



Prince of Peace Catholic School



PARENT NEWSLETTER

TUESDAY, January 18, 2011



Notes from the Principal

I would like to welcome our new EC3 teacher. Her name is Heather Novak. Heather has come to our school from All Saints where she was holding a long-term substitute position. Heather will start on Tuesday, January 18th.

I would also like to welcome our new janitor, Colleen Vincent, to our staff. We have added Colleen at no additional cost to our school.

Additionally, I would like to welcome our student teacher Chris Gould. Chris will be student teaching in Mrs. Craanen's class. He will start on Monday, January 24th.



Bookmobile Bob will be back to visit our school on Wednesday, January 19th.

Registration:

Prince of Peace Catholic School will soon begin registration for the 2011-2012 school year for Early Childhood as well as Kindergarten through Grade 5. This year will mark the start of the GRACE System and registration will be done in a new way. I have briefly described them below:

1. Initial registration will begin on January 24, 2011.
2. Students currently enrolled at Prince of Peace Catholic School can begin to register during the week of **January 24, 2011**, prior to opening the opportunity to others.
3. Students from GRACE member parishes, students from families registered in good standing in a non-GRACE Catholic parish, and all other students will be able to begin registration beginning **January 30, 2011**.
4. **New for 2011-2012:** All registrations will be done online through the GRACE website (www.gracesystem.org). Wherever the Internet is available, you will have access to register your child for school.

* If you do not have access to the Internet please call school to set up an appointment to use the school's computers to register. Any questions about registration please call school 468-7262 or the GRACE offices at 499-7330

Catholic Schools Week is approaching soon (January 30th through February 4th). The theme for this year is

“A+ for America”. On Monday, January 31st we will be having an Academic Fair and Book Fair starting at 6:30 P.M. Your son/daughter should have brought information home before break outlining the project. Tuesday will be our Mass at school and February Birthday Treat Dress-up Day. Wednesday will be the Parent Luncheon and Book Fair. Parents with last name N-Z will eat at 11:15 A.M. and last name A-M will eat at 11:45 A.M. There will also be a parent presentation on Thursday, February 3 at Notre Dame Academy. John Findlater will be the guest speaker. Friday, February 4th is early dismissal and pajama day (school dress appropriate). Finally, a BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Mrs. VanderZanden and Mrs. Craanen.

Mardi Gras: We are looking for donated prizes for our carnival. Please turn them into Mrs. Craanen or bring to the office. Thank you for all your support.

Packer Dress-down Days: As long as the Packers remain in the playoffs, Fridays will be Packer Dress-down Days. This includes the Friday between the NFC/AFC championship and the Super Bowl. The students have the option of pajamas or Packer Dress if they make it to the Super Bowl. Go Pack!

Scrip: Scrip order forms will only be sent home in the first



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envelope of the month. This will begin in February. The profit for January 10th was \$116.10.

Thank you to all that have used Scrip and let's keep it up. This is a huge benefit for the school and it can also help with tuition.

There will be a **Band Concert** in May. More details will be coming at a later date.

The **Prince of Peace Sock Hop** has been moved from February 11th to February 18th.

The **Prince of Peace Pledge Drive** information is included in the parent envelope. The pledge drive money raised this year will be used for third source funding. This fund is used to purchase instructional materials, technology needs, along with other necessary learning materials needed to enhance our school's academic curriculum, enabling us to continue the Christ-centered and excellent academic education provided by Prince of Peace Catholic School.

Reminders:

Market Day

Orders are due January 17th and pick-up is January 20th from 4:30 – 5:30 P.M.

February 4th, **Weidner Center** field trip for grades 4K full day – 2nd grade. Permission slips are included in parent envelope.

Book Fair Flyer and order form are included in parent envelope.

Children's Mass is January 23rd at 8:00 A.M at Prince of Peace Church.

Reconciliation Retreat to be held January 22, at 9:00 A.M. at Prince of Peace Church for students in Grade 2. Students should be accompanied by one or more adult.

First Reconciliation to be held January 29, at 10:00 A.M. at Prince of Peace Church for Grade 2.

Blessings,

Steve Heim, Principal

The Catholic School Advantage

Parents choose Catholic schools for their children because of high academic standards; values-added education and a safe school environment

Catholic Schools stress the value of self-discipline and commitment.

Catholic Schools encourage family input and involvement in the ongoing education of their children. Research shows that such a partnership results in higher attendance rates and lower dropout rates.

Catholic School students score significantly above the

national averages on standardized testing. Research shows that because of a greater emphasis on homework and study, Catholic School students develop more effective writing skills.

Catholic School faculty members are qualified professionals committed to bringing out the best in their students as they grow in knowledge, skills, and values.

Faculty and staff are role models who share their faith, their talents, and their time.

Catholic Schools have an excellent success rate in educating minority students.

Catholic Schools encourage each student to accept the challenge of being a better person in tomorrow's world.

Catholic Schools emphasize participation by all students.

Standardized test scores and a high college acceptance rate reflect that the Catholic School students are self-disciplined, self-motivated, responsible, and creative.

Appropriate social and cultural activities, under school sponsorship, provide relaxation and creative outlets. Catholic Schools represent affordable excellence; there is an emphasis on efficiency and accountability.



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Catholic Schools help students understand that each person is unique and valuable.

Catholic Schools strive to create a special bond among the students, the home, the school, and the church, so that all share the strong sense of community.

In Catholic Schools there is a mutual respect among students, faculty, and administrators, which generates an atmosphere of care and concern.

Catholic Schools join with the family to help students understand their special place in the family, the Church, and society.

Students explore their faith through classes and activities in Scripture, Sacraments, Church, and morality.

Information was gathered at <http://www.admissionsquest.com>