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## **POWERSCHOOL LIVE!**

We are pleased and excited to announce that Precious Blood families will be able to keep track of their student's grades and progress through our new, online grade book program. *PowerSchool* enables you to check grades on all assignments, quizzes, tests, projects ... everything. You simply go to our website, click on the PowerSchool icon, enter your child's username and password, and you are there. If you have a question or would like to communicate with your child's teacher, just click on the email links provided. We hope that, like us, you will see PowerSchool as an important communication tool between home and school. Look for your child's username/password to arrive in the mail soon!

## **SNOW DAY UPDATE.**

Precious Blood is officially at the 5-day limit allowed by the State of Ohio. Any extra days that we use from this point forward will result in extending the school year in June. We'll simply make up those days at the end of the year.

As usual, the decision to close school will continue to be based upon safety considerations for students. Please watch the local TV stations for closing updates. Too, for those of you signed up for One-Call-Now, we will send a message to you as well. If you have not been receiving school announcement updates and would like to, please call the office to have your name added to the list.

## **MATH NIGHT AND OPEN HOUSE MULTIPLIED FEBRUARY FUN!**

Hide and Seek, Math Hangman, Nine Men's Morris?????What in the world went on?

What went on was Math Night and Open House on Tuesday, February 3, at Precious Blood School. Our school hallways were packed with students and parents, all joining in the fun of learning new math games from kindergarten to eighth grade. Students were able to show off their math skills when they played new math games and caught on more quickly than many of the adults. When the bell rang, students and parents moved to a different room and a new game, so at the end of the evening, everyone had learned at least three new games. It all added up to a lot of family fun.

While our students and parents challenged each other with the math games, many visitors took school tours and learned about the history of Precious Blood. They were able to see first hand how organized and creative our teachers are. Visitors learned about our curriculum, received information about extra-curricular activities, and saw our teachers in action.

As usual, our terrific Home and School Association, making everyone feel welcome, provided information about uniforms and served refreshments. We simply subtracted the snow and wind, and the answer was that it all added up to a wonderful evening.



**WANT TO SEE THIS IN COLOR?**

**JUST VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND CLICK ON THE TIGER TIMES LINK!!!!**

## GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Who are all these wonderful people who play games, always have snacks, and drive kids to school? Why grandparents, of course! And we could see by the smiles and hugs the students had for their grandparents that they truly love and appreciate them. They were so very proud to be able to introduce their grandparents to their teachers and friends.

No one was left out! When grandparents were simply too far away to come,

Precious Blood Parish members adopted a student (and in some cases, several students) for the day. How proud those students were to have someone special come to see them!



After gathering in our church and hearing warm and loving "testimonials" from their grandchildren, the grandparents visited classrooms and then were invited to lunch. Precious Blood is blessed to have so many interested grandparents who love and cherish their grandchildren and who are so very supportive of the education PB provides.



## Hints From Our Kitchen

When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar/calories per serving."

## PB Café Needs Part-Time Help

We are seeking to employ a part time server at Precious Blood School Cafeteria. The hours are approximately 11:00-1:00... every day. If you would like to join our team please call 293-8217 and ask for Linda Gibson.

## SPELL IT RIGHT! AND THEY DID!



Congratulations to Adeleke Arowosedbe who came in second place in the Trotwood District Spelling Bee at Trotwood High School on Tuesday, January 27. Both Adeleke and Michael Spencer participated in the district bee. If for some reason the first place winner from Trotwood cannot attend the regional spelling bee, Adeleke would represent both Trotwood and Precious Blood. Thanks to both of our students and Mrs. Elizabeth Weizman, their English teacher, who accompanied them to the bee. (Other PB spelling bee finalists were Jacob Coleman, Marcie Meyers, Robert Norwood, Kyle McKinney, Tyler Pavelka, Shawn Cokes, Christian Coleman, and Conor Hickey.)

LIGHTS, CAMERA, BOOKFAIR – Once again we are hosting our book fair. Thanks to tremendous planning from Kay Feldmann and her steadfast volunteers, it should be a huge

success.

## ARTIST RESIDENCIES

We have two artist residencies coming up in February (**Chris Rowlands**) and March (**Bing Davis**). We are calling them In Harmony With The Earth, In Touch With The Human Spirit. They grow directly from our efforts to improve the depth and quality of the work we are doing with the students at Precious Blood Catholic School and the belief that a rich experience in the arts, connected to academic goals, can provide powerful growth for our students, as well as a sense of pride in being a student or family member of Precious Blood School.

Both residencies support our year-long school goal of cultivating a deeper, authentic sense of respect in our school: respect for oneself, for one's neighbor, and for our role as caretakers and stewards of the environment.

**Chris Rowlands** – All our K-5 students attended Aullwood Adventure field experiences last fall. Chris Rowlands will spend a follow-up week writing and composing original songs inspired by those trips and their related content. The combination of talent and inspiration Chris Rowlands brings will add tremendous energy and insight into our goal of fostering a sense of respect, care, and stewardship for the earth; of acquiring specific scientific information about our natural world; and for developing a true appreciation for the art and craft of song writing



and music production. Like last year, we will produce a CD of songs and slides for every PB K-5 student to keep.



