

PCRS WEEKLY PRESS

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Dear Portsmouth Catholic Regional Families,

One week from today we will find ourselves gathered around our table celebrating Thanksgiving with our families, friends, and loved ones. I know the Paul family feels especially blessed this year. We are thanking God for our amazing new granddaughter, Lillian. And we are counting down the days until our oldest son, Gene, returns safely from Afghanistan. He is a Marine Cobra helicopter pilot who has been deployed since May and could possibly be returning to the United States next Wednesday afternoon. We all have so much to be thankful for at PCRS because God has blessed us with so many wonderful gifts in our students, faculty and staff, parents, priests, board members, team members, and generous benefactors and supporters. We give thanks to God for his steadfast love and for his faithfulness.

In thinking about Thanksgiving, we have the opportunity to provide turkeys for needy families for Thanksgiving Day through Oasis and the Cluster parishes for only 2 more days. Our turkeys will help fill a food basket for needy families this holiday. If you wish to participate please send in 50 cents by tomorrow. Our thanks to all who have generously given to our turkey drive already. Or you may wish to donate food items which are in great need for families. We will not be sending home our weekly Communication Envelope next week. On behalf of our faculty and staff, I would like to wish you a wonderful, memory filled Thanksgiving holiday and be assured you are remembered in our prayers every day and we will count you among our blessings on Thanksgiving Day.

Please mark your calendar now to attend our 3rd annual school-wide Christmas program on Thursday evening, December 15th at 7:00pm. Mrs. Butler and our students have been working very hard practicing for our Christmas program this year. This program is our Christmas gift to our parents from our students. PreK3 through 8th grade students are requested to please wear Church Christmas dress up clothes for the program. All boys should wear red, white, or green shirts and dark pants (black or navy). All girls should wear holiday, red, or green dresses, or red, white or green shirts with dark skirts or pants. Boys and girls who are shepherds will be wearing shepherd costumes. We are requesting no jeans, no sweat pants and no sneakers. Please do not feel you must purchase new clothes for our program. Students may wear their school uniform navy blue pants if you do not have black pants/skirt already.

And finally, we are continuing with our Wellness theme for this year and focusing on physical wellness. We are beginning our new "Feelin' Good Mileage Club". The aim of the "Feelin' Good Mileage Club" is individual performance and physical wellbeing, as well as helping our students to gain an appreciation of walking as a lifetime exercise. We need the help of parents to monitor our students walking at lunch time daily. Please read the letter from our health clinic in today's envelope to have your student join our "Mileage Club" of walkers after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning December 1st. Please note a permission slip must be returned for your child to participate after school in our "Walking Club".

In Christ,
Mrs. Mary Ellen Paul

Food Handlers Class at PCRS on Tuesday, November 29th at 7:00p.m.
We need your help in following VA State Health Dept. guidelines. All parents, volunteers, and friends who work in our concession stand during basketball games, or assist with food preps or cooking at our annual auction need to attend this class. Please call the office to register today.
We need 20 to sign up for this class to happen at PCRS.

Trash to Treasure

Are you an on-line shopper?? If so, register at www.Boxtops4education.com and designate Portsmouth Catholic as your school of choice and then shop through their Marketplace. There are lots of retailers to choose from. You can get great deals and earn "eboxtops" that get credited directly to the school. No box tops to cut out and save!

Next Trash to Treasure turn in will be the last week of school before Christmas!

SCRIP TIP #9

Only 37 Shopping Days Until Christmas!!!!

Plan your Christmas shopping now! Friday December 9th will be the last day to order your specialty SCRIP cards. Don't forget the babysitter, the mailman, the trash collector, your hairdresser!!! We have many restaurant cards, department store cards and Amazon.com SCRIP cards for those hard-to-buy-for people on your list. Our Cash and Carry Inventory will be fully stocked through the last week of school before the Christmas Break. Buy SCRIP cards at PCRS and avoid the crowds at the malls while helping raise money for our tuition fund!!!

Honor Roll Recognition and Celebration for 1st Quarter 2011-2012

Congratulations and Job Well Done! We are proud of you!

Second Honors: Students in Grades 4 through 8 who have achieved an 85 or above in all major subjects and an 85 in all Resource Subjects and an 85 or all S's or above for Conduct, and Study Skills.

Grade 4: Artie Hodges, Emerald Menne; Grade 5: AJ Brandriff, Ian Blyden, John Decker, Bryson Dorsey, Cetrina Faria, Jordan Grinkewitz, Zachary Morris, Arielle Nelson; Grade 6: Kyra Huff, Ashley Murray, Juliette Sears; Grade 7: James Hagaman, Derek Sanchack; Grade 8: Brianne Blyden, Gavin Brinkley.

First Honors: Students in Grades 4 through 8 who have achieved an 90 or above in all major subjects and a 90 in all Resource Subjects and a 90 or all S's or above for Conduct, and Study Skills.

**Grade 4: Jasmine Aganon; Grade 6: Evan Joaquin, Noah Lee, Kathleen Vanden Berg; Grade 7: Caitlyn Stuck
Grade 8: Ryan Bailey**

Principal's List: Students in Grades 4 through 8 who have achieved a 95 or above in all major subjects and a 95 in all Resource Subjects and a 95 or all E's or above for Conduct, Study Skills.

Grade 4: Desirae Sievers; Grade 5: Rebecca Bailey, Dorothy Isom; Grade 6: Rachel Joaquin; Grade 8: Gillian Love

Mrs. Paul's Principal Wish List

Wanted: Volunteers needed to assist with the mailing of our 2011-12 Annual Appeal. This would include stuffing envelopes, addressing envelopes and preparing the mailing. Great way to complete Volunteer Hours! Please call PCRS office with name. Thank you!