

Bits in Bytes Back in Business!

As we begin year eight of Prince of Peace Catholic School, we'll again be sending friends and benefactors our weekly issues of *Bits in Bytes* – news from the Principal sent out each Friday afternoon by e-mail when school is in session. Issues will also be posted on our school website. You will find news of the past school week as well as helpful information about what's happening next week that will aid your planning.

It has become “tradition” that the banner (under the title above) is created from a snapshot of a group of third graders from the beginning of each school year. This year, we'll include a blue banner of boys and a red banner of girls alternating each week.

First Week / Great Start!



Bill picks up the family packet from PTO president Mrs. Michelle Zimmerman at last week's Ice Cream Social

No more tears! We had a fantastic start to our 2010-2011 school year this week, which started with smiles all around. New students quickly learned the ropes with the help from returning students.

Students had a chance to meet their teachers at our 8th annual Open House & Ice Cream Social. Our returning 8th graders helped serve the ice cream.



On Monday, our first day back, parents got together at our annual first day “Sip and Sob” breakfast after carline on Monday – though to be honest, you didn't see many tears there either! Of course, Mrs. Pennell's Yogurt Parfait helps everyone get a great start to the year. Our “newest” class of students, in Mrs. Larkin's K4, enjoyed their new experiences, and of course...the playground!



Updating Your Personal Information on Option C

OptionC is rolling out their new family module in three phases. The family module will allow parents to access all their children's information through one login, including ordering lunch! The final phase, granting one logon per family, is scheduled to be completed

by the end of September! Currently, we are updating everyone's information on a spreadsheet which will be uploaded to the OptionC website. A "Family Data" sheet went home with your child on Monday

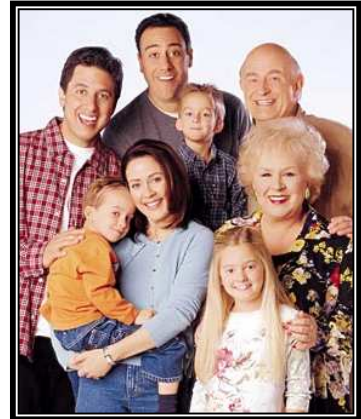


which needs to be completed and returned by Monday, August 23rd, so your information will be current in the new module system. Thank you for completing the data forms so quickly. This will also allow us to

publish a directory online for parents to access numbers and addresses, information which is very useful in scheduling birthday parties, carpools, playdates, etc. Please remember this information is only available post login so it will not be published to the Internet for all to see.

SEND US A JPEG OF YOUR FAMILY PICTURE!

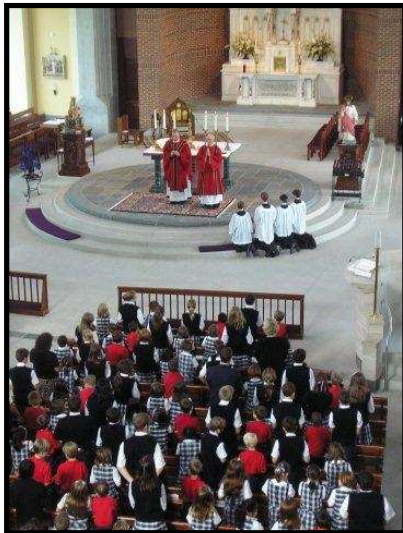
The PTO board will be assisting our front office to put together a family directory. This year, with our school at its largest enrollment ever, we thought it would be great to include a family photo of every family in our school – to make it easier to identify who's who among us! Send in your photo to PTO board member KIM CALHOUN – we'd like to print on the Tuesday after the Labor Day Weekend (September 7th)! E-mail Kim at: kacee4@gmail.com



The Ideal POP Family Portrait

Monsignor Brovey Welcomes Students Back to School

Joined by Deacon Robert Smith, POP pastor Monsignor Brovey



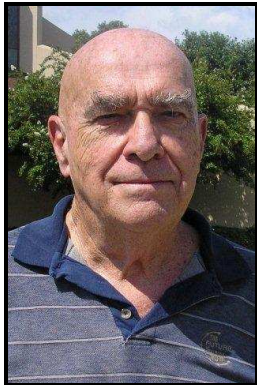
began our school year with a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit this past Wednesday morning. In his homily to the children, Monsignor said that being in a Catholic school and growing up to do our best for others and for God is like being "Saints in training." This mass was also the first for our new music teacher, Miss



Our new music teacher Miss Herd leads the students at Mass Wednesday from the organ.

