

# **PCRS WEEKLY PRESS**

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Dear Portsmouth Catholic Families,

We are proud to announce Portsmouth Catholic Regional School has been selected by the Diocese of Richmond to participate in "Strategic Management and Development Programs for Catholic Elementary Schools" through Catholic School Management, Inc., (CSM). This is an exciting and an amazing opportunity for our school and faith community! Last week our School Advisory Board Chair, Scott Bailey, and our Administrative Team of Donna Henry, Kathy Noblin, and myself attended our first meeting with the President of CSM, along with Annette Parsons our Diocesan Chief Educational Officer, and Frankie Conway our Superintendent of Catholic Schools. To quote Annette Parsons "Our school is on the upswing! We are beginning to sail." The Diocese wrote and received a six figure grant from Catholic Extension Society to cover the expense of having six Diocesan schools work with CSM through the next four years. We are thrilled and grateful we are one of the schools selected by the Diocese for this four year program! CSM has a track record of thirty nine highly successful years of consulting and working with Catholic schools and Dioceses across the country. All facets of our school will be examined in our Strategic Planning Process in terms of: Catholic Identity, School Governance, Enrollment, Staffing, Curriculum/Programs/Technology, Facilities, Financing, Development/PR and School in the Community. We are forming our SMADPT (Strategic Management and Development Programs Team) who will assist our faith community in this process. I am personally extending invitations to a select number from amongst our many committed and dedicated members of the PCRS family to become our guiding team members. This four year process will be intensive and filled with lots of hard work, but we pray it will also bring a bounty of positive energy and many blessings, especially in the key areas of Strategic Management and Development. We have our own consultant, Christine Coviello, who will personally visit our school for our first SMADPT meeting scheduled for February. Our collaborative process will include input and many prayers from all in our faith community. I believe we welcome this challenge to roll up our sleeves and work together to improve our school. Great things happen each day at PCRS! Our enrollment is up – we are growing! We welcome this opportunity to strengthen PCRS! Portsmouth Catholic Regional School Where Faith, Academics and Service partner each day!

In Christ, Mary Ellen Paul

## **Catholic Schools Week Early Dismissal Information**

**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!**

**Students and families may participate in the Offertory by donating items needed for the homeless whom**

**St. Therese Parish will be hosting the week of February 5<sup>th</sup>.**

# 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. 17 – 20 \*Middle School Exams for Grades 6-8
- Jan. 20 - \*End of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. We encourage PAT, PTO, SAB, EMT members invited to give tours and meet with prospective students/families. All families are invited to give tours of PCRS during Open House.
- 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  
\*Service Outreach by providing personal items needed by homeless at Offertory of Mass.  
\*Following Liturgy Family Day - families spend the afternoon together, enjoying and having fun.
- Feb. 3 – \*Final Day to donate “Shoes and Socks for Haiti”  
\*PCRS Spirit Day with Basketball Game at 1:30p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade vs. Faculty/Staff  
\*Half time “Minute to Win It!” Competition
- Feb. 10 - \*PCRS Night at the Admirals Game R 7:30 sponsored by our PAT. Come join in the fun!
- 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 day at PCRS. More details to follow.

The Middle School Youth Group at St. Therese met last Friday for pizza, decorating cupcakes and making cards for the homeless. Everyone there had a great time! We will have another gathering next month so come out and join us for some fun. Information on our next gathering will follow.

## 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. 21</u>	Midgets vs. Pius	10:00a.m. Away
	Jr. Boys vs. St. Matt #3	11:00a.m. Away
	Sr. Boys vs. SOS #2	12:15p.m. Home
<u>Sun. Jan. 15</u>	Jr. Boys vs. Pius #2	2:15p.m. Away
	Sr. Boys vs. STP #1	4:45p.m. Away

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

### SCRIP TIP # 16

Where are you and your family going after Mass at St. Therese on Wed., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> for Family Day during Catholic Schools Week? Shopping at Chesapeake Square Mall? We have SCRIP cards for all the major department stores in our Cash and Carry Inventory. Or maybe going to Dick's Sporting Goods, or to the movies? We have those SCRIP cards as well. Stop by and pick up your SCRIP cards before you go out for Family Day and help support our Financial Aid Account.