

WEEK of 27 JANUARY 2019



We celebrate **Catholic Schools Week** by revisiting our Lasallian legacy to enter to learn then leave to serve. Pope Francis, in one of his addresses to World Youth Day participants this week, expressed these sentiments so clearly that I invite you to reflect on excerpts from his talk.

*“When we opt for ease and convenience, for confusing happiness with consumption, then we end up paying a high price indeed: we lose our freedom.”*

*“To take the path of the “craziness” of our God, who teaches us to encounter him in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the friend in trouble, the prisoner, the refugee and the migrant, and our neighbors who feel abandoned. To take the path of our God, who encourages us to be politicians, thinkers, social activists.”*

*“Life nowadays tells us that it is much easier to concentrate on what divides us, what keeps us apart... Have the courage to teach us that it is easier to build bridges than walls! Together we ask that you challenge us to take the path of fraternity.”*

*“Today Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life, is calling you to leave your mark on history. He, who is life, is asking each of you to leave a mark that brings life to your own history and that of many others. He, who is truth, is asking you to abandon the paths of rejection, division and emptiness. Are you up to this? What answer will you give, with your hands and with your feet, to the Lord, who is the way, the truth and the life?”*

Let us pray that our students and alumni cooperate with the Holy Spirit’s call to use their talents to help transform society to more closely resemble the Kingdom of God.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- For safe travel back from World Youth Day in Panama;
- In thanksgiving for the graces received at our senior retreat;
- Our young men to consider a life of service as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- God’s blessings on our fourth week of the quarter;
- The ongoing rehabilitation of Aaron Cobos and for those who work with him;
- In thanksgiving for our generous benefactors; especially Judge Robert and Emma Galvan;
- The Spirit’s blessings on our ongoing admissions efforts;
- Our seniors as they apply for university and scholarships;
- For peoples migrating around the world – especially those arriving in the borderland;
- In thanksgiving for an end to the government shutdown;
- Those in need of healing; especially for Pablo Licon’s grandfather who has bone cancer; Felix Thomas Antone ’72 who has esophageal cancer; Ulli Reichenbach (who will

undergo further surgery); the brother-in-law of Mr. Soto; alumnus Jesse Acosta (recovering from a heart attack); 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 Rene Aguilar '03 and the consolation of his family;
- The repose of the soul of Patricia Peterson, mother of Jeannette Peterson, and the consolation of her family;
- Those in mourning; especially the Quiett family.

KUDOS and THANKS:



Luis Miguel Garibay '18 addressing the seniors at retreat

Kudos to all those involved with this year's **senior retreat**. Thank you to **Mr. Lopez** for organizing the day. It began with Mass celebrated by **Father Bob** Moeschler. Talks were given by **Luis Miguel Garibay '18** and **Brother Nick**. Small groups were led by **Ms. Valtier**, **Mr. Vidales**, and **Mr. Esparza**. The seniors expressed thanks to one another for creating a supportive community, offered challenges to finish strong, and asked for forgiveness of their peers. We're grateful to **Saint Stephen's Parish** and **Father Joe** Molina for hosting us.

The school entrance now has a **Wall of College Acceptances** to feature our current seniors. Each senior who has brought in letter of acceptance to the Counseling Office has a photo and the logo(s) of the school(s) which has/have accepted them. Thank you to our Jan-term volunteers, **Gerry Reyes** and **Nathaniel Panis**, for creating this visual celebration and inspiration.

Congratulations to the **Irish Swim team** for capturing the **TAPPS Division I Regional Championship** with 185.5 points earned in San Antonio last week. Kudos to the athletes, **Coach White**, **Coach Zielsdorf**, and the **parents**. The team of **Delgado**, **Armenta**, **Guillot** and **Villalva** captured 1st in the 200 yd Medley Relay. In the 200 yd Freestyle, **Prieto** (1), **Perez** (3) and **Cos** (5) earned points. In the 200 yd IM, **Villalva** (2), **Guillot** (4) and **Lopez** (11) scored. In the 50 yd Freestyle, **Navarro** (2), **Herrera** (6) and **Rodriguez** (11) finished strong. In the 100 yd Butterfly, **Armenta** (1) **Villalva** (2) and **Delgado** (3) swept the top spots. In the 100 yd Backstroke, **Armenta** (1), **Delgado** (4), **Terrazas** (6), and **Rivera** (8) earned points for the Irish. In the 100 yd Breaststroke, **Guillot** (3), **Herrera** (5), **Licon** (9) and **Ortiz** (11) got on the board. In the 400 yd Freestyle Relay, the team of **Navarro**, **Perez**, **Prieto**, and **Armenta** captured first. You can check out the specific times at <https://tapps.biz/athletics/winter-sports/swimming/>.

