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Principal's Note

On behalf of the entire Precious Blood School faculty and staff, we wish you a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Annual Food Drive December 1-12.

Every year, PB students and staff collect food items to feed over 100 needy families at Christmas. Each family is given enough food for three meals. Under the coordination of Mrs. Bernstein, our students have been collecting canned and boxed food items. The goal was for the school to collect 2,000 items – about 6 items per student. We exceeded that goal by collecting 2,105 items!

Yes, there was a friendly competition among the classes. Each day, they checked out their progress by looking at “present graphs” in the hallway by the office. The “reward” for classes when they met their goal? The reward was immediate and powerful – the incredible and satisfying feeling of having helped others in need. Jesus said, “Feed the poor”. Our students were lucky to have the chance to follow his call and enjoy the feelings that come with it. ☺

PB Students Received Sacrament Of Reconciliation For The First Time.

Congratulations to all of the second grade students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 6th. The service was very beautiful, and the children were very reverent. We are very proud of them and glad that they are in God's grace filled forgiveness. The students are Rose Abraham, Kebba Archimalo, Courtney Ballinger, Margaret Butler, Gabrielle Coleman, Joseph Discher, Colin Downing, Bradlee elders, Josie Forsthoff, Cahalan Hickey, Anna Kutter, Allie Murray, Erin Norman, Collin Piser, Julian Thomasson, Essence Thornton, Tristan Wilmore, and fourth grader Nick Butler.



SPEL SPELL SPELL !!

And that's just what two of our students did in the annual Precious Blood Spelling Bee. Winner Adeleke Arowosegbe and Runner-up Michael Spencer will represent our school in the Trotwood District Spelling Bee in February.

These were the top ten spellers:

- 10 Conor Hickey
- 9 Christian Coleman
- 8 Shawn Cokes
- 7 Tyler Pavelka
- 6 Kyle McKinney
- 5 Robert Norwood
- 4 Marcie Meyers
- 3 Jacob Coleman
- 2 Michael Spencer
- 1 ADELEKE AROBOSEGBE

Special congratulations to our 4th and 5th grade participants who did a wonderful job of staying in the bee longer than many other students. Maybe one of them will be the top winner next year!

Eighth Graders Meet The Sisters!

Eighth graders at Precious Blood School are learning the true meaning of giving and how to be generous this holiday season. They have been pen pals with the retired Sisters of the Precious Blood who live across the street from school at Salem Heights. In the face of email and casual communication, the students received a lesson on good old-fashioned letter writing and have been exchanging letters for a few months with the Sisters.

Each student has a partner and the pair has been sending letters, photos, and cards back and forth. The eighth graders' letters have been sincere, thoughtful, and heartfelt.

Even more than a writing lesson, the students are also learning some basic life skills, including respect for all ages. The students are learning how to shake hands, make eye contact, improve listening skills, and how to make conversation with an adult. The students met their Sister pen pals on Tues.,



Dec. 9th, to share some treats and stories. The Sisters shared family photos, scrapbooks, and history with the eighth graders and

even taught the PB students some new card games. The eighth graders greeted their pen pals with homemade Christmas cards and some of the Sisters had small tokens, candy, or prayer cards for the students.

Friendships were made and hugs were given. The Sisters and the eighth graders are looking forward to another get together in February and hope to continue their new relationships for a long time. Mrs. Weizman, eighth grade English teacher, is very proud of the students' behavior and attitude. She shared these words with the eighth grade class after their visit... "attentive, respectful, composed, sincere, thoughtful, sweet, funny, and kind."



8th Grade Washington Reminder: Just a gentle reminder that the next payment date for the DC trip will be January 16, 2009. Please support the Market Day and basketball fundraisers.

Seventh and 8th Grade Basketball Players

Congratulations go to the boys' 7th grade and 8th grade basketball teams. The boys played in the Thanksgiving Tournament at St. Helen's. They both finished with First Place Trophies! The 7th graders should be very proud of how they fought back from a 12 point deficit to win their championship. And, our inside information let us know that our 8th grade boys should be very proud of the way they played true basketball - the way it should be played, to win their trophy. Congratulations on a great start to a new season, guys.

Nurses Notes – Cold or Flu? 'tis the Season - Colds and flu are both contagious, and in the initial stages bad cold and the flu may seem alike. However, the flu is a serious illness which may have life threatening implications. The flu usually comes on suddenly and may include symptoms, such as high fever, headache, tiredness/weakness, dry cough, runny nose, diarrhea, and vomiting... you get the idea. Yuck. If you suspect your child has the flu, you must seek treatment in the first 48 hours for effective treatment by antiviral meds.

