

February, 2011

Campus Connections

Pacelli Catholic Schools Newsletter

From the Principal's Office by Mary Holtorf, Principal of Schools

Dear Families,

Every year during the last week of January, the United States recognizes Catholic Schools Week. It is an opportunity to focus on what makes our Catholic schools special and unique. Every year, Catholic schools struggle to stay open despite test scores that are above average, a safe and secure environment, and a focus on Catholicity. Just recently, I was reading that St. Joseph Catholic Schools in Red Wing is closing after 135 years. It is extremely sad news for the town of Red Wing. We are very fortunate in Austin to have the support of many

dedicated people who continue to help our schools. Financially, our foundation has raised over 2.4 million dollars to be used to strengthen and secure the future of Pacelli. Not only do people help us with financial donations, but they also volunteer their time serving as trustees, school council members, and foundation members. There is another group of people who support our schools and our students with their daily prayers. Let's celebrate what makes our school special. Here are the top five reasons I believe Pacelli Catholic Schools are unique:

5 – Innovative Technology with a SmartBoard in every classroom and one computer for every 2 students.
4 – Teachers who care and treat their job as a ministry.
3 – Parents who are involved and who care!
2 – Students who respect each other and their teachers
1 – Faith embedded into every area of the curriculum
I hope you can help us celebrate this week by participating in the many activities we have planned, including dress up days for your child, VIP lunches, and our All School Open House.
Sincerely,
Mary P. Holtorf

TECH TIME!

Website : Safe Search Engines for Students

www.sweetsearch.com
www.askkids.com

Mission Statement:

The Pacelli Catholic Schools are a ministry of the Catholic parishes connecting faith and learning. We provide a welcoming environment that respects students. We challenge them to reach their full potential while preparing them for higher learning opportunities, guiding students in becoming witnesses to the Gospel as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The youth of the Pacelli Catholic Schools will become salt of the earth and light for the world by serving the church and community.

Staff Spotlight:

Holli Mayer

What is your role in the Catholic Schools?

I work in the Development Office to raise funds for our school.

How many years have you worked at the Catholic Schools?

I've been with the school for five years.

What do you think makes our school unique?

I think what makes our school unique is our opportunity for a faith-based education.

What is your favorite book?

The Cat in the Hat and *The Giving Tree*.

What is your favorite vacation spot?

My favorite vacation spot is Torch Lake in Northern Michigan

Favorite Holiday and why?

My favorite holiday is the 4th of July, because I love summertime, and when I was a kid, I

would be excited to celebrate my birthday shortly after the 4th of July

Hobbies?

I don't really have time for hobbies, but I enjoy running, golfing, exercising, and sports.

Pick one or the other:

Coke vs. Pepsi

SPRITE

Books vs. Movies

BOOKS

Morning Person vs. Night Owl

MORNING,

Definitely a Morning Person (during the week I wake up no later than 5 am, and I turn into a pumpkin by 9 pm)

Popcorn vs. Candy Bars

POPCORN

Email vs. Snail Mail

EMAIL

Deacon's Dialogue

The Liturgy of the Eucharist
by Deacon John Kluczny

At Mass after our Prayers of the Faithful are offered to God, we are seated, the offertory song is sung, the collection is taken up, and these gifts along with the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward in procession toward the altar. This is a sign that the next part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, has begun.

The word 'Eucharist' derived from the Greek word meaning 'to give thanks' is exactly what this part of the Mass is all about. In fact it is at this point of the Mass where the Priest, acting in the person of Jesus Christ himself, uses many of the same actions and words that Jesus used himself when giving thanks to his Father while breaking bread with his disciples. In a series of prayers and actions the Priest gives thanks and praise to God for his work in creating, redeeming and sanctifying us. Then in gratitude he calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts we are about to offer back to God in return and uses Jesus' own words in changing these gifts of bread and wine into the very Body and Blood of Jesus himself. We then remember the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus which reunites us with God the Father and offer prayers for the whole Church including it's leaders and all it's members both living and dead. Then united as this one body we pray to God the prayer Jesus taught us, the Our Father or Lord's Prayer. After being invited to share the Sign of Peace with those around us we ask the Lord to have mercy on us and forgive us our sins so that we may worthily process forward as a people of faith to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

Often during Communion and for a short time following, a Communion song is sung. Also after Communion the Communion vessels are purified or cleansed and then everyone including the Priest and Deacon return to their seats and the Liturgy of the Eucharist comes to its completion. Although the liturgical part of the Eucharist is finished, the animating and life-giving

strength we just received is to be made present to all we meet until our next opportunity to be fed once again at the Lord's table.

Pacelli Art Show

The Pacelli Schools Art show featuring K-8 art work, promises to be interesting. There will be a variety of art inspired by master artists as well as new innovative techniques. The students are encouraged to create in a similar style or technique as an artist, while keeping their own creative authenticity. Some art is influenced by different cultures such as the African circle art illustrated by the kindergarten class and handmade paper inspired by the Chinese. The 8th grade art is inspired by the Middle Ages, a time when Christian art was at its peak. There will be a variety of drawings, fiber arts, wire sculpture, glass fusing, ceramics and much more. Be sure to vote for your favorite class projects. The winning grade will be awarded a pizza party! Stop by the art room on 2nd floor of Pacelli during Catholic Schools Week and see what our creative kids are doing!

