



Prince of Peace Catholic School



PARENT NEWSLETTER

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2010



Notes from the principal

Let me begin by welcoming all our students and their families! We would like to send a warm welcome to the many new students and their families that have joined us for the first time this year.

A big welcome to our truly wonderful staff as well. They are a tremendous group who are excited to educate your child(ren)! They have been busy preparing for this school year. We are concentrating on looking at data and how it can help us educate our students. We also are continuing to focus on 21st Century Learning Skills. We know it is important to prepare these children for a world that is rapidly changing so - a world in which critical thinking skills and problem solving are a necessity.

Please help to spread the news that we do have room in our Early Childhood 3-year-old class and K-5 as well.

Wednesday, September 1, at 8:15 a.m. also begins the **first day of school** for all students in 4K through Grade 5. All K-5 students also begin wearing uniforms Tuesday. **Hot lunch** begins the first day

of school for students in grades 4K full day through Grade 5. Milk will be available at 30 cents per carton for those that take cold lunch or who want to purchase additional milks. Simply indicate this on the lunch/milk envelope provided. Please do not send any money with children to the lunchroom. All money must go through the school office.

4 Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) classes begin on Wednesday, September 1. The morning 4K class should be in their classroom by 8:12 a.m. and will be dismissed at 11:15 a.m. The afternoon 4K class should be in the classroom by 12:15 and they will be dismissed at 3:18 p.m.

Early Childhood 3 (EC3) classes begin with their visit day Thursday, September 2, from 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. A parent (or some significant adult) stays with the child during Visit Day to help them adjust to the new environment. Regular classes for EC3 begin on Tues., Sept. 7, from 9-11:30.

Phy-Ed begins on Friday, September 3. We welcome back Mr. David Hively as our physical education teacher. Kindergarten and 1st Grade students will not need to change into phy-ed clothes. (However, please be sure to wear a uniform appropriate for phy-ed. If a jumper is worn, please be sure your child wears shorts underneath.) Students in grades 2 through 5 should wear appropriate phy-ed clothing. During nice weather the students should be prepared to go outside. Please remember all students K-5 should have appropriate athletic shoes that support and stay on their feet. Black soled shoes that leave floor marks are not recommended.

Music classes with Ms. Maria Fonferek will be on Tuesdays. We welcome her back as she works with all of our students in EC3, 4K, and Kindergarten through grade 5. Ms. Fonferek is also our band instructor.

We welcome back Mr. George Reynolds who will teach **Art & Technology**. We have made some changes in the setup this summer for our computer lab..



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Home & School Thanks to Joski Carpet for doing such a fine job cleaning the carpets. Thanks to so many people, the school is looking ready for another terrific year!

EC3 BOOKBAG

The cost for the EC3 Bookbag is \$2.00. These bookbags should be used to carry items back and forth to school. The EC3 students will paint on them during Visit Day.

* **Packer Dress Down Day** is Thursday, September 2. This means the K-5 students do not need to wear uniforms. Packer apparel, as well as green & gold (yellow), can be worn. Jeans are allowed. Go Pack!

* Friday, September 3, is early dismissal. **PLEASE NOTE DISMISSAL IS AT 12:15.**

*There is **no school on Monday, September 6**, as we celebrate Labor Day. I hope that you have a safe and refreshing Labor Day Weekend.

* **Full day Kindergarten** begins Monday, September 1. The kindergarteners will be in session the whole day.



• On Wednesday, September 22, the **Brown County Bookmobile** stops here. Students K-5 are scheduled to visit the Bookmobile and check out books. Each month, they return the previously checked out books and can select new ones. Bookmobile Bob often brings

books related to what the students are studying in school. Parents, please make sure your child has a library card and gives it to their classroom teacher. EC3 and 4K students may visit the Bookmobile with an adult after class.

- Home & School is again sponsoring their annual **Ice Cream Social** at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, September 15. Come, say hello to our families, old and new, and enjoy a cool treat. See their flyer for more information.
- The **Seroogy candy sale**/fundraiser for EC3, full day 4K, and K-5 begins Wednesday, September 22. Please fill out the enclosed order form and return to school no later than Mon., September 7. We will be compiling the orders that day and placing the order as soon as we have the numbers. This is a delicious way to help raise funds for our school!

- **Lifetouch Studio, Inc.** will be taking school pictures K-5 on Friday, September 24. Information is included in this newsletter. They will be back October 26 for EC3, 4K, and retakes.



