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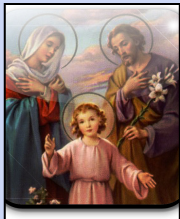
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The Holy Family

Mission
Statement

To create an envi-
ronment in which
children can begin
the process of
finding purposes
for their lives
which are part of
the purposes of
God.

Panther Prints



PANTHER PRIDE

SEPTEMBER 2, 2011

Mrs. Briggs' Blog

Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful start to our 2011-2012 school year. I was walking the halls earlier this week and observing in the classrooms when I thought how quiet things seem this year. It was then that I realized that this time last year we had just reached the Top 20 of the Kohls' Cares For Kids Campaign and were in reach of a \$500,000 goal. Seems surreal that one year ago this weekend, we achieved an unbelievable goal. Here we are a year later reaping the rewards of our efforts. The students are enjoying delicious lunches made with our new kitchen equipment, the installation of the air circulating units in the tower classrooms is almost complete, the teachers and students are utilizing the promethean boards in the classrooms, the new carpet looks beautiful in the front hall classrooms and we are scheduled to begin the construction on the new addition in October. Last year we worked to achieve a goal and this year we have the pleasure of seeing a dream become a reality. Thank you again for all your efforts!

Each year brings new faces and changes. We welcomed 37 new school families to our school community and a variety of changes to our "traditional way of doing things". Our PTO carnival was held at Paradise Park and was a fun night of camaraderie by students, parents and staff. We had 255 students attend the event which lasted most of the evening. We are grateful for all that PTO does for our school. Instead of a monthly all school Mass we come together to worship on a weekly basis. It is wonderful to see the students engage in the liturgy each week. Fr. Tom has invited the Kindergarten through Second grade students to come forward for a blessing at communion and we encourage you to invite them to receive the blessing on weekends as well. We are blessed to have Fr. Tom greet the students each morning; please encourage your children to say good morning as they enter the building.

Fr. Tom and I will be attending the upcoming PTO meeting on Tuesday, September 6th at 6:30pm in the Etue Room. We invite you to join us if your schedule permits. As I previously stated, we have many new families and students that chose Presentation as their school family. Please introduce yourself and help them feel welcome into our wonderful community.

Our Annual PTO Golf Tournament is only three weeks away; I hope you can join us. Please contact Pat McNamara, pat@firebaughtconstruction.com, for more information .

I have included the daily Holy Family prayer we say as a school each morning. I invite you to pray it with your family as well.

Have a safe and wonderful weekend. May God continue to bless each of us.

Peace,

Mrs. Jodi Briggs

Holy Family Prayer: Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home. Amen

"Inspiring spiritual and academic growth"

Mass With the Children

Monday, September 12

Lector: Savannah Gray
Coordinating Class: Mrs. Fletcher
Theme: Nativity of Mary

Monday, September 19

Lector: Jacob Poletis
Coordinating Class: Mrs. Feuerborn
Theme: St. Matthew the Apostle, Feast

Monday, September 26

Lector: Carly Byrne
Coordinating Class: Mrs. Lynch
Theme: Archangels, Feast

Monday, October 3

Lector: Undetermined at time of printing
Coordinating Class: Mrs. Coleman
Theme: St. Francis 4

Peace and Blessings,

Jo Engert

*Director of Religious Education
Our Lady of the Presentation*

Give to others and you will receive;

good measure, pressed down,

shaken together, and running over,

will be poured into your lap.

**For whatever measure
you give to others
will be the measure
you receive.**

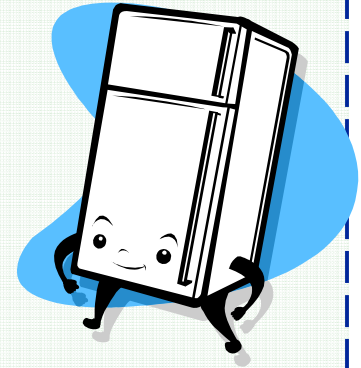
Luke 6:38



Fridge Worthy News

Cut out on the dotted
lines and keep on the
fridge so you are

IN the KNOW



OLP Happenings



*We welcome Fr. Tom Holder to
Our Lady of the Presentation.
Please join us for his welcome
reception September 10 and
11 after all Masses. See page
12 for Father's Message.*

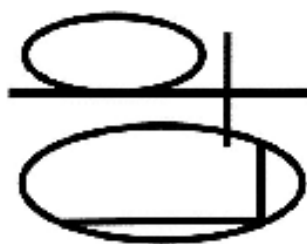
September

- 2 Noon Release/Spirit Day
- 5 Labor Day, No School
- 6 PTO Meeting 6:30pm
- 3 Fall Pictures (in uniform)
- 13 Meyer Music w/ band instruments
- 14 Midterms
- 16 Noon Release, Spirit Day
- 16 PTO Golf Tournament pm
- 30 3rd Grade Retreat