Thanks for all your support for the arts!

Kim Finnegan

DEVELOPMENT NEWS...

SCRIP

Don't forget to save on your tuition by purchasing SCRIP! It's convenient and easy to use, and a percentage of your purchases is credited towards your tuition at the end of the school year. Last year our school families who use SCRIP regularly saved on average \$120 on their tuition! This is a very successful program for our school, bringing in over \$30,000 in yearly net profit, and that's because of only 25% of our school families who buy SCRIP. Imagine if ALL of our families used SCRIP - we would net over \$100,000 yearly, and we could eliminate a lot of our smaller fundraisers!
p.s. Target is a new participating SCRIP vendor - we will have Target SCRIP available soon!

AUCTION

Raffle - This year's raffle is called the 3-2-1 raffle: 1st Place Prize is \$3000, 2nd Place Prize is \$2000, 3rd Place Prize is \$1000. Each school family received one raffle ticket to either buy, sell or return. If you would like additional raffle tickets, please contact the Development Office at 437-8908 or hjmayer@pacellischools.org. If you are not buying your ticket, please return it to school as soon as possible.

Tickets - If you would like to attend the Auction, please contact the Development Office for ticket information.

Volunteers - We are always looking for volunteers to help with various projects, as well as to help the night of the Auction. If you are available to help, please contact the Development Office.



Pacelli Spelling Bee Winners



1st place

Shane DeSilva
5th grade

2nd place

Tehya Kvam
6th grade

3rd place

Daniel Bollingberg
7th grade

4th place

Maija Cluever
8th grade

The Pacelli Catholic Schools 5th - 8th grade Spelling Bee was held on Friday, January 14th in the Pacelli High School auditorium. This year's first place winner was Shane DeSilva. Shane will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee held in Rochester, MN.

Saint of the Month: Our Lady of Lourdes

Feast Day: February 11th

In 1858, in the grotto of Massabielle, near Lourdes in southern France, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared 18 times to Bernadette Soubirous, a 14-year-old peasant girl. Mary revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception (the dogma of which had been established just 4 years prior). She asked that a chapel be built on the site of the apparitions and told the girl to drink from a fountain in the grotto. No fountain was to be seen, but when Bernadette dug at the spot designated by Our Lady, a spring began to flow. The water still flows today and has been credited as the source of many miraculous healings. Lourdes has become one of the most visited shrines of Our Lady and continues to remind us that our Blessed Mother has asked us to pray, accept our cross, and do penance for the conversion of souls.

Do you like the idea of making a pilgrimage to a Marian apparition site, but not the idea of traveling clear to Europe? Good news! The United States now has its first approved apparition site and it is located in the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin. On December 8, 2010 -- the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception -- Bishop David L. Ricken decreed with "moral certainty" that the Virgin Mary had indeed appeared to a young Belgian immigrant woman on three occasions in October of 1859. The Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help is located one mile east of Champion, about a six hour drive from Austin. Check it out on the web at <http://shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.com/>.

Sources: <http://www.catholic.org>, <http://www.newadvent.org>, and <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/>

What Our Children Are Watching

by Mary P. Holtorf, Principal, Pacelli Catholic Schools

Protecting children from watching violent, sexual shows is difficult in our secular world. Television and movies send explicit messages to our children about what is acceptable behavior. The school council for Pacelli Catholic Schools sent a strong message about what students watch in school by developing a policy to inform families when teachers intend to show movies in class.

Movies have the power to teach valuable lessons for our students that may tie in perfectly with our curriculum. Teachers might pick a movie to enhance a topic in the curriculum or they might occasionally pick a movie for a fun activity for the classroom. According to the new policy, teachers must check the following two websites for details

about the movies they will show:

www.usccb.org/movies/ and www.imdb.com

In addition, teachers will need to get all movies approved through administration. Once approved, teachers will inform parents of the name of the movie and why it is being shown. Parents can then decide if their child should watch it. Teachers will always have an alternative plan for students whose parents have decided that they should not watch a particular movie.

A partnership between families, students, and teachers will encourage our children to grow up healthy, happy, and strong. We are helping our students realize what is appropriate by modeling choices of what to watch. At Pacelli Catholic Schools, protecting students is a team effort.

Pacelli's *Singing Valentines*

Delivered – February 14th, 2011



For \$20.00 receive a special song and a flower!

Delivered between 8am and 3:00pm

Contact the Pacelli High School Office
437-3278

Pacelli Choir's Spring Hanging Basket Sale!