Kelly Herd who accompanied our 5th-8th grade school choir on the organ. Also, the upper grade students had an opportunity to meet their "Mass Buddies." Our 5th grade students partner with Kindergarten, and 6th grade partners with 1st grade. The older students help the younger ones follow along with Mass so all will get the most graces they can!

Work Started on Two School Roofs



Mr. Dick Parker – a great advocate for Prince of Peace Catholic School!

The workers were already dropping off their supplies by mid-week getting ready to replace the tiles on four roofs on our campus (two being part of the school): the portable building, the school building, Croghan Hall, and the rectory (the pastor’s home). Most of the work on the school will happen after 3:00 PM during the week or on Saturday when the children are not in or around the buildings.

We owe a BIG thank you to **Mr. Dick Parker** – a POP parishioner since 1991 and former project manager for Fluor – who supervised this project for the last two months. With his help, financial resources were pulled together so that



The unloading of the roofing tiles has begun!

the cost of materials and labor for all roof repairs – including the two school buildings – would be covered fully! We thought we might have had to pull in volunteers for the final portable project, but that’s not now the case. If you see Dick at mass, give him a personal and warm POPCS “thank you!”

New Family Mentor Program

Welcome to all the new families. We are excited you have chosen Prince of Peace. Over the summer, most families were paired with existing families to help make your transition enjoyable. If you were not contacted, please let Wendy Younce know. She can be reached at blysey@yahoo.com or 469-6212.

Parents & Kids: Tuesday, August 24th, 2PM. Check Out Our Band Program!



Mrs. Pamela Bloom of the Paul Effmann Music Company

Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 in the gym, our band teacher Mrs. Pam Bloom will be meeting with students from 3rd grade to 8th grade to demonstrate band instruments. Instruction will be available for students in 3rd and up. We invite parents to attend the band instrument demonstration on Tuesday to see if they’d like their children to practice and learn an instrument.

Parents will receive information and registration forms next Tuesday as well as **fee sheets** after the demonstration.

Mrs. Bloom is a teacher with the Paul Effmann Music Company, an independent company providing services at Prince of Peace. All fees and instrument rentals will be handled between each parent and the Paul Effmann Company.



Registration forms for band are due on **Wednesday, September 1st**. Instruction with Mrs. Bloom will begin on Thursday, September 16th. Band practice will begin at 7:30

AM before school, and depending on the instrument, practice will be in three 30 minute lessons until 9:00 AM.

Mrs. Bloom has a bachelor's degree in Music Education from Mansfield University. She taught for two years in the Baltimore Public School System teaching elementary and middle school students. For the last three years, she has been completing a master's degree in music education. She plays saxophone, French horn, tuba, clarinet, flute, baritone (or euphonium). She also plays percussion and will be continuing work with drummers.



Nurse McCabe handles another "boo-boo" in the nurse's office

From the Nurse's Station – Mrs. Sharon McCabe



Not many people know that POPCS is one of the few Catholic Schools in South Carolina to have a registered nurse on staff working to keep our children safe, healthy, and compliant with necessary health laws.

Bits in Bytes will include a periodic update "From the Nurse's Station" to keep you posted on keeping your kids healthy!

The Top Five Reasons Your Child Will Miss School

1. Colds
2. Stomach Flu
3. Ear infections
4. Pink Eye
5. Sore throat



When to Return to School:

1. Fever free for 24 hours without Tylenol or Motrin
2. Can eat and drink normally.
3. Can sit in class without coughing the entire time.

Nurse McCabe's Ounce of Prevention

1. Please don't send a sick child to school, I promise I will send them right back home. 😊
2. Teach your child not to put their hands in their eyes, nose or mouth. Nose pickers and thumb suckers are sicker and spread their illnesses to the rest of their classmates.
3. Teach them to WASH THEIR HANDS and if water is not available to use hand sanitizers.

Please turn in your child's emergency contact form, medication forms and immunization certificates

Now Taking Lunch Orders!