- On Tues., October 5, we'll celebrate **Grandparent's**

Day beginning with an All-School Mass at 9:00 a.m. at the new church site. Please return the enclosed slip with the complete names and addresses of your child's grandparents that would be able to attend as soon as possible so we can mail out the invitations. Please note this is an optional event for our EC3 and 4K students. We also understand that not every child may be able to have a grandparent attend. Although all K-5 students will attend Mass, we will see to it that they are "adopted" by the grandparent of another classmate for that morning if a grandparent is not able to come.

TUITION

The first **Tuition** payment for EC3 and 4K-5 is due September 1. Please see your enclosed statement.

ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS

Students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 will need \$3.50 for the purchase of an assignment notebook. This has been a great help in keeping track of assignments and developing responsibility. Please return in the envelope provided.

SCRIP

Scrip is an important optional fundraiser at our school. Take time to look over the Scrip order form to plan ahead for your retail shopping, gas purchases, restaurant visits, grocery shopping, and many other options. Please send your Scrip



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orders to school on Monday in the small brown envelope provided in this packet, and your order will be filled and sent back to you by Wednesday. If we have what you need in stock, orders are sent home the same day. With a little advance planning on your part, we can make a tremendous amount from purchases of Scrip. At the same time you can earn credit toward your child's tuition for next year.

SEPARATE CHECKS

Please remember to write separate checks when paying for different things in the parent envelope. We have separate accounts for many things such as tuition, lunch program, field trips, fundraisers, Home & School, etc. Thank you. [This will really help Mrs. Henry in the office!!](#)

MARKET DAY NEWS

Market Day welcomes you back! Thanks to all of the many volunteers, and all your support, we made \$3913.10 in profit last year! TREMENDOUS! See the flyers for more details and show your support for this optional fundraiser by returning orders to the school office or placing your orders online at www.marketday.com by noon on Monday, September 13. Market Day orders can be picked up on Thursday, September 16, from 4:30- 5:30 P.M. in Memorial Hall. We look forward to another great year!

LUNCH PROGRAM

Our Hot Lunch Program begins Wednesday, September 1.

- **Parents are always welcome** to join their child for lunch. However, we request that you not bring in outside treats from fast food restaurants.
- The cost for **Early Childhood milk** for the year is partially funded. The cost for EC3 students is \$11.00 per year and 4K is \$22.00 per year. Extra milk for **Kindergarten's** mid-morning break and juice for mid-afternoon break is \$75.00 per year. This is separate from any milk needed for lunch. We ask that this payment be made at the beginning of school in the envelope provided.
- Please note: If your child has **food allergies**, it is important to let our cook, the teacher, and office know.
- Also included is information on **free or reduced price lunches** for low income families. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Heim. This information is confidential.

BUS SAFETY - Please note that in order to keep students safe as they ride the bus, it is advised that they have no drawstrings on jackets, sweatshirts, or backpacks.

If you have a child in Grades 2 - 5, please encourage them to join the **Youth Choir** at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. They would love to have them join. Come and try it out! Call Mary Raleigh at 468-4808 if you have any questions.

Thank you all for all you do for your families. I feel honored to be a part of this most special community. As we enter into another great school year, I wish for a wonderful year of learning, growth, and fun for each of you and your families, as well as for our faculty and staff.

PLEASE SAVE:

- * Campbell Soup Labels
- * General Mills "Boxtops for Education"
- * Pull tabs from pop cans and/or Aluminum Cans
- * Milk Caps from Morning Glory and Kemps
- * Empty Ink & Toner Cartridges
- * Cell Phones
- * Canceled Stamps
- * Capri Sun Pouches

These items may be sent to the school office. Aluminum cans go in the coral outside school.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN:

- * Emergency and Illness Information
- * Seroogy Candy Sale Order Form
- * Hot Lunch/Milk Envelope
- * Early Childhood/Kindergarten milk envelope



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- * Application for free/reduced meals (if eligible)
- * Grandparents Day form
- * Ice Cream Social slip
- * Home & School Volunteer Form
- * Promotional Media Release
- * Acceptable Use policy (Gr. K - 5)
- * Code of Conduct & Agreement Form for all Adult Volunteers
- * Tuition payment
- * Scrip Order Form
- * Market Day Order Form
- * Volunteer Sign-up Form
- * Assignment Notebook Fee \$3.50 (Grades 3, 4, 5)
- * EC3 Bookbag Fee \$2.00
- * Medical Consent Form (Please save and use when your child will need medication administered at school)

Thank you for all your cooperation in returning your forms promptly to the school office.

Steve Heim, Principal