



**Our Lady of Perpetual Help School**  
**7625 Cortland Ave.**  
**Dallas, Texas**

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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...**

July 30, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As August approaches, the idea of starting school once again is very much on our minds. The purpose of this message is to help you to be able to plan for the start of the new school year and for your child(ren) to have a very positive beginning.

We are excited about all the things we are preparing for our students for the coming school year. Our educational plan is to offer each student every opportunity to grow both in spirit and knowledge. Every student will realize new and meaningful things that will help them take another great step forward in their education. Our focus is on creating programs that both interest and challenge the students as we progress to new levels of excellence.

We are happy to let you know that all of our teachers will be returning this year. In addition, Sister Mary Brian Bole, SSND, will be joining us as Assistant Principal for Academics and Sister Salome Njeri, DSH, will be the school's librarian and office assistant. The physical school facility is continuing to be renewed—all floors have been polished, some classrooms have been painted and necessary building repairs have been made. We always want our school to be clean, pleasant and inviting for all the children as well as for everyone who visits. New teaching methods for the Early Childhood program and other grades in math, use of technology, and the integration of creative thinking and the arts will be very visible as we move into this new year.

The teachers of OLPH have spent many days this summer in professional preparation. The Early Childhood teachers, Sister Mercy and Robert Parks, have been working on their Montessori certification. It is a two-year course which they will begin to incorporate into their classroom teaching. Theresa Ruenes and Richard Cusick, 2nd - 5th grade math teachers, have begun an extensive certification in teaching math through the *Reasoning Mind* program. Rosemary Fougerousse (grade 1), Theresa Ruenes (grade 3), Richard Cusick (grade 4-5), Thelma Nuncio (grade 4-5), and Socrates Costa (technology) have all spent several days in special technology training which will become a part of their classroom teaching & strategies. Mary Quill and Jeff Guidry were a part of a special program at the Amon Carter Art Museum in Fort Worth, studying how fine art, art appreciation and design can be brought into the teaching of language, history, science and all other subject areas. The Amon Carter program focuses on *Picturing America* posters which OLPH already has. Mary Quill is also participating in a teacher institute at The Holocaust Museum of Dallas.

As you can tell, I am more than excited to get started with our new school year. There is a positive energy around OLPH that makes our school community a great place in which to be teaching and learning. I continue to look forward to partnering with parents/guardians, teachers and students as we continue to move forward and gain momentum. We have great plans for this year. I am looking forward to our first orientation meeting for parents on Thursday evening, August 19, at 6:00 in the cafeteria.

Sincerely in Christ,

J. Daniel Quill, Principal

## OPENING DAYS INFORMATION

### 1. Office Hours

- 8:00-4:00 daily beginning, August 2
- For general school information contact Diana Guerrero at 214/351-3396.

### 2. Uniform Sale

- Used uniforms will be on sale in the school library from Thursday, August 5-August 12 from 9:00-3:00 each day.

### 3. "Meet Your Teacher"

- Students and parents are welcome to visit the school on Tuesday, August 17, at 1:00-3:00...It's an **Open House!**

### 4. Parent/Guardian Orientation Meeting

- On Thursday, August 19, parents/guardians are to attend a special meeting in the cafeteria.
- The agenda for the meeting will include introductions, general operating information and each family will receive the copy of the **Family Handbook and School Policies.**

### 5. The Opening Day is Wednesday, August 18.

- Students meet in the cafeteria (7:30-7:45)
- Teachers will meet the students at 7:45 to go to their classrooms.
- Students arriving after 7:45 are to be dropped off in the parking lot, enter at the front door of the school and go directly to their classrooms.
- Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.
- There will be no breakfast or lunch program served in the cafeteria on Opening Day.

### 6. Dismissal on Opening Day is at 12:15. Carpool will enter the parking lot from Cortland Avenue. Students will be lined up according to grade level and waiting to be picked up.

### 7. Regular full school days begin on Thursday, August 19.

- Dismissal at 3:15
- Cafeteria Breakfast & Lunch Program begins on August 19

### 8. Opening School Mass

- Wednesday, August 20, at 8:10

## FACULTY & STAFF 2010-2011

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**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School  
Family Service Hours  
And Volunteer Opportunities  
2010-2011**

Each family is expected to give 40 hours a year in service to the school. In order to maintain and support our school, we depend on every family to do their part. In addition to working at various fund-raising events during the year, we are seeking parents with particular talents, skills and/or areas of interest. **Please complete this questionnaire and return it to the office of the principal by Friday, August 20.**

	<b>Student's Name(s)</b>	<b>Grade(s)</b>
_____ Parent's Name(s)... (please print)	1. _____	_____
_____ Address	2. _____	_____
Home Phone: _____	3. _____	_____
Cell Phone: _____	4. _____	_____

Check one or more areas in which you can help with your service.

\_\_\_\_ **Room Mother/Father...** I would like to be considered to serve as a room parent in grade \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_ **Home & School Association...** I would like to actively participate in the HSA.

\_\_\_\_ **I can help/work with the Jamaica** in November and other fund-raising events at the school.

\_\_\_\_ I am available to serve on a work/maintenance team on Saturday mornings to help with gardening, maintenance & beautification projects of OLPH.

\_\_\_\_ I have a **particular talent/skill** that I can use at the school. Check one or more below:

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| ____ plumbing    | ____ gardening |
| ____ electrical  | ____ carpentry |
| ____ painting    | ____ cleaning  |
| ____ other _____ |                |

\_\_\_\_ **School Day Volunteer Opportunities** (check the area you would like to work in.)

\_\_\_\_ Cafeteria

\_\_\_\_ Library

\_\_\_\_ After-Care Program (3:15-6:00 on Mon Tue Wed Thurs Fri)

\_\_\_\_ Office Helper

\_\_\_\_ Playground Supervisor (noontime)

\_\_\_\_ I would like more information about how I might be of service to our school. Please call me.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School**  
**Suggestions for Parental Involvement**

August, 2010

Successful schools are run by forming a partnership between the administration, teachers, parents and students. Each person involved in the school, regardless of level, needs to accept responsibility for the smooth operation of that school. It is to this end that the following opportunities are offered to our parents here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. It is especially important, if your child receives any type of financial assistance, that you are involved in these volunteer activities. Participation will make consideration for continued financial assistance more favorable.

Please look over the following suggestions, fill out the time and talent sheet and return it to us by Friday, August 20. If we do not receive some form of reply from a family member, we will assume that you are unavailable to participate in volunteering at the school.

Library Assistance	Playground Supervision (with a staff member)	Room Parent
Head Room Parent	Field Trip Chaperone	Field Day Volunteer
Coach an OLPH Team	School Photographer	Teacher Appreciation Day
Assist with Clubs (Student Council, E3, Arts & Science)	Catholic Schools Week	Year Book
Prepare for Opening Day of School	Lawn & Garden Care	Research Field Trips & Community Opportunities for all grades
Wash interior & exterior of buses	Maintain ground cover in playground area	General Maintenance of the building
Make poster for special activities		

If you are in need of further information, please contact the school and indicate which area you prefer. Someone will contact you with more details.