Early October

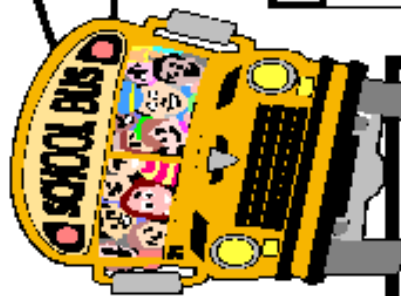
- 4 PTO Meeting 6:30pm
- 7 Living Rosary

CHORISTERS: OLP Choristers are accepting singers. Singers from the 3rd grade and older are welcome. Choristers meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Music Room. For more information contact Mr. Armstrong or check the OLP Choristers parish web link: <http://www.presentation-parish.org/Ministries/Liturgy%20and%20Music/School%20Choristers/School%20Chorister.htm>.



What's for Lunch???

September 2011



Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Salad Bar or Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato Roll Gr.Beans	2 Early Release	3
4	5 No School LABOR DAY	6 BBQ Pork on bun Oven Fried Potato	7 Salad Bar or Veg. Beef Soup	8 Tator Tot Cas- serole Green Beans	9 Salad Bar or Chicken Al- fredo	10
11	12 Sliced Ham Cheesy Pota- toes Corn	13 Salad Bar or Italian Sub Sand.	14 Taco Salad Spanish Rice Jell-O	15 Salad Bar or Cheesy Mo- staccolli	16 Early Release	17
18	19 Sloppy Jo Tator Tots Mixed Vege- tables	20 Salad Bar or Baked Chick- en Mac n Cheese	21 Pepperoni Pizza Stuffed Crust Carrots w/	22 Salad Bar or Beef Enchiladas w/ Lettuce/tomato Refried beans	23 Chicken Fried Steak Roll Mashed Potato	24
25	26 Turkey Wrap Carrots w/ ranch Chips	27 Salad Bar or Spaghetti w/ meat Salad	28 Chicken Str Fry w/vegetables Rice	29 Salad Bar or Polish Sausage Oven Fried Po- tatoes	30 Cheeseburg- er French Fries Baked Beans	

Lunch prices:
 Student 2.75
 Stuck lunch (Deli sandwich ham or turkey) 2.75
 Adult 2.75
 A la carte 1.50
 Salad Bar 3.75
 Milk .45
 Snacks .45 or .75 (Fruit/Yogurt/Cheese sticks)
 *Salad Bar for 3rd-8th grades only.
 *Ice Cream when available .75
 Any questions let me know.
 Email: jloehr@presentation-parish.org
 Phone: 251-1116



"If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy." —St. John Vianney

In 2008, we presented "A Walk Through the Mass" to gain a deeper appreciation of the Mass. In 2011, new changes will affect how we participate in the Mass beginning Nov. 27th, the First Sunday of Advent. In an effort to gain a better understanding as to why changes are being made and what the changes mean, we invite you and your family to:

"Getting Behind the Texts"

A Workshop on the Roman Missal with Fr. Paul Turner

Monday, September 26th

7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

Fr. Turner will "walk us through" the principal changes to the people's part of the Mass and explain the reason for the revised translation. We will also take a closer look at some of the collects and one of the Eucharistic prayers. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your appreciation of the Mass and get up to date with the changes that are coming!



Paul Turner is pastor of St. Munchin parish in Cameron, MO and its mission, St. Aloysius in Maysville. A priest of the diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, he holds a doctorate in sacred theology from Sant' Anselmo in Rome. He has authored several books on the catechumenate, sacraments and liturgy.

Counselor's Corner



I am starting my 11th year as your School Counselor. Each and every child is a priceless gift from God and with God's gift comes immense responsibility. As your Counselor I understand the critical importance of helping your children with love, with discipline, with kindness, with respect, with compassion, and with God. I am here at Presentation to assist your children and families through the good times and bad. Please call me or e-mail me at any time if your child or family is going through a difficult time or a joyous time. I will remain confidential and only share with the appropriate staff if needed. I can be reached at 251-1118 or my e-mail is vmueller@presentation-parish.org. Heavenly Father when I have the glorious opportunity to care for children and their families let me love them, care for them, nurture them, teach them and lead them to you. Amen and God Bless, Vicki Mueller

Service Hours Update

I will be coordinating the students service hours and projects again this school year. There is a tracking form on line so please help your child keep track of their service hours throughout the summer and this upcoming school year. Our goal is for our students to receive the Presidential Service Awards in May. Any student who obtains 50 hours will receive the Bronze Award; those students who obtain 5-99 service hours will receive the Silver Award; those students who obtain 100+ hours will receive the Gold Award. Please mark your calendars now for Monday, May 7, 2012 for our Service Awards Ceremony.