This was a busy weekend for our Admissions Department. CHS hosted a second round of **Parent Information Sessions** organized by **Mr. Baca**. Thank you to our student ambassadors for representing CHS so well: **Daniel Herrada**, **Connor Kaufmann**, and **Isaac Martinez**. The three very effective student speakers were **Adrian Prieto**, **Pablo Licon**, and **Stephen Stresow**. They shared their reasons for attending CHS and expressed their pride in belonging to this legacy. All

three stressed the importance of relationships with teachers and the chance to grow in their faith. CHS was also represented at a booth at *Expo Educativo* in Cd. Juarez. We're grateful to our student ambassadors: **Augustin Juarez, Guillermo Lucero, Cristobal Diaz, Adrian Prieto, Pablo Licon, Pablo Vega, Raul Flores, RJ Bowling, Isaac Martinez, Kike Carrasco, Cristian Silva,** and **Sergio Salcido**. Thank you to the **Robotics Club** and **Mr. Vazquez** for bringing their robots so that prospective students could interact with them.



Student speakers at Parent Info Session

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

- Monday, 28 January: **Carlos Gomez, Enrique Chacon, Nathan Gonzalez**
- Wednesday, 30 January: **Sergio Tellez**
- Thursday, 31 January: **Alexis Lopez Saenz**

#### NEWS YOU NEED:

According to *The Rule* of the Brothers, the Provincial must make a **canonical visit** to each community once a year to evaluate how the Brothers are living out their vocation. **Brother James Joost**, the Auxiliary Provincial, will be on campus from Monday afternoon through Wednesday morning to make this annual visit. Please join us in welcoming him.

**Bishop Seitz** will celebrate **Mass** for **Catholic Schools Week** on **Wednesday** at 9:00 AM at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. Selected Religion classes will represent our student body at this Eucharist.

**The Catholic Foundation** will host a breakfast at Saint Pius X School on **Thursday** at 7:30 AM to bring together scholarship recipients and donors. **Ms. Montoya's freshmen choir group** will lead the participants in the opening song for prayer. Our **Miles, Hunt, and Bishop scholarship recipients** were invited to attend. We are grateful to **Sofia Larkin** for organizing this important annual celebration.

It is time for the **Spring Diocesan Raffle**. You have paid for the 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 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>.

- Your son will receive your envelope with tickets during his **3<sup>rd</sup> Period** class on **Thursday, January 31<sup>st</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 chances of winning by purchasing more tickets.

The **Senior Pinning Ceremony** will be on Friday, 01 February 8:30 AM at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. Representative members of the **Class of 1969** will join our **senior class** for Mass. Afterwards, they will share some reflections on the impact which CHS had on them. Golden Graduates will then present each senior with an Alumni Pin on their lapel.

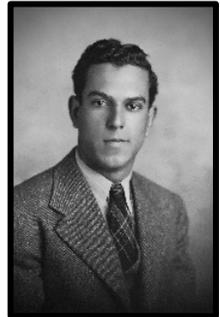
- Seniors will be in Irish Standard.

#### ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT:

The **Catholic Foundation** and CHS are pleased to announce the establishment of **The Judge Robert and Emma Galvan Endowment** to meet the educational needs at CHS. Judge Galvan was a proud member of the CHS Class of 1940 who on to graduate from the Texas School of Mines and Southern Methodist University Law School. His beloved wife, Emma, and he left a very generous bequest to his *alma mater*. If you are interested in contributing to the Galvan Endowment, you can follow this link:

<https://www.elpasodiocesefoundation.org/donate-to-a-fund/catholic-schools/judge-robert-j-and-emma-galvan-fund-for-cathedral-high-school>.

- If you are interested in learning more about planned giving to CHS in your will, please reach out **Sofia Larkin** ([slarkin@elpasodiocese.org](mailto:slarkin@elpasodiocese.org)), the Major Gifts Officer at the Catholic Foundation.



Judge Galvan in 1940



Congratulations to State Representative **Joseph Moody '99** on being appointed **Speaker Pro Tempore in the Texas House of Representatives** for the new legislative session. This is the first time in Texas history that a representative from El Paso has held this important position. We are proud that another alumnus, **Rolando Pablos**, served as the most recent Texas Secretary of State.

The school received two sets of yearbooks as gifts recently. Two *Chaparrals* from 1933 and 1935 were donated from the estate of **Hilario "Larry" A. Perea** by his neice, **Jacqueline Reid** of California. Another alumnus, **Pedro Garcia '61**, great-uncle to senior **Pablo Vega '19**, entrusted us with his yearbooks from 1958-1961. We will be faithful stewards to these treasures.

#### MEN OF IRON/MEN OF GOLD



2019 TAPPS Division I Regional Swimming Champions