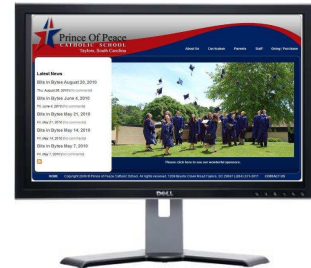


### POPCS Website Updates

This past week, we spent some time updating our main school website. Go to our [www.popcatholicsschool.org](http://www.popcatholicsschool.org) Home Page to see new scrolling photos from our 2009-10 school year. You might notice the site has a slightly different look to it. Wednesday, our site was moved to another web hosting company – the Greenville based *Lightning Hammer*.



We have also updated important resources for you under some of the drop-down tabs. Under “Parents” you will find PDF’s of this year’s Parent-Student **Handbook**, the **Volunteer Handbook**, the **School Calendar** by month, and on the PTO page a list of **PTO-sponsored events** for the school year. Under “Staff” we’ve updated all the phone extensions for the classrooms and have listed the e-mails for each teacher. You can call 864-331-3900, and leave a message at a (classroom) teacher’s extension.

ALSO, if you want to listen to Dr. Pennell’s discussion of Catholic Education with POPCS parent Mr. Tommy Donovan aired in April on Catholic Radio, go to “About Us” and to “Audio/Video” to download **MP3 files**. Audio is made available thanks to WCKI 1300 AM, Greer.

Finally, we’d like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Tom Carroll for their generous financial gift which covers the costs of our school website.



### Option-C Home Page Makeover

Since we’re updating web sites, we’re planning to update the look of the Option-C login page. The “makeover” will happen Saturday morning. Your bookmarks and auto-fill for usernames and passwords should still work – just the look is different, so don’t worry that you’ve hit a wrong page or need a new password.

Also, keep in mind that you’ll have a hard time doing a “google search” for the POPCS Option C login page. The domain is with Option C (not Prince of Peace) and is identified with our school number. So if you are ever on an away-from-home computer, just go to the school’s home page first, go to “Parents,” then “Option C” and you can find the link to the parent login.

### Running Club meets rivals at Southside Christian School

POPCS middle school running club went to Southside Christian School Thursday for a competition with 8 other middle school and high school running teams – including teams from Greenville Tech Charter (with John Daniels, a POPCS graduate), Christ Church, and St. Joseph’s Catholic School (with Amanda Nesta, Aidan Sokol, Steve Rosenzweig, and Victoria Zimmerman, POPCS graduates).



*Running Club members hang out where it's dry Thursday afternoon at Southside Christian. The girls' race was called on account of rain.*

Five of our MS boys competed and their race finished – James Capelle (6<sup>th</sup> grade) came first for our team and Brandon Morris (7<sup>th</sup> grade) came in just behind. Because of inclement weather, the girls' race was called off one mile into the race.

Mrs. Mary Schaeffer, one of our POPCS running coaches, was disappointed that

the girls couldn't finish the race, though she agreed it was safer to call it off. Lizzie McCallion (7<sup>th</sup> grade) was leading the girls team with Alexis Fritz (6<sup>th</sup> grade) just behind. The rain changed things. Mrs. Schaeffer added that "we're very excited to see what the girls' team can do this year. We have a strong group of determined runners!"



### Roof Work Continues

Roofers were hard at work this week completing their tasks on roofs over our facilities. We are grateful that the company doing the work agreed to work after 3:00 PM when doing anything on the school or portable building. The school roof is getting full attention Saturday (8/28) without the children



*Mrs. Campbell's 4<sup>th</sup> grade "Class Rules" sign suffers the effects of water drops through a leaky roof. **No more leakiness after Saturday!***

around. With the rain we had this week, we had some leaking . . . all to be repaired on Saturday!

### Band Forms Due September 1<sup>st</sup>

POPCS band instructor Mrs. Pamela Bloom held a brief assembly for our students Tuesday afternoon to demonstrate various musical instruments for students who might be interested in signing up for band.

Mrs. Bloom works for the Paul Effman music company and offers band lessons to students who are interested for a fee. A registration form was sent home with students on Tuesday, and are due back on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Lessons will be on Thursday and Friday mornings beginning Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.



## Classroom Clickers Really Take Off!



*Mrs. Bress shows off her classroom set of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade clickers!*

You might be wondering what it's all about when your third or fourth grader comes home excited about the clickers in the classroom. No, we're not being overrun by crickets or other varmints!

At our POP-Art party in April, we raised funds for a remote control student response device (made by the same company that makes "Smart Boards") otherwise known as a "clicker." The teachers can present tests or quizzes on the Smart board, and then students use the clickers to answer the questions by pushing numbers, True or False buttons, multiple choice letters, and more! The answers are all recorded on the teachers' computer for grade recording and review. While it is the case that the teachers love their clickers for reviewing a lesson for retention or for giving a quiz, it seems the students love them more – they are a toy after all!

## Buy-Out Day Next Friday (September 3<sup>rd</sup>) . . . Hey, What's Buy-Out Day Anyway?

On the first Friday of each month (next Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>), we permit students to come to school out-of-uniform. We call it **BUY-OUT DAY**. If students bring a canned good, or other boxed food item for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, they are permitted to come to school in casual (i.e. non uniform) clothing.

We still have a few guidelines, however. To see what "free dress" is permitted on our non-uniform days, please consult the [Parent-Student Handbook on page 22](#). Jeans, shorts, crocs are all OK! And yes, we can even live with the longish basketball shorts! But double check for the things that just won't fly, and we'll all have a great day for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish, and for the need whom they serve in our community.

Please consider having your child bring a few items for **Buy-Out Day** next Friday. Here's a message from POP's St. Vincent DePaul President Mr. Dave Andrejack: *Dear Dr. Pennell . . . The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry shelves are almost completely empty. Anything you can do to boost the school's First Friday Food Drive will be appreciated. Thank you so much! We are also very thankful for all the adult and school children volunteers who help us put the food on the pantry shelves.*

## Lunch Money Due: You Know What Will Happen!

Families, please remember to send in the money for lunches each month once you've submitted your order on Option C. Lunch money was due yesterday (August 26<sup>th</sup>) and we have – gulp – more than \$1000 outstanding in orders for September. Please submit your part by Monday. If we don't receive your money, we cannot order your child's lunch.



## Coming Events at Prince of Peace Catholic School

Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

Band Forms due in school office  
9:00 AM School Mass in church (Dress Uniform)  
10:00 AM 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confessions after mass

Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

3:45 PM Faculty Meeting

Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Buy Out Day for St. Vincent de Paul (no uniform)  
PTO Board Meeting 1:00 PM

LABOR DAY LONG WEEKEND: NO SCHOOL ON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>!

**Save the Date:** The all-school PTO meeting (for all parents and teachers) will be held on Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 7:00 PM. You'll have a chance to meet our new teachers, hear from the Columbiettes and Knights on ways those organizations are looking to support our school, and get more details about our new math program in the elementary grades and how we're looking forward to some really solid math success now and in the future.



*Mr. Nielsen's Soccer Club clinic is underway. Miki Wersigner (7<sup>th</sup> grade) shows off his fancy footwork.*



*POPCS girls still show spirit after their running match is called off at Southside Christian because of rain. With the girls are their coaches, Mrs. Stevens, Miss Smith, and Mrs. Schaeffer*

**“Wisdom & Knowledge”**  
*Col 2:3*