A flyer will be coming home and will be on our website for the "Nativity of Mary" Mass on Monday, September 12 where we are asking our students to bring in baby items and children's socks for 3 different organizations. Read the flyer at the end of this week and bring in your items for Mass on September 12. Thank you in advance for helping these organizations. Vicki Mueller

Thought for the Week

"Without kindness there can be no joy."

Kindness

The character trait for September is "Kindness". Kindness means caring for others. It means putting aside your own interests to do nice things to help others. A kind person is thoughtful, considerate, understanding, and tries to imagine how others are feeling.

This character trait will be discussed in all of the classrooms through the month of September. I will be providing stories, activities, and discussion questions for the teachers to use on these character traits throughout the school year.



Nurse's Notes

We are excited to be starting a new school year and look forward to a healthy year for all our students. In order to do that, we have a few suggestions to help ensure the health of our students and some reminders to all parents to avoid confusion and to ensure the best care for your children.

We all know that children need 8-10 hours of sleep a night to be fully rested and ready for the day. Please make sure that your children get a good night's sleep every night. To make the morning run smoother, try laying out clothes and backpacks the night before school. Make sure that all paperwork is taken care of before the morning so you aren't slowed down by signing notes, permission slips and other misc. papers. Pack lunches before going to bed. Play quiet music while your family gets ready for the day. Everyone is in a better mood if the day starts off well. A day that starts off in a frenzy will probably continue that way.

We are concerned that all children stay hydrated during the school day. We encourage everyone to bring a water bottle to school and use it throughout the day. We recommend water bottles with pop-top lids instead of screw off lids to help prevent spills. We would like each student to take home their water bottle each night, clean it thoroughly, and bring it back the next day filled with fresh, cold water.

A good breakfast is important to a child's performance in school, as well as their health. Breakfast is the fuel that provides your child with the energy to listen and learn during the day. Most breakfasts are high in carbs and low in fat and protein. This can leave your children running out of steam by mid-morning. Carbs are the first fuels to be digested and used, which is good for a quick start. Proteins and fats – the time-release fuel to provide extended energy – need to follow or blood sugar levels can drop along with a child's ability to concentrate. Examples of good breakfast combinations are peanut butter on toast, whole wheat bagel with cream cheese, trail mix and apple and milk. Remember that any breakfast is better than none at all. You might want to consider keeping a few granola bars or pop-tarts in the car for those mornings that your child does not have time to eat. We do realize that not all children eat a good breakfast every day so we encourage students to bring a healthy snack (vegetable sticks, fruit, crackers and cheese, granola bars) to school if their teacher allows it. **Please do not send chips, cookies, pudding, cake, and that sort of thing for their snack. A complete list of recommended healthy snacks can be found on the website under "Parents".**

Nurse's Notes (cont'd)

Doctor's Medication Order and Consent Form This sheet needs to be filled out and signed by both your child's pediatrician and a parent and returned to the Health Room. We need this form on file in the Health Room in order for us to give any medication – even over-the-counter medication – to your child throughout the school year. **These forms may be picked up in the Health Room or downloaded from our website. We need a new form each year so even if your child had a form on file last year, we need a new one signed this year.**

If you want us to be able to give your child any medicine throughout the school year (including non-prescription medicines and cough drops) you must send in your own medicine in the original container. Please do not send any medicines in a zip lock bag and ask us to give it to your child. Any medicine sent to school in a zip lock bag will be returned home at the end of the day. We are not allowed to give any medicine that is not in its original container. All medications to be taken at school must be kept in the Health Room. This includes all inhalers and cough drops.

A Health Information and History sheet was given out at Back to School Night for all students. **If you have not filled this out and returned it to school, please do so ASAP.** It is very important that we have the latest health information on all our students.

If you ever need to contact us in the Health Room, our direct line phone number is 251-1123. Our e-mail address is nurses@presentation-parish.org Please use this e-mail address when you want to e-mail us. We do check our e-mail frequently during the day. Please remember to let us know if your contact information changes. In case of an emergency with a student we want to be able to contact you without delay.

Thank you for helping us keep your children healthy.

