

PCRS WEEKLY PRESS

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Dear Portsmouth Catholic Regional Families,

You can make a real difference in promoting a positive learning experience for your child, both at PCRS and at home! As your child's first and most important teacher, you play an important role in his or her future in school. Here are three ideas that can help support your child's learning:

1) Be an example.

*Reading: Be a reader and let your child see you read. Read to your child or with your child. Go to the library together. Your child will see how important reading is to you and will want to copy what you are doing.

*Your education: Continue your own education. Remain curious about learning new things. Your child is watching you!

*Educational opportunities: Have educational resources in your home such as books, maps, and computers. Be alert to teachable moments that might appear at any time, and take advantage of those opportunities to help your child learn.

2) Support school rules.

*Rules and procedures: The beginning of a new school year is a great time to review procedures together. Don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have questions about school routines and procedures.

*Home and classroom rules: Talk about home rules you have made that will support your child's learning. Believe it or not, children actually like rules that help create an atmosphere where they can learn better. Rules provide predictability and routines that are valuable assets for learners.

3) Be available.

*Parent helper, field trip helper, or PTO class rep: Even parents with the busiest schedules can find some way to contribute to the class. Make a special effort to attend school activities.

*Parent-teacher conferences and communication: Take advantage of these opportunities to stay informed about your child's progress at school.

Developing a strong, positive relationship with our PCRS will help support your child's school success!

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Mary Ellen Paul

All Students in Grades 3-8 are Invited to Join our PCRS Basketball Teams

It's time to form our teams for the upcoming basketball season!

PCRS is partnering with our six supporting Catholic parishes to form our basketball teams this year. When you go to Mass this Sunday please ask parishioners in grades 3-8 if they would be interested in joining our teams.

PCRS is Inviting ALL Catholic parish students in grades 3-8 to join our TCBL Basketball Teams at PCRS! Basketball team opportunities for all students of our 6 supporting parishes in grades 3-8 to join our teams at Portsmouth Catholic Regional School! Is your child interested in learning to play the game of basketball, or enhance skills they already have, and have fun? Then come join our basketball teams! Please call PCRS at (757)488-6744 for info.

Parent Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 4th at 7:00p.m. in our gym to share and discuss details. Practice times and schedules to be discussed. Come join in the fun of basketball at PCRS! All parents are invited to attend and hear all the info for registering their student for playing basketball this season. This second parent meeting was scheduled to accommodate family schedules. The second session on Oct. 4th is for parents who were unable to make the meeting on Sept. 27th are interested in their child playing basketball this year.

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 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 cdorsev@odu.edu to place your name on a team

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 for next week.

The House of St. Francis of Assisi would like to do a service project for the Feast Day of St. Francis (October 4th). The 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 next week, 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.

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.

PCRS School Beautification this Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011 from 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

This Saturday is our first Beautification Day of the school year. We have several projects scheduled. Competing the painting of the primary area is our top priority. We have all the paint and supplies ready, all we need are willing individuals to paint. Also with all the rain as of late, the grounds are in need of some attention. Please, come join us for a couple of hours.
If you have any questions please call Mike Z. at 617-7440.

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

Put a Ziploc bag up on your refrigerator and store all your Box Tops, Labels for Education, Tyson A+ Labels and Farm Fresh ABC-123 Receipts in it. Then all you have to do is send it in to your child's classroom on Friday, October 28th or you can turn them in to the school office any time. Please be sure to label what grade should be credited for the turn in.

Prizes will be awarded to the grades with the highest turn-in numbers.

Also, if you shop at Farm Fresh, now through April 20, 2012 buy any 10 General Mills Box Tops for Education participating products, in one shopping transaction, and receive an on-line redemption coupon for a bonus 10 Box Tops.

Don't forget your Scrip cards when going shopping!