

# **PCRS WEEKLY PRESS**

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Dear Portsmouth Catholic Families,

Throughout our lives, we follow many paths. Some paths take us exactly where we want to go. Other paths lead us to surprising and unexpected places. Some days we take steps in complete confidence that we are moving in the right direction. Other times we find ourselves going in one direction, but something inside tells us we may be going the wrong way.

Lent is a time to listen to our inner questioning voice – to look at the paths we are busy traveling and ask ourselves if we are really going the right way. If we continue on the path we are taking will it bring us to where God wants me to be? Each year the Church gives us the gift of Lent - filled with rich Scripture readings which help us to learn how important and necessary it is to forgive others and ourselves. In order to experience the new life of Easter we must let go of our pride, selfishness and whatever else is keeping us from living fully. Lent is an invitation to look at ourselves, our choices, our attitudes and behaviors, and to seek new ways of living that will bring us to God. Often we turn away from God and do our will instead of God's will. We turn back to God through repenting. We do penance when we feel sorrow for damaging our relationship with God. Repentance and penance are important works of Lent. During Lent we also come closer to God through spending more time praying, fasting and almsgiving. Coming to know God intimately through Jesus is the work of our lives.

The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday is next week. Fr. Jim Connelly will be celebrating Mass at PCRS at 9:00a.m. on Ash Wednesday. All families are welcome to join us for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

**Portsmouth Catholic Regional School Where FAITH, ACADEMICS And SERVICE PARTNER EVERY DAY!**

In Christ,  
Mary Ellen Paul

**We applaud and congratulate our Portsmouth Catholic Regional School students: Ryan Choudhury (Kindergarten), Gabriel Pagtalunan (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), Zander Big Mountain (1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Samantha Schneider (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade), Callahan Carey (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade), Lauren Wright (5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Rachel Joaquin (6<sup>th</sup> Grade), and Gillian Love (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) for their outstanding illustrations of NASA history and how NASA inspires innovation at work, at home, and at play!**

**Ryan and Gabriel, as First Place winners, will each have their illustrations included in the NASA Calendar for the year! All our winners will be honored tonight at a special ceremony at the Virginia Air and Space Center.**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION at PCRS**

**Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30a.m.**

**Sponsored by PCRS PTO**

**Lots of fun, loving activities, goodies, prizes and time to explore PCRS!**

**If grandparents can't join us - it's ok.... here's what to do:**

**Have the grandparent send a card, note, or letter to be delivered to grandchild during the assembly that day. Possibly adopt a "proxy" grandparent to join in the festivities that day.... a neighbor, church member, friend, other relative, etc.**

**We love our Grandparents! ☺**

**We hope you will join us for this wonderful celebration.**

## **Exciting and Fun Upcoming PCRS Happenings and Events!**

- Feb. 16 - \*SAB (School Advisory Board) Meeting at 6:00p.m. RESCHEDULED due to NASA Langley Art Contest Recognition Ceremony in Hampton
  - \*NASA Langley Art Contest Awards and Recognition Ceremony for 8 of our PCRS students!
- Feb. 17- \*1<sup>st</sup> Annual Grandparents Day at PCRS sponsored by our PTO. Please invite all grandparents of our students and have them plan to share this time at PCRS beginning at 9:30a.m. Please bring cards/notes from Grandparents unable to attend to school office.
- Feb. 20 - \*President's Day Holiday – No School
- Feb. 22 - \*Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
  - \*9:00a.m. Mass at PCRS with Fr. Jim Connelly
- Feb. 23 - \*Progress Reports Sent Home
  - \*SAB (School Advisory Board Meeting) at 6:00p.m.
- March 1 - \*Technology Committee Meeting
- March 3 – \*St. Patrick's Day Float Work Day 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
- March 9 – 10 - \*The Wizard of Oz Drama Spring Production
- March 13 - \*12:00 Early Dismissal – Faculty In-Service
- March 12-16 - \*Scholastic Book Fair
- March 15 - \*Science Fair/Family Life/PTO Night at 7:00p.m. in gym
- March 16 - \*St. Patrick's Day Float Work Party 3:00p.m. - ??
- March 17 - \*St. Patrick's Day Parade Float and participation by PCRS in Norfolk
- March 24 - \*PCRS Annual Auction
- March 26 – 30 \*Terra Nova Testing for all students in Grades 1-7

## **FACTS Financial Aid APPLICATION DEADLINE – MARCH 1**

You must receive verification from FACTS that all documentation has been submitted in hard copy and received prior to the March 1 deadline for consideration for Financial Aid.

## **FAITH IN ACTION - PEACE MAKER AWARD FOR STUDENTS MODELING THE VIRTUE OF JOY**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Gillian Love  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Joseph Hollar  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Evan Joaquin  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade - A. J. Brandriff  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Justin Scannell  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Aira Shane Abao  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Mary Sears  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Lana Nguyen  
Kindergarten- Savannah Gizaw

**We congratulate and thank these students for living the Gospel message and sharing Jesus' love daily at PCRS!**