

## Tuesday Round-up for 24 November 2009



### OUR THANKSGIVING TABLE: WE GIVE THANKS ...

... for our parents, who support the school spiritually through prayer, financially, and in sharing your children and families with the school.

... for Mrs. Teri Mueller, for tackling the challenge of the library task force. Thanks for your perseverance and willingness to share your time and talents!

... for the Comal Elem. staff!  
We appreciate your generous support!

...for Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Musser, and Hilbig Services, for a great Founders' Day.

... for Dr. Frank Sorgi!  
for your support of our school's science program, helping to secure a grant from VWR and for donating material resources for our biology laboratory.

... for the Knights of Columbus Councils #4183 (New Braunfels) and #6856 (OLPH Selma) for your support of our school, both in donations and in time and effort.

... for PRIESTS! In this Year of the Priest, we give thanks for all who have listened to the Lord in giving of their lives for this vocation. We also give thanks for the priests who have celebrated Mass with our school:

**Father Dennis Darilek, Father John Mary Foster, Father Gonzalo Meza, Monsignor Patrick Ragsdale, Father Dennis Arechiga, Father Tony Pesek, Father James Seiwert, Archbishop Gomez, Bishop Cantu, Father Eric Ritter, Father Carlos Velasquez, Father Don Cowie, and Monsignor O'Callaghan.**

... for Archbishop Gomez, for your support of John Paul II Catholic High School and of Catholic education. You are our shepherd – we are your flock!

... for our teachers and staff: Deacon Gorman, Dr. Foster, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Harkins, Ms. Peitersen, Dr. Kenney, Mrs. Ledford, Mrs. Lorenzen, Coach Wendell, Coach Beeghley, Coach Gonzales, Coach Drolet, Mr. Iliff. Your dedication to our school's mission and your willingness to share and serve inspire us all!

... for our School Council, for all your work and efforts to found a great Catholic school and Catholic mission for all who have come after you!

... for our feeder schools, OLPH, St. Monica, Sts. Peter and Paul, St. James, and St. Thomas More.

... for Mrs. Darlene Champion, our bus driver. Thanks for your service and your continued smile!

... for Dr. Mueller, Mrs. Curry, Mr. Reynosa, and Mrs. Berger for stepping forward to lead the parent group.

...to God for John Paul II Catholic High School and our great students.

*Heavenly Father,  
Make us always truly grateful for all the blessings you have given us. Help us to return your gifts with our willingness to make sacrifices for You. Help us to show our gratitude through loving each other, especially as we gather together on Thanksgiving Day. We ask these things through Christ our Lord, amen.*

*(Prayer from Solidarity session – shared with our students by Mrs. Harkins – we are thankful for her commitment to our school and students!)*

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 **ADVENT ANGEL TREE**

One of our Solidarity Teams is running an Angel Tree through the DePaul Family Center. Their tree (and the gift tag 'ornaments' for members of the receiving family) will be set up in the school office area. Community members are invited to participate, starting 23 November. Gifts need to be returned no later than Friday, 11 December, and can be placed back under the tree. The tree will also contain ten gift tags for baskets for the elderly, also through the DePaul Family Center. There will be a flyer available to explain the program, especially the gift baskets.

 **ADVENT BRUNCH – RSVP PLEASE!**

Just a reminder – the final Wednesday school Mass of 2009 is Wednesday, 9 December. The Mass will start at 8:35 a.m., with a brunch to follow in our school wing. The Parents Group – Event Committee is working on getting a list together of what is needed that morning. Look for that in the near future. We need to know how many people to expect. Please email the school ([lsullivan@johnpaul2chs.org](mailto:lsullivan@johnpaul2chs.org)) to RSVP.

 **MASS ON 8 DECEMBER – HOLY DAY**

We will have Mass in the morning on Tuesday, 8 December for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Initially, we were having difficulty scheduling a priest that morning due to area priests' responsibilities at their parishes on a Holy Day of Obligation. We are able to have Msgr. O'Callaghan celebrate this Mass, now that he's back in the area. Mass will be at the regular time, 9:15 a.m.

 **AMBASSADORS NEWS**

Below is a list of upcoming events. Contact Dr. Kenney if you have any questions or you would like to volunteer for an Ambassador event.

High School Placement Test - JP II - 5 Dec 8 a.m. – Noon

OLPH Donor Info Night, Selma - 25 Jan 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (2 students and parents, students in uniform)

St. Monica Donor Info Night, Converse - 3 Feb 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (2 students and parents, students in uniform)

 **BASKETBALL TEAM**

Reminder that the next fan bus trip is Friday, 4 Dec. to the Boerne Geneva School game. We will leave right after school, the game starts at 5:30 p.m., and we will arrive back at the school at 8 p.m. We will eat dinner after the game, on the way back.

 **CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS AND DECORATIONS**

Please review the letter from four weeks ago – posted now on RenWeb – and do what you can to participate in this tradition!