What: 12" Sun or Shade Hanging Baskets

Cost: \$25 each



To Order Contact any
Pacelli Choir Student
or Pacelli High School
437-3278

PACELLI CATHOLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT OF THE MONTH



JANUARY


NOMINEES:	NOMINATED BY...
Chaise Harmdierks	Mrs. Wicks Mrs. Frederick
Ariana Starkey	Mrs. Schwab Mrs. Baker
Keegan Kruse	Mrs. Schwab Mrs. Baker
Elia Abdalla	Mrs. Schwab Mrs. Baker
Isaac Nelsen	Mrs. Schwab Mrs. Baker
Laroba Abdalla	Mrs. Taylor
Buay Koak	Mrs. Taylor
Sam King	Mrs. Wicks
Juan Barguiarena	Mrs. Zielke
Ray Wicks	Mrs. Zielke
Donavon Felten	Mrs. Valentine
Andy Williams	Mrs. Valentine
Ellen Kanne	Mrs. Kristen Bambrick
Brayden Steinbach	Mrs. Kristen Bambrick
Braeden Johnson	Mrs. Weinmann
Samuel Nelsen	Mrs. Weinmann

NOMINEES:	NOMINATED BY...
Olivia Culbert	Mrs. Ulland
Garrett Johnson	Mrs. Ulland
Getsemani Ramirez	Mrs. Braaten
Dongrin Deng	Mrs. Braaten
Myra Kraemer	Ms. Gees
Antonio Rubio	Ms. Gees
Madison Hasley	Mrs. Leif
Neftali Lopez	Mrs. Wicks
Bennett Kraemer	Mrs Jeannie Bambrick
Trishanna Gordon	Mrs. Holtorf
Betsy Ettinger	Mrs. Jeannie Bambrick
Tiffany Hoelsing	Mrs. Jeannie Bambrick
Annie Holtz	Mr. Bowden
Amanda Enstad	Mr. Bowden
Abby Leif	Mr. Bowden
Meg Seavey	Mr. Parlin
Steph Kocer	Mr. Bowden



February 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
<p>Catholic Schools Week!</p> <p>KC Pancake Breakfast St. A's 9:00am-12:30pm</p>	<p>Jersey Dress-up Day Book and Arts Fair</p>	<p>Girls B/V Bball Home at PHS 6:00/7:15pm Boys B/V Bball Home at Lyle 6:00-7:15pm</p> <p>Shamrock Spirit Dress-up Day Book and Arts Fair</p> <p><u>PHS Chapel Mass 7:20am</u></p>	<p>Class Color-Look-Alike Day Book and Arts Fair</p> <p>VIP Lunch Reading Across the Street 2:00pm at Elementary</p> <p>All School Open House 6:00-7:30pm Paicelli Talent Show 7:30pm</p>	<p>Duet Tape Dress-up Day Book and Arts Fair</p> <p>VIP Lunch</p>	<p>Dress-up Day (NO Jeans) Book and Arts Fair Religion Bee K-3 Matchbox Theatre MS/HS Code Yellow Training St. Ed's Family Room</p> <p><u>All School Mass 9:00am</u></p>	<p>Paicelli Catholic Schools Winter Gala Austin Country Club</p>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		<p>2nd Quarter Honor Roll Brunch 6-12 gr 8:00am Jennings Hall</p> <p>Boys JH Bball Home at Lyle 4:30pm</p> <p><u>PHS Chapel Mass 7:20am</u></p>	<p>8 gr NAEP test</p> <p>6-12 gr Mass 9:00am</p>	<p>Boys JH Bball Home at Lyle 4:30pm AHS/PHS Wrestling Home at AHS 7:00pm</p> <p><u>Elementary Mass 9:00am</u></p>	<p>Safe and Secure Online Assembly for 4-12 gr</p> <p>Boys and Girls V Bball Home at PHS 6:00/7:20pm</p>	<p>ACT test at Riverland</p>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>LP Flurry Week</p>	<p>Boys JH Bball Home at Lyle 5:00pm</p> <p></p> <p>Singing Valentines Women's Quartet</p>	<p>School Council Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p><u>PHS Chapel Mass 7:20am</u></p>	<p>Early Dismissal Elementary 12:20pm 6-12 gr 12:55pm</p> <p>6-8 gr Conferences Homerooms 1:00-7:00pm 9-12 gr Conferences PHS Gym 4:00-7:00pm <u>6-12 gr Mass 9:00am</u></p>	<p>Girls B/V Bball Home at PHS 6:00/7:30pm</p> <p><u>Elementary Mass 9:00am</u></p>	<p>LP Pepfest PHS Gym 1:00pm</p> <p>Girls B/V Bball Home at PHS 6:00/7:15pm</p>	<p>LP Flurry Coronation PHS Auditorium 7:30pm</p> <p>LP Flurry Dance PHS Gym 8:00pm-12:00am</p>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<p>Boys B/V Bball Home at Lyle 6:00/7:15pm</p>	<p><u>PHS Chapel Mass 7:20am</u></p>	<p>Preschool classes visit the dentist's office</p> <p>6-12 gr Mass 9:00am</p>	<p><u>Elementary Mass 9:00am</u></p> <p>SCIENCE FAIR Grades 3-5</p>	<p>Dollar Jean Day</p> <p>K-12 gr \$1.00 Jean Day</p>	
27	28					
	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>K-5 CONFERENCES DONALD'S UNIFORM SALE</p>					

