

WEEK of 26 AUGUST 2018

This Sunday's readings challenge us to make a choice. Joshua asked the Israelites which god they wish to serve: the gods of their ancestors or the gods of the Canaanites. "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord," Joshua boldly proclaimed! In John's gospel, a number of Jesus' disciples left him because they find his teachings too difficult. He turned to the Twelve and asked if they would also leave him. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life," declared Peter.

Our students are confronted with the same challenge. Our society worships the self, pleasure, and comfort. It rejects selflessness, discipline, and hard work. While these gods saturate our students' world, they fail to satisfy. Delasalle described our students as wanderers seeking to slake their spiritual thirst



Sophomores examine the relics in the anniversary artwork for the District

"and finding there nothing but vice and vanity, misery and disappointment... they turn to you in distress, looking for help, persuaded that you have received the grace to support the weak, teach the ignorant, and correct the wayward." He insisted that the teachers turn to God regularly in prayer to ask God to provide the graces that the student needs.

"This God of goodness places them in your hands and undertakes to give them everything you ask of Him for them." Together let us lift our students and sons in prayer; asking God for whatever they need so that they can choose a life with God.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- In thanksgiving for our friends, alumni, and families;
- Aaron Cobos, his family, and those who are caring for him in El Paso;
- Our young men to consider a life of service to God's people as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- Young alumni beginning or returning to college;
- In thanksgiving for our generous benefactors who make our ministry possible;
- The victims of the shooting in Jacksonville, Florida, and those caring for them;
- Our nation to accept Christ's challenge to welcome the stranger and for families seeking asylum;
- Victims of sexual abuse; especially those who suffered at the hands of priests and religious;
- Those in need of healing; especially senior Nate Aguilar and Zach Deitch (recovering from surgery); Raul Natividad '98 (recovering from a motorcycle accident); Mr. Yanez; those fighting cancer (Brother Robb Wallace, alumnus John Armendariz, Mima Sofia Higuera, Rosa Maria Sosa, the mother of Mr. Tubbs, alumnus Javier Olmos); the mother of Jerome Elenez '90; the father of Mrs. Martinez; and the father of alumnus Kevin Arreola;
- The repose of the soul of the paternal grandfather of Eddie Fernandez '18 and the consolation of his family;
- The repose of the soul of Albert Saucedo '53 and the consolation of his family;
- Those in mourning; especially the Flores and Esparza families.

KUDOS and THANKS:

Congratulations to senior **Brett Fullerton** on being selected to serve on the 2018-2019 El Paso Branch – **Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Student Board of Directors** program. Only one senior is selected from each area high school (including Las Cruces) to be involved in this prestigious program.

Thank you to the staff members who received ongoing **professional development from Microsoft** representatives this past Saturday morning: **Ms. Duran, Ms. Shashy, Ms. Valtier, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Morales, Mrs. Powell, Mr. Baca, Mrs. Martinez, Ms. Galaviz, and Ms. Vega.** We're grateful to our IT coordinator, **Mr. Estrada,** for organizing this training.

Kudos to **Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Espinoza, Mr. Baca, Ms. Torres** and **Mr. Yanez** for organizing the **class level assemblies** held last week. Expectations were clearly expressed and new regulations were cogently explained. Thank you to the **cooperating teachers** for the time out of class.



Freshmen on the Irish Cross Country team

Hats off to the **Irish Cross Country team** and **Coach Montoya** for their success at the Canutillo HS Invitational. **Brandon Seagreaves** captured first place with a time of 16:04. Overall, the Varsity, JV, and freshmen teams performed well. This was the second meet of the year. Last week the team had a solid inaugural run at the Socorro Invitational Midnight Run.

Kudos to the **Irish Football team** and the **coaching staff** for their solid showing in the scrimmage against Bowie HS on Friday night.

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

- Sunday, 26 August: Lucas Montes
- Monday, 27 August: Andres Buckley
- Tuesday, 28 August: Manuel Acosta, Alejandro Granados, Erick Sanchez
- Wednesday, 29 August: Marco Perez
- Thursday, 30 August: Gabriel Escobedo, Mrs. Peterson
- Friday, 31 August: Joeunse Park
- Saturday, 01 September: Ms. Garibay, Ms. Galviz



Mr. Espinoza addressing the Junior Class

NEWS YOU NEED:

The link and directions to put money into your son's **online lunch account** was sent out a week ago. Please begin to fund that account so that your son can use his code to get lunch. Please remind your son to keep that code a secret and not to give it to any other students. Left over funds and left over debt have been transferred over from Lunch Box accounts. (There are a few exceptions which we're working on to resolve.)

CHS hosted a neighborhood meeting on the streetcar's impact on the neighborhood. The takeaway from the meeting was the importance of **streetcar safety**. It runs almost silently since it's electric so our students will need to look south to be sure that it's not coming up the street. Students with headsets or earbuds will need to be cautious and look before they enter the crosswalk. Learn more at <http://www.sunmetro.net/streetcar>.

This year we will continue using **Mobile Serve** as a way for students to log their **service hours**. Every returning student should already have an account but Mr. Lopez will be visiting all Religion classes in the next weeks to help new and returning students create their accounts and to answer any questions students might have regarding service. Mr. Lopez can be reached at alopez@cathedral-elpaso.org.

- A new category has recently been uploaded to Mobile Serve titled First Quarter 18-19. This is where students should register their hours for this quarter.
- Students are asked to do five hours of community service at an approved volunteer site per quarter.

Our **Back-to-School Night** will be this Wednesday night, 29 August, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. This is an opportunity for parents to follow their son's schedule in order to meet their teachers. Our schedule will not allow sufficient time for actual conferences but you're welcome to set one up.

- Your son's schedules will be printed and available in the school lobby. Bells will ring to signal the need to change periods.

Bishop Seitz will celebrate Mass for **student representatives** from all of the diocesan Catholic schools on Wednesday at 9:00 AM. A group of junior students and Brother Javier will represent CHS.

Our first **pep rally** will be on **Friday**, 31 August, at 2:00 PM in the MPB. We will be on **Pep Rally Schedule**.

- The dress code will be Blue/Gold. Students may wear jeans (except for torn ones) and sneakers. They may wear their school polos or any CHS spirit wear as a top. No caps are allowed.

Monday, 03 September, is the **Labor Day holiday**. There will be no classes.

Save-the-dates:

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.

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.

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.



Seniors running trials in Physics class

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.

SAVE-the-DATE:

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.
- 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