Mary Rupp RN and Kathy Chamberlin RN

Asbestos Management Plan

Parents, staff, and parent/teacher organizations:

Per AHERA regulation, the school Asbestos Management Plan is available for examination in the school office.

Library News

The 1,000 page summer reading challenge was a great success. We had 159 students in K-8 read 319,619 pages. First grade had the highest number of students that participated, with 33 and 6th graders had the highest number of pages read, with 57,995. Mrs. Drake also challenged the staff to read 3,000 pages and 14 staff members met the challenge and read 85,139 pages!. Thanks for reading, everyone!!

Grade	# of kids	# of pages
Kindergarten	1	1006
First	33	43199
Second	27	39782
Third	25	47246
Fourth	22	43961
Fifth	11	37947
Sixth	22	57995
Seventh	11	30178
Eighth	7	18345
Staff	14	85139
	173	404798

1,000 page summer reading challenge

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY:

Lilly and Hannah Westphal
Riley Monteil
The Rellihan Family
Katelyne Kratofil

QSP magazine sale/renewal:

Our Lady of the Presentation Library is once again participating in the QSP magazine sale and renewal. The kickoff for this sale is on Monday September 12, at 2:00. All profits made from this sale goes to the library, which sets the budget for the year. Mrs. Drake uses the funds to purchase new books, resources, and AR tests.

What's Happening in MUSIC?

3-5 Grade Fall Music Program – October 18th @ 2pm!

K-2 Grade Christmas program – December 7th @ 7pm!

Kindergarten –Kindergarten is learning about our different types of voices: talking, singing, yelling, and whispering and how to identify them. We are also learning about steady beats (the heartbeat of songs) and how to identify as well as play steady beats.

1st grade –We are reviewing what steady beat is and about the difference between rhythm of the song and the beat. We will be learning the note names on the staff. We are also learning about the different types of voices and high and low sounds.

2nd grade – We are expanding on what 1st grade is doing and beginning to dictate early in the month. They will be able to hear a song and write out on the board where the quarter and eighth notes, and quarter rests are in our pieces.

3rd grade -5th grade – The 3rd -5th graders are beginning to prepare for their program which will be held on Tuesday, October 18th at 2 pm in the auditorium. Each grade will be singing. All are welcome to attend! 5th grade will also be trying instruments during school for those interested in the band program. Meyer Music will be here on Tuesday, September 13th from 5:30pm-7pm to rent/sell instruments to families. They will be available to answer any questions you may have about the renting process.

Middle School –All middle school students interested in the band program will also have the opportunity to try out the instruments. We will begin this month reviewing musical concepts such as note names, rhythms, dynamics, and other musical characteristics.

Each month we discuss a different composer. The composer for August was George Friderich Handel. He was born in 1685 and was one of the most famous composers of his time. He was most famous for his work “The Messiah” which contains one of the most well-known choral pieces of music, “The Hallelujah Chorus.” During the month of September we will be learning about Johann Sebastian Bach.

Tiffany Miller

What's Happening in P.E.?

The students have just completed their pre-test for Presidential Fitness and now are getting into the fun of PE. Grades 3-8 will be starting a volleyball unit while grades K-2 will be starting our exercise relay units. They will be playing games such as: stack cup relay, fitness relay, caterpillar relay, etc. Check the website for my scoring rubric and unit plans.

Coach Mayle

What's Happening in Elementary Computer Lab?

Welcome back to all the students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. The Elementary Computer Lab has been a busy place so far this year. Classes are coming in to work on “Success Maker” three days a week. Mrs. Sims has been working with 3rd graders and 4th graders on keyboarding program, “Type to Learn3.” Fifth grade has started with “Type to Learn4”. Kindergarten loves “A to Zap” and beginning word sounds. First and Second grades have been exploring the internet on the school’s homepage and working with the encyclopedia, “Encarta”—3D mazes and great videos. Everyone has been great and so ready to get back to work in the computer lab.

Mrs. Susan Sims, elementary computer lab teacher

What's Happening in Art Class?

Welcome



Art projects are typically completed in units (ranging from two weeks to six weeks or longer, e.g. approximately 3 to 8 30 minute classes depending on the project; note 2 to 3 classes period; are devoted to the introduction, discussion and teaching strategies of the art unit's components, while the remaining classes are the hands-on/studio skill; portion of the art project). Units are multi-dimensional and are based on various artists and art movements and styles/history, cultural units (Western and non-Western), all of which are incorporated with examining the definitions, purpose and application of art elements and art principles and various art processes and techniques, interpretation, criticism, evaluation, analysis and emotional expression/reaction of art and utilizing available media via a variety of techniques.