**Bing Davis** - Dayton has the Wright Brothers, the Pattersons, Ketterings, Paul L. Dunbar, Edwin C. Moses... and Bing Davis, all internationally famous persons. Bing is an outstanding artist and educator and will be here at PB for two days. He will speak to all students at an assembly on Monday, March 16 at 10:00AM. He'll talk about West African art and culture, with a special focus on design and the influence it has in our culture today – ranging from graphic design to adornment. On Tuesday, March 17, Bing will work with junior high students on a collaborative quilt design project that will result in two pieces of art that we can hang for display in our school. Thanks to Ann Vogel, docents from the Boonshoft museum will work with individual classrooms (K-5) on jewelry making inspired by Bing's presentation. Our generous H&SA is covering the \$2/child cost of the materials.

### **REGISTRATION PACKETS SENT OUT**

2009-2010 Registration packets are being included in the same brown envelope packet as this edition of Tiger Times. All the registration information you need is included. However, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the office for help. Speaking of help, you have always been our best source for getting new students. If you know of a family with school age children who might be interested in Precious Blood, please send contact information to us, and we'll get information out to them. We are eager to grow our school with families interested in high academic standards in a faith-filled environment.

### **Yearbooks:**

2008-2009 Yearbook order forms are included in your monthly brown envelopes this month. Yearbooks are only \$13.00! **Yearbook order forms must be returned to the school office no later than March 20, 2009.** Yearbooks will be delivered to school before the end of the school year. If paying by check, please make checks payable to **Lifetouch**.

### **Borrowed Uniform Item:**

Sometimes students need a change of uniform during the day for various reasons. If your child comes home with a school-borrowed pair of pants, shirt, etc., please wash uniform piece and return them to school the very next day. Precious Blood has a very limited supply of donated uniforms, and it is very important that you return the washed item to school immediately so uniform will be available to the next student who needs to borrow it. Thank you.

### **Student Absences:**

Please call the school office (277-2291) before 9:00 AM if your child will be absent for the school day.

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### **Pennies for Peace Project**

The students at Precious Blood School, with the help of the fifth/sixth grade STEP students, have joined hands with tens of thousands of other school children around the world who share the vision and dedication to empower communities through education in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. The students who are contributing to the Pennies for Peace program



will give pennies to help build schools and buy supplies for children who have had no education in this poverty-stricken area of the world. The STEP students are in the process of presenting information about this mission to all of the classes in the school. They have set up a collection point in the lobby of the school to collect pennies that can be found anywhere. Children can make a difference - one penny at a time! This program is based on the best selling book called Three Cups of Tea, a true life story of a man named Greg Mortenson who started the Pennies for Peace Program over twelve years ago. There is now a young readers' edition of the book that will be available in our library very soon along with a primary version called Listen to the Wind. The STEP group, along with Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Feldman, was able to meet Greg

Mortenson in person recently at Books and Company. He spoke to the group and signed all our books. It was quite a thrill!! So please continue to donate your pennies to this great cause. Thanks!!

### **Destination Imagination News**

Precious Blood will be represented by one team this year at the regional tournament on March 14th at Sinclair Community College. Team Members are Gabby Farrow, Nnaemeka Anene, Nnamdi Anene, and Kyle Mckinney. They will compete in the Division II Level with other sixth through eighth graders. Their team manager is Mrs. Cindy Farrow. This year, the team

is preparing for the Improvisational Challenge called "Private DI". They will create a six minute skit about the origin of a randomly selected Superstition. They will present the skit using three different Film Genres (randomly selected also) that the team has preciously researched. They will also integrate a Sleuth, randomly selected from a list and previously researched. In addition, they must create an origin for the Superstition and create a Superstition Origin Detector that physically moves and contributes to solving the mystery of the origin of the superstition. They have their work cut out for them as they prepare for this improv challenge. They will have just 30 minutes on the day of the tournament to prepare their skit and present it to the appraisers. Good luck to these DI students!

**Creative Art Show**



The Creative Art Show is a great place to see art made by students from Catholic schools in the Miami Valley from Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. It always takes place at the end of Catholic Schools' Week during the Cage Classic. Our own Precious Blood Students had many great pieces in the show. Art work submitted reflected knowledge of other cultures. Student work was inspired by Australian aboriginal dot paintings, Chinese Brush paintings and molas from Panama. The students work showed skills developed in a variety of media, including the wonderful oil pastel animal drawings, watercolor paintings and clay work. Most important, the art demonstrated the hard work, joy and fun students can have making art. Eighth grader, Kelsee Thomas, had a special honor and surprise when she was asked if she would be willing to sell her aboriginal painting. Her work will be framed and hung in the Catholic Education offices. It was great to have the Precious Blood Children's Choir sing at the reception for the Creative Art Show.

## February/March Dates to Remember

**FEBRUARY**

- Sunday, 8 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
Skate Party, 5:30-7:30 PM
- M-TH, 9-12 - Book Fair
- Tuesday, 10 - Grade 5 Writing
- T/Thurs, 10/12 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pictures
- Thursday, 12 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- Friday, 13 - Science Fair
- 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

**MARCH**

- Tuesday, 3 - N.D. Wilson, Author, Visit, grades 4-6
- Saturday, 7 - Student Screening, 9:00AM
- Sunday, 8 - Skating Party, Skateworld, 5:30-7:30PM
- Thursday, 12 - Home and School Assn., 7:00PM
- M/T, 16&17 - Bing Davis, Artist in Residence
- Thursday, 19 - Spirit Day
- Friday, 20 - Market Day Pick Up
- Saturday, 21 - Student Screening, 9:00AM
- Thursday, 26 - End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- Friday, 27 - Professional Day for Staff, No School
- Monday, 30 - Quarter 4 begins

