



## May 2010 DOVE

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### Prayer of the Month

Loving Lord, You have put us in the care of Jesus Who watches over us. With Your help, may we stay faithful to Him as He gives Himself to us, and now lives with You and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

**Any students interested in Band** are invited to Instrument Day on May 3rd. Art's Music will bring instruments for students in 5th-8th grade to try. Parents are welcome!

### PTO

Thank you to all who came out to the **Shrimp and Crawfish Boil**, and a special thank you to Gina and Bill Hawkins and committee for putting together such a wonderful event. There was great food, great music and, of course, great parents!

Our next event is the **Golf Tournament**; mark your calendars for Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – additional information will be coming out very soon about how you can be part of this event.

We are also teaming up with the Knights of Columbus for Prince of Peace night at the **Barons**. This will be Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for the Barons home game at Regions Park with fireworks to follow. A \$12 ticket will admit up to 5 people – it is a great way to end your week. Flyers will be coming home letting you know when ticket sales will start.

As we wind down the year, I want to take a moment to thank all of you for your continued support of the school and PTO. We are very blessed to have such wonderful parents at Prince of Peace.  
Kristin Eiswirth

### *From the desk of Mrs. Angstadt*

Dear Parents,

As we begin to wind down this school year, I would like to thank all of our faculty and parents who played an active role in our school accreditation process this year. Not only did we receive full accreditation, but we also introduced exciting academic programs that engaged both students and parents. POPapalooza and Writers Café were exciting adventures!

Yesterday I had the privilege of attending the First Eucharist Mass with our second grade students. It was a blessing to be present as they received the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. Mrs.

Brown and Mrs. Wix are to be commended for their dedication as they prepared our students for this sacrament.

We will conclude our 10th year celebrating our 8th grade graduates. Please join me in congratulating: Philip Badewa, Zachary Boohaker, Nalo Bowman, Allison Carter, Haylee Dalton, Alana Davis, Sean Eaton, Jared Ferguson, Kira Ferslisi, Ian Hawley, Ben Hedden, Nicholas Higdon, Devin Hill, Harrison Hinkle, Nicholas Lockert, Madison Lorino, Molly Machado, Jessica McElderry, Kylie Mimmaugh, Ashley Montana, Justin Moore, Hope Runyan, Rhett Peterson, and Patrick Werszner. Our graduates will be armed with a solid academic foundation and the gift of a strong faith to assist them in meeting the challenges of high school. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to begin their next journey. Our school family wishes to extend a heartfelt farewell to several teachers this year. Mrs. Julie Laney and her husband will be moving to Atlanta where she will continue her teaching career in Catholic Schools, Mrs. Kristi Braud will become a full time Mom this summer and Lisa Hawley will begin a new career in the health industry. Our school is a better place because of the them. They have made a lasting impression on our children and our hearts.

This summer our faculty will continue to grow through Professional Development. Before we return this fall our teachers will have the opportunity to attend multiple workshops. Teachers will be engaged in Reading, Math, Preschool Literacy, Bullying, and Writing workshops. In just a few short weeks we will install several Smart Boards and begin training teachers to integrate this next step in technology into their classrooms.

Remember, Prince of Peace School never closes its doors. We will be open this summer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the summer. Please stop by if you have questions or concerns about the 10-11 school year. As our enrollment continues to grow, we will be here planning for the needs of all of our children. POP School continues to thrive due to the never-ending support of our Pastor, Parish and all of our POP families. May each of you have a safe and blessed summer.

Blessings,  
Connie Angstadt

### **THE POWER OF PARENTS!**

Thank you to Laurie Wood for serving as our PTO treasurer for the past 5 years. Your dedication is overwhelming!! Thank you to Kerry Rickman and Julie Doll for chairing the 1st Eucharist Breakfast Committee.

# Classroom News....

## **Ms. Katie, Ms. Kristie, and Ms. Linda Three-Year Old Preschool**

May will be a busy month for the 3's! In Science, we will explore with bubbles. On May 5th, we will celebrate May Crowning. We will splish and splash on Water Day and enjoy a tasty treat on ice cream day! Our last day will be May 20th. Thank you for sharing your children with us this year!

## **Ms. Dana, Ms. Judy, and Ms. Tania Four-Year Old Preschool**

It's hard to believe that the last month of school has arrived! But, hang on, because the fours will be VERY busy AND having lots of fun our last days together! We start the month by honoring Jesus' Mother with a May Crowning. Then we will honor our moms at the Mommy and Me Picnic (May 6). Refer to the invitation you have been sent for details. We've planned some really FUN days to finish out the year -- Bring Your Favorite Book week, Barefoot & Sunglasses Day, Water Day, and Ice Cream Day, just to mention a few. Moms, it will be very IMPORTANT to check your child's can DAILY for important information on what to bring when!! Of course, we'll end the month with our long awaited GRADUATION DAY, May 20th @ 9:30 in the main church. Watch for more details to follow.