August and September 11'

Grades kindergarten through sixth will begin the school year with color wheel/theory unit/projects, which also encompass applying art elements and art principles (composition), utilizing different types of media, examining purpose of artwork and exploring emotional expression regarding their art and the art of others; etc. Throughout the school year, each grade level will be exploring different units incorporating a wide array of the art educational components discussed above.

- **Kindergarten: Introduction to the Color Wheel: Create Color Wheels; Primary and Secondary Colors, explore primary and secondary color arrangement on the wheel.**
- **1st grade: Color Wheel Bubble Gum Machine; Primary, Secondary and (new concept) complementary colors, color wheel arrangement.**

- **2nd grade: Color Wheel Magic Squares; Color Intensity, Value and Hue. Explore the concept of value (lightness and darkness), intensity (saturation), and hue (color) experiment color value, intensity, and hue by adding lighter and darker colors to one color to produce various highs, mediums and low values, intensities and hues.**
- **3rd grade: Color Wheel: Mixing Primary and Secondary Colors to create (new concept) Intermediate Colors. Create Venn diagram animals exhibiting mixing colors that create an intermediate color (what intermediate color has a primary and secondary color in common)?**
- **4th grade: Color Wheel Motifs; Design a complete Color wheel arrangement exhibiting various parts of the color wheel arrangement.**
- **5th Grade: Color Wheel: (New concept) Split Complementary Color Schemes; Create a split complementary color composition utilizing fractions and abstract design in collage medium.**
- **6th grade: Color Wheel: 6th grade is the year when students complete their color wheel curriculum reviewing elements learned k-5th and adding the last few concepts. Color wheel/theory review and exam. Create graffiti art/ (art history) Jean Michel Basquiat integrated with color wheel concepts.**
- **Seventh Grade: The Great Wave off Kanagawa and Hokusai fused with the contemporary art of Nina Bovasso's In the Surf composition. Art History: examine Hokusai and the Edo period, woodblock and composition of The Great Wave. Examine Bovasso's In the Surf, compare and contrast with Hokusai. Create painting fusing elements and principles of both periods.**
- **Eighth Grade: Fusion of Abstract Expressionism; Jackson Pollock, Modern Art/ Tom Everhart utilizing non-traditional materials to create comprehensive compositions.**

***During the first week of school, I discuss with all grade levels the various logistics of the art room, grading procedures, art room rules and other miscellaneous art room procedures (it usually takes approximately two 30 minute classes to cover the information discussed above).**

Message from Father Tom

Dear Parents:

I hope all of you are getting settled into the routines of another school year. There is a lot that happens in these first weeks of school so I know it can take a while to adjust to all the activity.

As you establish all your daily routines, I want to suggest something that might be helpful in developing gratitude and reflection in your family. Each day before dinner or going to sleep, ask your children to share a **BLESSING OF THE DAY**. This could be simple things like having their favorite lunch or having fun at recess or lead into a discussion about some accomplishment or a situation where they helped someone.

The important thing is to get your children (and you) to recognize and share the many ways God blesses us each day and to be grateful for these blessings – big and small. You might try it and see if it makes a difference in your family relationships.

Thanks for the blessing you are to your children and our community.

Have a blessed Labor Day weekend.

Fr. Tom Holder

Parent Bulletin Board

For exchange of school information among parents.

Submit notices to aatwell@presentation-parish.org

Looking for a plaid jumper size 7. Please contact Trish Hoff, email scanlanp@bv.com.

PAROCHIAL LEAGUE SPORTS CORNER

Parents with students participating in a parochial league sport or a school sponsored organization (band, STUCO), please review the participation policy in the school handbook, it was revised from last year and approved by the School Advisory Board. Please note the eligibility reporting dates listed below.

Football (3rd & 4th grades)

9/12

9/19

9/26

10/3

10/10

10/17

Football (5th-8th grades)

9/26 (including MS)

10/3

10/10 (including MS)

10/17

10/24 (including MS)

Volleyball (all grades)

9/12 (including MS)

9/19

9/26 (including MS)

10/3

10/10 (including MS)

10/17

10/24 (including MS)

10/31

11/7 (including MS)

11/14

This takes us through the City tournament



JOIN US for the 2011 CHRIST THE KING CARNIVAL!

The Christ the King Parish School Carnival (85th & Wornall Rd) is Saturday, October 1st 2011, from 5-9PM in the north parking lot and school gymnasium. Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors and friends and enjoy a fun-filled evening. There will be a new "Photo Booth" this year along with music, face painting, clowns, games, prizes, food and much, much more. Game tickets will go on sale the week of the carnival or you may purchase them at the event.

"Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire." --William Butler Yeats