

PCRS WEEKLY PRESS

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Dear Portsmouth Catholic Families,

Our students are utilizing and sharing their God-given talents at PCRS! NASA Langley Research Center recognizes the following students as Art for LaRC Contest winners: Ryan Choudhury (Kindergarten) First Place, Zander Big Mountain (1st Grade) Second Place, Gabriel Pagtalunan (2nd Grade) First Place, Samantha Schneider (3rd Grade) Third Place, Callahan Carey (3rd Grade) Honorable Mention, Lauren Wright (5th Grade) Honorable Mention, Rachel Joaquin (6th Grade) Honorable Mention, and Gillian Love, (8th Grade) Honorable Mention. NASA Langley applauds Ryan Choudhury and Gabriel Pagtalunan for their outstanding illustrations and being First Place winners! And so does the PCRS community applaud and celebrate their outstanding illustrations! As First Place winners the artwork of Ryan and Gabriel has been selected to appear in the 2012 NASA calendar. Way to go, Ryan and Gabriel! Their art work will also be on display at the Virginia Air and space Center in Hampton. Congratulations and a proud pat on the back to our eight talented artists! Thanks to Mrs. Sumi Kim, our creative Art Teacher, for coordinating the entries of all our students in grades K through 8th in this NASA contest.

Exciting news that starting today re-enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year begins for all current families and new siblings to our school! All information and paperwork are included in today's Communication Envelope. Registration for all current families will continue through January 27th! Beginning at the Open House on Sunday, January 29th we will be accepting registrations for all new students. PCRS will follow newly established Diocesan Priests' Council resolution guidelines with separate tuition rates for Catholic and non-Catholic children. In-parish tuition rates will be eliminated. To receive the Catholic tuition rates parents must meet the Priests' Council requirements of producing a baptismal certificate of the child, indicate Catholic parish registration and have the approval of their pastor. Please return completed Re-Registration paperwork immediately to reserve your child's desk for next academic year!

Portsmouth Catholic Regional School is participating in the Scripps National Spelling Bee this year. The Spelling Bee is open to all our Middle School students in grades 6-8. Mrs. Pantelides is our Middle School Spelling Bee Coordinator. Today, January 12th is our PCRS Scripps Spelling Bee. Our school winner will progress on the local level. We wish all our Middle School Spellers luck in our Bee today. We'll fill you in next week on our winner.

Catholic School Week – coming up in two weeks- is one of the highlights of the year at PCRS! We have planned a variety of activities for our students, families and community members, and we hope you'll join us as we celebrate what makes Catholic education unique. Please see the enclosed schedule of events in today's envelope. May I suggest you hang it on your refrigerator so you will have all the details on the week's festivities right at your fingertips. Here at PCRS, we are proud to offer an education that is distinctive among educational institutions in our community. Please share our upcoming events with friends and neighbors, particularly those who may be considering Catholic education for their children.

In Christ,

Mary Ellen Paul

January Holiday Closing and

Catholic Schools Week Early Dismissal Information

January 16 - No School Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday

February 1 - Catholic Schools Week Family Day

11:00a.m. Dismissal 11:30a.m. Liturgy at St. Therese

**Following Mass Families spend
the afternoon together having fun!**

Exciting and Fun Upcoming PCRS Happenings and Events!

- Jan. 2 - *Beginning of collection of shoes/socks for students of St. Peter's Parish in Roy Sec, Haiti
- Jan. 12 - *School Advisory Board Meeting at 6:00p.m.
- Jan. 13 - *Career Day at PCRS
- Jan. 16 - No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday
- Jan. 17 - *EMT (Enrollment Management Team) Meeting at 6:00p.m. in Media Center
- Jan. 17 - 20 *Middle School Exams for Grades 6-8
- Jan. 18 - *9:00 School Mass with Fr. David Cupps as Celebrant assisted by 5th Grade
*PAT (Parent Advisory Team) Meeting at 6:30p.m.
- Jan. 20 - *End of 2nd Quarter Marking Period
- Jan. 26 - *Report Cards go home in Communication Envelope
- Jan. 28 - *School Beautification Day - All families invited to come out and spruce up PCRS for CSW Open House
- Jan. 29 - *Catholic Schools Week Open House 1-3p.m. Student SAC members invited to give tours to prospective students/families. PAT, PTO, SAB, EMT members invited to give tours and meet with prospective students/families.
- Jan. 30 - *5:30-6:00p.m. All families come and tour PCRS Family Heritage Museum in your student's classroom.
*6:00-7:00p.m. Each family brings a favorite food dish from their culture to share in school-wide potluck
- Jan. 31 - *PCRS Talent Show 1:00-3:00p.m.
All families and friends invited to celebrate our amazing student talent.
- Feb. 1 - *11:00a.m. early Dismissal from PCRS
*11:30a.m. Catholic Schools Week Family Liturgy at Church of St. Therese with Fr. Kevin O'Brien
*Following Liturgy Family Day - families spend the afternoon together, enjoying and having fun.
- Feb. 3 - *PCRS Spirit Day with Basketball Game at 1:30p.m. 8th Grade vs. Faculty/Staff
*Half time "Minute to Win It!" Competition
- Feb. 17 - *1st Annual Grandparents Day at PCRS sponsored by our PTO. Please invite all grandparents of our students and have them plan to share this day at PCRS. More details to follow.

Service Hours - PCRS requires Service Hours from each family. The Service Hours can be completed in school, working at school activities or at home. If hours are not completed by May 14th a \$10 per hour charge will be added to your account. Mrs. Brown is updating the Service Hour Log. Please send in your hours for recording and accounting.

Collection of Shoes AND Socks for School Students of St. Peter's in Roy Sec, Haiti

Fr. Bertrand, the pastor of St. Peter's Church and School, in Roy Sec, Haiti visited PCRS in December. In visiting our classes he spoke about his school and shared that his students walk thirty minutes to an hour each way to school each day in bare feet. Our PCRS students would like to collect shoes to help these students. Fr. David Cupps encouraged our students to begin collecting shoes and to take on the responsibility of helping others and being in service to others to reach salvation.

Please send in new and gently used children's shoes and children's socks. We are partnering with the Cluster Parishes in collecting shoes and socks and shipping them to St. Peter's School in Haiti.

Go Pirates! Go Pirates!

<u>Sat. Jan. 14</u>	Midgets vs. SOS	10:00a.m. Away
	Jr. Boys vs. St. Matt	11:00p.m. Home
	Sr. Boys vs. Pius	12:15p.m. Home
<u>Sun. Jan. 15</u>	Jr. Boys vs. SOS	2:15p.m. Away
	Sr. Boys vs. SGS	4:45p.m. Away

YEAH PIRATES! We Are Proud of YOU!
Come on out and show your PIRATE PRIDE!

SCRIP TIP # 15

Where are you and your family going after Mass at St. Therese on Wed., Feb. 1st for Family Day during Catholic Schools Week? Lunch at Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Applebee's, Chuck E Cheese, Cracker Barrel, Chili's, Ruby Tuesdays, Red Robin, Burger King, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, or The Cinemark Movies?? Or maybe, Buffalo Wild Wings, Regal Movies, or Coldstone Creamery, Panera, Subway or Wendy's? We have SCRIP Cards in our Cash and Carry Inventory. Buy your SCRIP cards before you go.