We have enjoyed watching your precious children grow and mature and feel so blessed to have played a small part in that experience. THANK YOU for your wonderful support throughout a really great year!!

## **Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Braud Kindergarten**

May is a beautiful time of year with the trees and flowers all in bloom. What better way than to celebrate the May Crowning of Mary! A kindergarten girl and boy will crown Mary with a wreath of flowers on May 7th immediately following Mass. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will lead us in prayer and song.

Upon our return from the Aldridge Gardens field trip, we planted a Dogwood tree and an Oak Leaf Hydrangea. The children will be able to watch these plants grow for years to come. We will follow up on our tree unit by utilizing the FOSS kits to study wood and paper. We will end by recycling our own paper!

In Language Arts each child will have the opportunity to read aloud to their classmates. Our writing activities will center on the "Prove It!" style. After writing a sentence, the students will have to follow up with three more sentences proving that fact. We will continue working on correct punctuation and capitalization.

In Math we have finished our Math books and will be reviewing coins, graphs, addition and subtraction to be sure we are ready to "Jump into 1<sup>st</sup> grade with both feet!"

We have enjoyed your children so much this year. Please join us in celebrating our year with "A Celebration of Learning" followed by our Fun Day on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe and blessed summer!

## **Mrs. Laney and Mrs. McCabe First Grade**

May finds first graders blossoming into marvelous mathematicians who are working hard to master addition and subtraction facts to 18. We have been working in small groups using unifix cubes, counters, white boards, and other fun tools to understand

how these math facts relate to the world around us. We will end this year's Writing Workshop by reflecting on pieces in each student's writing portfolio. Our final piece of writing will be a letter written to next year's first graders. As summer approaches, kindergarten and first grade will be celebrating the end of a wonderful school with their annual Fun Day on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Best wishes for a safe and happy summer from Mrs. Laney and Mrs. McCabe! We will miss you!!



## **Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Wix Second Grade**

Whew! Second grade has passed us by! May is a big month for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. We will be receiving our First Eucharist on May 2nd, 2010. All of our second graders are excited to receive this important Sacrament. We will be celebrating by attending Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral the following Wednesday, and hopefully, meeting Bishop Baker.

We have completed our basal reading series for the year, so we will continue our unit on fables and folktales. We will complete our end of unit skills test, and begin our testing for Gates-MacGinitie Reading Assessment.

In Math this month we will work three-digit addition and subtraction. We will talk about place value and use it to answer problems.

We will continue to work on writing in paragraphs for our Writing unit this month. We will write wonderful narratives about our second grade year. Thank you to all parents and children who helped make this year so special for our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. We are all so grateful for everything that you have done. Have a great summer!

## **Mrs. Langford and Mrs. Sharkey Third Grade**

Third graders will end the year with an emphasis on their life-long charity of feeding the hungry by continuing to stock the food pantry. In science, the students will investigate plants and animals by observing, comparing, categorizing, and caring for a selection of organisms. The students will culminate a poetry unit with a Poetry Day Celebration focusing on sharing selections from their poetry notebook with other students. In math, we will enjoy exploring probability with hands-on activities.

## **Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Bernard Fourth Grade**

Fourth graders are springing forward into a season of great writing. Students have been working on writing persuasive paragraphs on a variety of topics. They are very convincing writers! In math, we will conclude our study of fractions and move into studying measurement and capacity. Our new unit in science, Ideas and Inventions, asks students to use their imaginations and get creative with solving problems in our world. They will make their own inventions, and present them to the class. We can't wait to see what kinds of inventions will be presented!

# May 2010

## **Mrs. Nichols Fifth Grade**

It is wonderful to be back with my amazing 5th grade class. Your prayers were appreciated throughout the past couple of weeks. Thank you! My mom was a wonderful woman and I will miss her .

Our next few weeks will be busy as our class prepares to become Middle School students. On May 21st, our class will take part in the annual Bridge Crossing and become active members of the Middle School House program. The students are all a-buzz as to which House they will belong! On Monday May 10th, the 5th grade Safety Patrol will celebrate a successful year with a PTO sponsored trip to Pump It Up. Don't forget to check the website in June for Middle School summer reading lists.

## **Library Mrs. B.**

The library will be "Diving into Reading", getting ready to discuss and distribute summer reading assignments. Every class will receive summer reading assignments that should be completed before school begins in the fall. It will help each student start the new school year with interactive discussions and assignments.

