

PCRS WEEKLY PRESS

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Dear Portsmouth Catholic Families,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous support of our Advent “Bibs, Bottles, and Booties” Service Project! Your amazing generosity helped to make the holidays brighter for needy families. I would like to share with you excerpts from a beautiful thank you letter we received from Catholic Charities. “Support from your school and the cluster parishes helped replenish our Baby Care Center that distributes free baby supplies to families of limited means. What a delightful and most welcome surprise it was to receive the bountiful array of beautiful baby clothes, bibs, bottles, receiving blankets and diapers! Your generous support allows us to serve the poor. Thank you for partnering with Catholic Charities to serve the least among us.” What a wonderful and powerful message you are modeling to our children by living the Gospel message of caring for our neighbors.

Our faculty has collaborated to develop exciting plans for our upcoming 2012 Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week celebrates what makes Catholic education distinctive and exceptional. During the week, we focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contribution to our church, our communities, and our nation. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.” The theme expresses three priorities that make Catholic schools stand out from other educational institutions. Children learn about faith—not just basic Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. They concentrate on academics, which in Catholic schools are held to the highest standards, so they can reach their highest potential. They practice service --- giving time, talent and effort to help others – as an expression of both faith and good citizenship. This combined focus on faith, academics and service prepares students for full and meaningful lives. Catholic Schools Week 2012 begins on Sunday, January 29th and continues through Friday, February 3rd. Please mark your calendars with the upcoming Catholic Schools Week (CSW) happenings so you can attend and participate in our fun celebration.

Parents we need your help next week leading up to a school-wide project “What Will I Be In 2032?” for CSW. PCRS prepares students for college and career and for active participation in the Catholic Church. We would like to host a Career Day next Friday, January 13th beginning at 8:15a.m. We are hoping our parents will briefly share their career and integrate how faith, academics and service have made a difference in your careers and lives. Please look for the Career Day flyer in today’s communication envelope and return it to school with your interest and availability in sharing your Career Day info.

Re-enrollment for the 2012-13 school year will begin next Thursday, January 12 for all our current PCRS families. Our Finance Committee and our School Board are busy and working very hard developing a budget for next school year. 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 parish registration and have the approval of their pastor. So please be on the look-out next week in your communication envelope for all the necessary paperwork and information.

Happy 2012! May 2012 be blessed, peace filled and healthy for you and your family! Mrs. 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. 9 - *PTO Executive Board Meeting at 6:00p.m. for all Officers and Class Representatives
- 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 – 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 in gym .
- 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.

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 beginning January 2, 2012. 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!

Sat. Jan. 7 Midgets vs. St. Patrick 10:00a.m. Away
Jr. Boys vs. St. Gregory 12:15p.m. Away
Sr. Boys vs. St. John 2:45p.m. Away
Sun. Jan. 8 Jr. Boys vs. St. Pius 2:15p.m. Home
Sr. Boys vs. CTK 3:30p.m. Home
YEAH PIRATES! We Are Proud of YOU!
Come on out and show your PIRATE PRIDE!

Calling All Middle School Students

The Youth Group of St. Therese Parish is having their first gathering of the year on Friday, January 13th. Come out for some food, fun and socializing!
For more info
please call Tammy Darley at 465-7171