

PCRS WEEKLY PRESS

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Dear Portsmouth Catholic Regional Families,

Father Jarek, our new Parochial Vicar of our Cluster Parishes, celebrated a beautiful Mass with our faith community yesterday. He enthusiastically shared with our students his love for God our Father and also that his best friend is Jesus. Fr. Jarek hopes Jesus will also be the best friend of each of our students. We are blessed at PCRS to have such wonderful priests in our six supporting parishes who lovingly shepherd and lead us to God!

Parents of all students in grades 1-8 will find Progress Reports enclosed in today's Communication Envelope. Our Progress Reports provide a snapshot of successes and challenges so far this year. Progress Reports give parents the opportunity to praise and celebrate their student's hard work as well as provide an opportunity to recognize challenges and develop a plan to bring grades up before the end of the first marking period at the end of October. Our teachers are eager to partner with all families for student success and are happy to answer any questions, sit down for a conference or provide suggestions.

We are very excited to share with you a wonderful website which we have purchased a school site license for titled IXL Math! And isn't that every parent, teacher, (and principal's) dream to have every student excel in Math?! You hopefully have heard your child excitedly speaking about "IXL Math". IXL Math is widely recognized as the Web's most comprehensive math site. It offers a dynamic and fun environment for students to practice math packed with engaging problems, detailed explanations, and unlimited practice help for our students to master thousands of math skills. Cool virtual prizes for meeting math challenges are built into IXL Math. The purchase of our site license will permit students in grades K-8 to practice math skills in a fun, individualized way both at home and at school. Our IXL Math program will be coming to your home email address in the next week (with a little bit of info from you, please). In order to fully benefit from this great program, we must have your home email to enroll your student. We need your timely assistance in this important endeavor so each student can immediately begin enjoying Math fun! Please complete the IXL Math form in the Communication Envelope today and return tomorrow. Our teachers are looking forward to differentiating student Math practice through the informative reports IXL will provide with data of student progress. In the words of IXL Math.....

"Get ready for excellence!"

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Mary Ellen Paul

Early Dismissal October 12, 2011 at 12:00pm.

Faculty In-Service

Extended Care Available from 12:00-6:00pm.

**Please bring packed lunch and drink if student is staying
for Extended Day next Wednesday.**

PCRS IS GOING GREEN! ACCESS IT ON THE SCREEN!

Parent/Student Handbook and School Calendar

All info at your fingertips at www.portsmouthcatholic.net

Please note Progress Reports/Report Cards will not be sent home if completed Signature Page is not on file in our Office. Mrs. Brown sent the page last week to individual families who had not returned the required Signature Page.

Please return this completed Signature Page immediately if you have not sent it back already.

PCRS Fall Classic Barbeque

on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011 from 5-8p.m. at PCRS Gym

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. The famous Tommy Crabtree Barbeque has been combined with beer, a band and a good ole Portsmouth Catholic Basketball game and the date has been moved to the Fall. Bring the family, your friends and your pom poms as you cheer on basketball players from years gone by (some old, some young, some alumni, some parents.) Then enjoy a beverage with old friends and classmates over the tasty BBQ graciously donated by the Knights of Columbus Council 418 and Women's Auxiliary #418 and cooked up for us by the Crabtree brothers.

3:30 - Basketball Game

All Inclusive Tickets: \$15 - Adults

5:00 - BBQ to follow the Game

\$5 - Children

Call the school at 488-6744 or email edorsoy@odu.edu to place your name on a team roster.

Our Middle School has introduced a "Saint House Program" this year.

Each student in Grades 6-8 has been assigned randomly to a house known by its patron saint. The patron saints of the houses were researched and voted on by the student house members. The "Saint House Program" was introduced as a way to develop community among the students as they practice their faith and develop strong bonds of respect, love and mutual understanding.

The St. Francis of Assisi House has planned a service project in honor of their patron saint.

The House of St. Francis of Assisi would like to do a service project honoring the Feast Day of St. Francis (October 4th). The St. Francis House is asking students of PCRS to help them out by bringing items to donate to the Portsmouth Humane Society.

Wish list items include: Purina ONE dog & cat food; canned food; dog & cat treats; comforters, blankets & towels; 55 gallon trash bags; pet combs & brushes; Toilet paper, paper towels & facial tissue; Laundry soap; Pinesol Cleaning Product; Hand soap & hand sanitizer; White copy paper; Dawn dish detergent; Newspapers

The St. Francis of Assisi House students will collect the items from our PCRS community this week of October 3-7, 2011.