It has been a great year for the library. Thanks to an anonymous donor, I have been able to update and increase every section of the library. The **Power of Parents** has truly blessed our library. God has blessed me with all of you.

Have a safe and wonderful summer.

## **Spanish Mrs. Hall**

Hola to all of you! It is difficult to believe that we are in our last month of school. It has gone by fast and furiously, but it has been a blast. The students have come alive with their Spanish skills and are very comfortable using common, everyday words. Please help them continue this over the next couple of months. If you greet them with a Spanish phrase, I know you will hear a response in the same manner! What a fun way to keep those language skills polished!

This month we will review all of our units with games! Several of the classes will even be making something to bring home to share with you! Most importantly, though, we will end the year with everyone's favorite, la piñata! How exciting! I know you will hear about this activity! Again, enjoy your summer and adios!

## **Fine Arts Ms. JoJo**

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank all the students in the choir and band for making the year such a success.

The choir has done an amazing job singing at our Masses, Popapalooza, and will make 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation extra special. Thank you all for making such a joyful noise unto the Lord. The band has grown and learned a tremendous amount this year. Our POP band brought basketball games and POPapalooza Night alive. Encourage

your upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders, and middle school students to be part of the choir or band next year. **Music makes our school come alive!!!** Come, be a part of something truly special.

## **Elementary Technology Mrs. Argo**

This month our 2-5 grade students are using *Kerpoof*, a *Disney* multimedia website used by kids worldwide to create original artwork, animated movies, stories, greeting cards, and more. The site is meant to be fun, but we're serious about its educational value. We will be using it to meet a range of our educational standards. The *Kerpoof Scholastics* website allows teachers to set guidelines for their students by assigning usernames, passwords, and a class ID. Our first activity will be to make an alphabet book using backgrounds and characters from the *Make a Story* option.

May is always a fun month for technology students, because we revisit some of our favorite websites, and make original creations in KidPix. I hope you will encourage your child to visit our school wikispace to use for fun and learning this summer. I am always working at home to add new web activities for them to enjoy.

[www.poptech4kids.wikispaces.com](http://www.poptech4kids.wikispaces.com)

I would like to thank the volunteers who make my job so much easier by giving countless hours to help our kindergarteners gain confidence in their technology skills.

Thanks for all you do at POP!

## **PE**

### **Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Watkins**

Thank you to all the parents that helped with 2nd through 5th grade field day. The children had a blast and it would not have been possible without your help. PE will be moving and shaking in May. Each week we will repeat several of the children's favorite units. The new athletic field is just about ready! It will be wonderful to incorporate outdoor physical education into our curriculum. I know that our students share this excitement with me.

## **Guidance**

### **Mrs. Hawley**

It is hard to believe we have just a few weeks of the school year left. Thank you to all of you for the privilege of working with your children for the past five years. I will truly miss all of them, but I am confident they will continue to grow in Christ's love.

All of our guidance lessons this year have in some way been focused on friendship and respect. Please encourage your children to continue to practice kindness, even with those they do not necessarily consider a best friend. I hope you all will be able to share in the many end of the year celebrations that highlight the special qualities of all of our students.

Over the summer, encourage your children to stay active in practicing social skills. There are many wonderful free programs through the public libraries or neighborhood parks and recreation.

May God Continue to Bless You!

Mrs. Hawley

## **TAKE NOTE**

**JCCHS USED BOOK SALE:** Saturday, May 29th from 9:00 until noon in the John Carroll Commons. For more information, email Marcie Matt at: [mattefamily@bellsouth.net](mailto:mattefamily@bellsouth.net)

**2010 POP BAND INFORMATIONAL MEETING:** May 3rd from 3:15-4:15 in the Fine Arts Room. Band instruments will be available to try. Fifth grade through Middle School students are invited to attend.

**POP School summer hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9am-2pm

**Please welcome the newly elected Student Council for the 2010-2011 school year:**

President– Ross Dentremont  
Vice President– Will Wallace  
Secretary– Katie Moore  
Treasurer– Kayde Tudor  
Chaplain– Veronica Werszner

### **Summer Mailout for the 2010-2011 School Year**

**We're going green!**

This summer, the back to school packet will be available on our website. Every family will receive a letter in June with instructions. If you do not have internet access, please call the office and we will prepare a packet for you.

### **Summer Reading**

The grade level summer reading packets will also be available on our website. A paper version will be available upon request.

### **Tuition, Fees, and Facts Tuition Management**

In order for students to participate in final exams and graduation, all accounts must be current. Final report cards will not be mailed if there is a delinquent balance on an account. If you have any questions regarding tuition, incidental billing, etc., please call Liz Achurra at 824-7886, ext 26.