You can now go to Option C, log in, and order lunch (go to My Information, My Lunch Orders, and check boxes) for your children for the month of September. We're pleased to welcome Cullen's Bistro to our list of vendors. Please remember that your order MUST be placed by August 25th. The ordering

system “locks” after the 25th of each month. Be sure to send **your payment, checks PAYABLE TO PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL (not POPCA as in the past)**, by the next day (26th). Also, milk is offered every day – chocolate or white!

September Lunch Menu

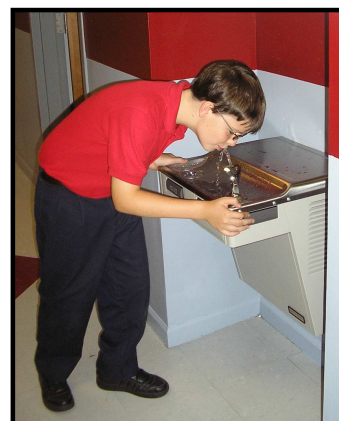
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Roast Beef + side OR Ham & Cheese + side OR Chicken Strips + side	Baked Chicken + Veggie OR Pasta w/Alfredo	Cheese Quesadilla + chips + cookie OR Beef Taco + chips + cookie	Soup OR Turkey Wrap + Chips	Pizza by the slice (a fundraiser for the 8 th grade trip)

What if My Child Forgets a Lunch?

If your child forgets a lunch, he or she can ask a teacher for assistance to get a notice to mom or dad. The student is permitted to call home, or we can call home from the main office. Please note that we don't order extra lunches and the office does not provide lunches, snacks, or utensils. We'll be sure to inform you a.s.a.p. when a child arrives to school without a lunch.

New water fountain installed!

Thank you to Mr. Larry Hensley, parish maintenance, for installing our new water fountain near the Middle School classrooms. Sharing one water fountain has been a challenge! We will be replacing the broken water fountain near the office next week as well. We would also like to thank Larry for all his hard work in the classrooms over the summer moving chalkboards, whiteboards, coat racks, shelves, desks, and more!!



8th Grader W. Baxter enjoys cool water without the long walk down the hall

Running Club is up and . . . well, RUNNING!



Running club coaches Mrs. Schaeffer, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Stevens have started practice for this year's running club, now in its 3rd year at POPCS. There are currently 12 consistent runners on the team. Practice is Monday-Thursday from 3:45 to 4:45 and is open to anyone in Middle School (6-8). The first scrimmage will be next Thursday, August 26th at Southside Christian, against 5 other teams. There will be another meet at Southside later in the season with other meets

ranging from Furman to Milliken to the Spinx Run Fest in October. If you are interested in competing, please see one of the coaches.

Our Annual School Theme: “Wisdom & Knowledge”

Each year, Dr. Pennell chooses an annual theme from a brief passage of Sacred Scripture. This year, the theme is “Wisdom & Knowledge.” So at the end of each morning assembly, the students will call out loud the words “Wisdom & Knowledge” before moving along to their classrooms.

The passage comes from St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians, chapter 2. In verse 2 and 3, St. Paul refers to Christ as the revelation of the mystery of God. In Christ, says St. Paul, is hidden “all the treasure of wisdom and knowledge.” So as our children grow in virtue, in grace, and in holiness, they are pursuing “wisdom and knowledge,” but on a deeper level, they are doing what all of us are doing in our lives – pursuing Christ himself. What a great theme, and perfect for a Catholic School! Here is the full passage from St. Paul:

“For I want you to know how great a struggle I am having for you and for those . . . who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged as they are brought together in love, to have all the richness of fully assured understanding, for the knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”



Please place your carline name-tag in your car window so it is clearly visible for our teachers to see on carline duty. No hiding!

Coming Events at Prince of Peace Catholic School

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| Monday, August 23 | Running Club after school until 4:45PM |
| Tuesday, August 24 | Band Demonstration (PAC) 2:15 PM Grades 3-8 & Any Parents!
Running Club after school until 4:45PM |
| Wednesday, August 25 | 9:00 AM School Mass w/ Monsignor Brovey
Running Club after school until 4:45PM
LUNCH ORDERS DUE – OPTION C – MIDNIGHT TONIGHT! |
| Thursday, August 26 | Running Club Southside Christian Scrimmage |
| Friday, August 27 | |

“Wisdom & Knowledge”
Col 2:3