If a student wishes to make a monetary donation, that will also be welcomed. Once the items are collected, St. Francis of Assisi House Moderators will bring the donations to the Humane Society.

Three Cheers for our Outstanding Student Advisory Council Leaders!!!

Class Representative Grade 4: Artie Hodges Class Representative Grade 5: Rebecca Bailey
Justin Scannell A. J. Brandriff
Zac Morris

Class Representative Grade 6: Kyra Huff Class Representative Grade 7: James Hagaman
Ashley Murray Kellie Markovich

Class Representative Grade 8: Brianne Blyden and Gavin Brinkley

Members At Large: Angelica Brooks, Desirae Sievers, Jasmine Aganon, Skylar Brooks, Christopher Schmidt,
Jakob Randall, Gage Bass, Ian Blyden, Noah Lee

Co-Chaplains: Cullen Griffen and Jordan Grinkewitz

Co-Sargeant At Arms: John Decker and Joslyn Woods

Co-Historians: Evan Joaquin and Kaitlyn Wells

Co-Treasurers: Lawson Kendall and Derek Sanchack

Co-Secretaries: Rachel Joaquin and Juliette Sears

Vice-President: Caitlyn Stuck

Co-Presidents: Gillian Love and Ryan Bailey

CONGRATULATIONS!

We feel very blessed that our student leaders have shared their leadership gifts and talents with our school community this year!

Breast Cancer Awareness TAG DAY

Friday, October 14th Sponsored by our SAC
(Student Advisory Council)

Suggested \$1 donation per student with money going to Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Please wear pink or white shirt with pink ribbon.

Tag Day Dress Guidelines available in our Parent/Student Handbook

Wanted: Parents and Friends of PCRS to Post Signs for Fall Classic BBQ Signs throughout our Communities!

We need your help in advertising our upcoming Fall Classic BBQ to help make it a success. 60 signs are ready and waiting in our office for friends to place in Churchland, Chesapeake Square, downtown Portsmouth, Airline Blvd., beside busy intersections..... you get the idea! Anywhere people will see our signs while driving and be inspired to attend our BBQ will help PCRS. Stop in our office and pick up a sign (or two) to help us advertise our upcoming BBQ!

Attention All Crafters! PCRS Handmade for Christmas Craft Show
Saturday, December 10, 2011 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

This is a juried Christmas Craft Show.
Please pick up application in PCRS school office.

Don't Miss the Chance to Share Your Smile!
Fall student pictures and class pictures are in!

Please return payment and unpurchased portraits to school in 5 days.

Mrs. Paul's Principal Wish List

**Wanted: Volunteers to enter data into computer
to assist in building up our Development data base.**

Great way to complete Volunteer hours! Please call PCRS office with name. Thank you!

Calling All Thespians!

The Portsmouth Catholic Drama Club is pleased to announce that our Spring show will be *The Wizard of Oz*. Performances will be the weekend of March 9-10, 2012. All students in grades 4-8 are **encouraged** to audition.

(Third Graders are going to be the Munchkins and will be cast separately.)

No experience is necessary and we need a LARGE cast for this show. Everyone who auditions and signs a commitment contract will receive a part. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays immediately after school in the gym from 3-5 pm. Students who attend Extended Care are welcome and will be taken there after rehearsals. Our practices will NOT interfere with basketball practices and we encourage students to work on homework when they are not on stage.

There is a warm up audition on Tuesday, October 11th from 3-5p.m.

Come to practice the songs and learn about all of the parts. Our play is closer to Frank Baum's novel than to the movie so there are parts you have never seen, such as dancers and generals.

After the warm up audition, there will be a half hour parents' meeting.

The Drama Mamas will discuss expectations for the season and give prospective members a rehearsal schedule and a commitment contract.

On Thursday, October 13th from 3-5p.m. we will hold auditions. We hope you can join us.

If you have any questions see Mrs. Campbell or Mrs. Sievers.

Trash to Treasure Tip

Did you know that if you sign up at www.btfe.com and www.labelsforeducation.com you can receive great coupons, menu suggestions and recipes?

You can also learn about other opportunities to earn extra box tops or label points.

Don't forget the first Trash to Treasure turn in is Friday, October 28th.

The class with the highest turn-in will receive a special prize!