matthew Catholic School** for her hospitality to all of the diocesan principals last week.



El Grito de la Independencia!

Kudos to the Spanish classes for celebrating **el 16 de septiembre** with the traditional **grito de independencia** and, of course, an amazing feast! Thank you to **our students, Ms. Garibay, and Mrs. Hernandez** for inviting the whole staff to join the wonderful party on the patio.

Our **IOWA testing** went very smoothly this past week. Thank you to all of the staff who pitched in to ensure that it well went well. We send a special shout out to **Ms. Torres, Mr. Yanez, Mr. Espinoza and Mr. Sanchez**.

Congratulations to junior **Alejandro Mendez** for being selected to be a part of the 2018 **Junior Leadership El Paso program** Class 16. This competitive program is dedicated to exposing each class member to all aspects of the community through an exciting, interactive, and educational program.

The **Irish Cross Country team** hosted their invitational meet at Veterans Park in northeast El Paso. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped the meet to run well!

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

- Monday, 17 September: **Nicholas Cobos**
- Tuesday, 18 September: **Jesus Ayala**

- Wednesday, 19 September: **Adrian Prieto**
- Thursday, 20 September: **Nathaniel Aguilar**
- Friday, 21 September: **Jaime Rodriguez, Maximiliano Garcia**

NEWS YOU NEED:

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

The **Irish JV Football team** will travel to Fabens HS for a JV game on Thursday. The game begins at 5:30 PM.

CHS will host representatives from the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** on Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Guereca Auditorium. This will be the presentation for the larger community. They will address CHS students on Friday afternoon.

Saint Matthew Catholic School is having their **Feast Day Palooza** on Friday, September 21st at 400 W. Sunset from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. They are asking for **dependable volunteers** to monitor the inflatables and to keep the food truck area clean. Students may volunteer for up to four or more (or more). Please sign up with Mr. Lopez in the Campus Ministry office or see Brother Nick.

The **Irish Football team** will travel to Fabens HS for a varsity game on Friday. The kickoff will be at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available in the Bookstore.

Homecoming mums are now on sale at the Bookstore. Different styles are available and each order will be tailored to the student's date. **Homecoming dance tickets** will go on sale in the Bookstore later this week. Single tickets are \$30.00 and a couple's ticket is \$40.00. The dance will go from 7:30 PM to midnight on Saturday, September 29, at the Houghton MPB.

Cake donations sought: Volunteer mothers run a dessert table at the annual *Tamalada* fundraising dinner. Guests give donations for coffee and a slice of cake (or the whole cake). Last year the dessert station raised enough money to cover a whole Alumni Association scholarship.!

- Donations can be dropped off at the Attendance office on Thursday (27 September) or Friday (28 September).
- Contact **Lili Negrete** at 915-740-9255 if you have any questions.

AYSO Soccer Region 272 is recruiting **referees for youth soccer** (under 12 years old). CHS students interested in becoming **volunteer** referees can contact Hector Beltran, Head of Officials, at (915) 373-6866.

The **Irish Cross Country team** is selling tickets for a **Full Serve Wash** at Mister Car Wash. Tickets are only \$12.00 each. Reach out to a team runner or **Coach Isaac Montoya**. Proceeds will benefit travel to the state meet in Waco this October.



Looking ahead:

Homecoming 2018 Week will be from September 24th – 29th. Details about the student dress-up days will be given out this week. We encourage our students to participate in order to show class spirit and school pride. The dress up days are intended to be fun and to be healthy outlets for our students.

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.

The **CHS Bookstore** will have a **Homecoming Flash Sale** on Friday, 28 September, with **20% off** of all items.

The **Homecoming Game** will be against Riverside HS on Friday, **September 28th**. The game will be at **Burges HS** and start at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available in the Bookstore.

The **Annual Tamalada** will be on Friday, September 28th, from 7:00 to 11:30 PM in the Houghton MPB. Tickets are \$25.00 if purchased ahead of time; they are \$30.00 at the door. There will be the addition of a Silent Auction at this year's event.

The **Homecoming Dance** will be on Saturday, September 29th, from 7:30 PM to midnight at the Houghton MPB. It is semi-formal. Tickets will be on sale this week in the Bookstore.

Bishop Mark Joseph Seitz invites all Catholic youth to participate in the **Annual Hike for Life** on Saturday, October 6th, at Mount Cristo Rey at 8:30 AM.



Michael Spencer addressed the studentson pro-life issues

We are making a **change** on the calendar for **Spring Break 2018**. To facilitate athletics and having our break match other districts, **we are moving it to March 18 – 22, 2018**.

ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT:

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 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. A Silent Auction has been added to this year's event.
- **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.
- All proceeds go to fund Alumni Association Scholarships for deserving families with demonstrated need.

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.

Kudos to **Carlos Corral '01** on the success of his brainchild, the El Paso Film Festival, this past weekend. This event combined two of his passions: independent films and a love of his hometown.

Congratulations to Dr. **Sam Armijo '55** for being honored by the UT El Paso College of Engineering with their **Gold Nugget Award** for outstanding contributions in the field.

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