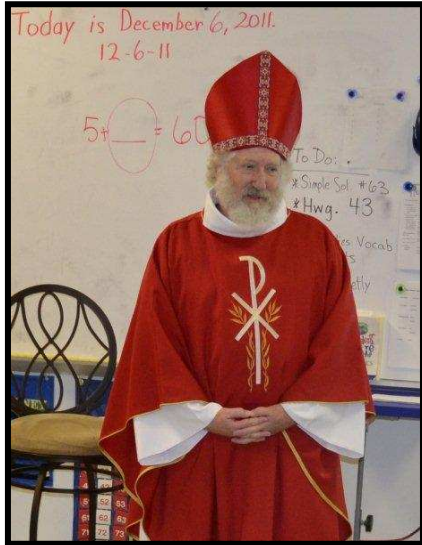




December 6th: Feast of St. Nicholas Busy With Activities!



St. Nicholas visiting Mrs. Moore's first grade classroom. Thank you John Bruce!

Tuesday was a very busy day at Prince of Peace Catholic School as students celebrated the feast of the Patron of Children and the Bishop who had all the best ideas for giving before Santa Claus came along – St. Nicholas. When the children arrived at school on the 6th, they discovered that their paper shoes were filled with chocolate coins and a candy cane – Sure signs that St. Nicholas had been by! Then, St. Nicholas himself showed up, visiting the elementary classrooms.

He looked rather good for 1700 years old! [We are very grateful to John Bruce owner of St. Anthony's Catholic Bookstore on Congaree Road in Greenville for visiting

our children as St. Nicholas; son William is a POPCS *alumnus*, class of 2011 – visit St. Anthony's Bookstore for your Catholic items for Christmas!]

We also had a visit to the elementary children in K4 and K5 from Mrs. Donna Pasternak of Donna's Divine Story



Donna's Divine Storytime for K4 and K5 students



Joseph, Parker, and Thomas from 4th grade enjoying the PTO lunch

time, who told the Christmas story to our children in Croghan Hall; she acted the part of the angel announcing tidings of great joy to all the children. At lunchtime, many students enjoyed a



PTO-sponsored spirit lunch with ham, green beans, and rolls . . . and Christmas music playing along in the background. Thank you PTO for another yummy fundraiser & spirit lunch!

Another Successful Book Fair!

Thank you to all our volunteers who worked to help us have another successful book fair, and to Mrs. Pam Evette (and family!) who leads the coordination of our book fair every year. The fair was set up in Croghan Hall, and all the students had a chance to visit and to purchase some books. Parents also chipped in to purchase books for the children's classroom libraries. All proceeds will go to our school library – which if you didn't know, is very close to 8,000 cataloged volumes! It wouldn't be possible without your generosity and our volunteers.



St. Lucy's Day

We love St. Lucy's feast day at Prince of Peace Catholic School. This Tuesday, we'll continue a long tradition of St. Lucy's day by enjoying hot chocolate and sweet rolls. Lucy's name means "light" so the Student Council will be putting up the Christmas Lights again in the school hallway. This is a great week to talk about light – the lights of the advent wreath, the light of Christ, the light that illuminates the darkness after the longest day of the year (December 21st). Let your light shine!

Christmas Program TUESDAY NIGHT

The children have been singing and practicing . . . the Christmas program is coming this Tuesday night at 7:00 PM in the Church. The Church doors open at 6:30 if you want a seat. Again, we'd like to keep the very first pew (now without a kneeler directly in front) for parent-photographers. Children should arrive at the school between 6:15 and 6:30 to join their classmates and get ready for the performance. And remember, **NO HOMEWORK** and **NO TESTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY**. We want y'all to come to the performance.

Lost and Found Getting Cleaned Out

At the close of school on Tuesday the 13th, we'll be sending our lost and found items to Miracle Hill and Goodwill. School uniform items not claimed will be handed over to our moms caring for the "pre-owned" uniform items – Mrs. Widman and Mrs. Rable.



The Fed-Ex man delivers the Puffs! We're not at all self-conscious about product placement, especially when the product is FREE!

Tons of Facial Tissue Arrive at the School!

Okay, not tons, but this week we received 5 shrink-wrapped cartons, (that's 125 boxes) of Puffs facial tissue free of charge. Thanks to Mrs. Shannon Jernigan, POPCS gathered together your UPC symbols from boxes of Puffs facial tissue and turned them in for a chance at a prize. Well, we came in 2nd place for the medium sized school in the Puffs UPC collecting contest. So Puffs sent POPCS 125 boxes of puffs facial tissues, and now we have more than enough to get through the winter sniffles! Thank you Puffs and families!



Campbell's Soup Label Reminder

Please have your Campbell's Soup Labels for the second quarter turned in to your child's teacher by Monday, December 12th. This will allow the second quarter winners to be announced before we begin our Christmas Break!

POPCS Band in its First Parade!

Two years ago when we started band lessons at POPCS, we hadn't thought about a marching band, but teacher Mrs. Pamela Bloom thought our students were up for the challenge. And to increase the volume for a marching band in a parade, Mrs. Bloom joined our students with students from three other Catholic Parochial schools to inaugurate the United Catholic Marching Band. POPCS students joined students from St. Mary's, Our Lady of the Rosary, and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Schools for a night of marching and Christmas music fun on December 2nd, 2011 in the Greenville Santa Claus Parade. Thank you Mrs. Bloom and parents for your support of this venture. Watch for an article on the band in the next issue of the Catholic Miscellany,



Karina & Rachel ready to march last Saturday in the Santa Claus Parade!

the newspaper of the Diocese of Charleston that gets sent state-wide. ALSO, on Dr. Pennell's e-mail for this Bits in Bytes is a link to a 30 second clip of the marching band on the move. Thank you Calhoun Family for contributing the film clip.



COMING EVENTS AT PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Monday, December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Throughout the Day: Practice for Christmas Program
6PM Middle School basketball game at POP

Tuesday, December 13th



St. Lucy's Feast Day

NO HOMEWORK TONIGHT!!

8:00AM – 9:00AM experienced band practice in church
Chess Club 7:30AM in the PAC
Rosary Making Guild 3:15 PM - 3:45 PM
Annual Christmas Program in the Church
6:15PM - 6:30PM – Students arrive in classrooms
6:30PM – Doors to Church open for seating
7:00PM – Christmas Program begins

Wednesday, December 14th

9:00AM Mass with Fr. Tomlinson
10:00AM 5th Grade confessions
Choir K5-5th 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Thursday, December 15th

6PM Middle School basketball game at POP

Friday, December 16th



12:30 Early Dismissal

Christmas Break begins / Aftercare open until 6PM