PB helps out ... even when we weed-out

Kay Feldmann and her volunteers have been going through the Precious Blood book collection in the library in an effort to weed out old or underused books. Rather than dispose of the books, Mrs. Feldmann joined with the Berry Scholars from the University of Dayton. Through those UD students, our used books go to needy families around the world.

LET US GIVE THANKS!

Every year our entire student body and staff join to give thanks for the many blessings Our Lord continues give us, not just at Thanksgiving, but all year long. At our annual Thanksgiving lunch, the eighth grade class served everyone a delicious turkey and trimmings dinner. Not a tray was dropped, not a carton of milk spilled as our eighth graders graciously helped everyone. It is a wonderful sight to see our whole school together as one, giving thanks and enjoying not only the food, but one another's company as well.

Silent Night, Holy Night

It WAS a holy night, although not a silent one! Our church rang to the ceiling with joyful song as our student body, under the expert direction of Mr. Jason Richard, performed our annual Christmas Concert for family and friends. What a wonderful sight to see as our students once again repeated the amazing Christmas story of Our Lord's birth and the grace and blessings He brought us for all times.

Everyone, from the precious kindergartners and primary students, to the actors (especially the sheep!) and the Precious Blood Band, came together to make this one of the best concerts ever at our school. The evening ended with everyone participating in our traditional singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night." Congratulations and thank you to all who made this night so special.



EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

Because Precious Blood School serves students from seven different school districts, **we will make the decision to close/keep open regardless of what Trotwood, Northmont, and/or Dayton decide to do.** Student safety is always the first and most important consideration when that decision is made. Please look for Precious Blood on TV to find out if our school is open or closed. Watch WHIO-TV (Channel 7), WKEF-TV (Channel 22/45) or WDTN-TV (Channel 2) for school closing information. If any school district has an early dismissal, Precious Blood School students who use that transportation will be dismissed. Please talk with your child/children about a plan for these situations for any early dismissals.

Youth Choir is Very Busy Our Youth Choir has been very busy this holiday season. They sang at the Stillwater Banquet Center on December 10th then wowed balconies full of people at the National City Center as a part of the Downtown Dayton Performance series. The choir did a beautiful job, singing with clear voices and perfect choir behavior. They will perform Christmas carols and songs at the

intergenerational program at the parish, "From Advent to Christmas" on December 20th. They finish up the holiday season by singing at the Children's Mass on December 24th.



Eye of the Tiger Makes PB Debut

The new student newspaper, The Eye of the Tiger, made it off the press and into student hands in December. A paper by students, for students, written by 8th graders was greeted with rave reviews. Proceeds from the 50-cent charge go to support the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C.

Hints from the Kitchen:

For holiday cooking: before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill it with hot water; dump out the hot water but don't dry the cup. Next, add your ingredient, such as peanut butter and watch how easily it comes out right.

Parents: Were you aware that you can add money to your child's lunch account by going onto the school web site? preciousbloodschool.org; cafeteria; pledge connect. Works for credit card or check.

Second Graders Help Native Alaskans

Students in Mrs. Hoy's class wanted to help Mr. and Mrs. Lommel get off to a good start at their new mission work in Alaska. Mrs. Lommel was a teacher at Precious Blood in year's past but is now actively in the mission field. She and her family will go just after Christmas. The students collected a super big jar of pennies... but also sent along lots of prayers as well.



January/February Dates to Remember

JANUARY

- Monday, 5 - Return to school from holiday break
- Thursday, 8 - Home and School Assn, 7:00PM
- Sunday, 11 - Skating Party, 5:30-7:30PM
- Tuesday, 13 - School Advisory Council, 6:30 PM
- Thursday, 15 - Spirit Day & Bake Sale
- Friday, 16 - End of Second Quarter
- Monday, 19 - Martin L. King, Jr. Day, No School
- Friday, 23 - Report Cards Home, Market Day
Gym Uniform Sale
- M-F, 26-30 - Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday, 27 - Family Math Night/Open House, 7:00PM
- Thursday, 29 - Grandparents Day
- Friday, 30 - Science Fair

FEBRUARY

- Sunday, 8 - 8th Grade Confirmation
Skate Party, 5:30-7:30 PM
- M-TH, 9-12 - Book Fair
- Tuesday, 10 - Grade 5 Writing
- T/Thurs, 10/12 - 8th Grade Pictures
- Friday, 13 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- Monday, 16 - No School
- T-F, 17-20 - Presidents Day, No School
- Thursday, 19 - Chris Rowlands Artist in Residence
- Friday, 20 - Spirit Day
- Weds, 25 - Market Day & Gym Uniform Sale
- Friday, 27 - Ash Wednesday
- Interims home

