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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 November 30- December 11.

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. Bernsten, our students have been collecting canned and boxed food items. Our goal is for the school to collect 2,000 items – about 7 items per student.

Yes, there is a friendly competition among the classes. Each day, students can check their progress by looking at their Christmas tree in the office hallway. The ornaments indicate progress toward the classroom goal. The “reward” for classes when they meet their goal? The reward is immediate and powerful – the incredible and satisfying feeling of having helped others in need. Jesus said, “Feed the poor.” Our students are lucky to have the chance to follow his call and enjoy the feelings that come with it. ☺

PB Students Receive Sacrament Of Reconciliation For The First Time.

Congratulations to all of the second grade students who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on December 5th. We are very proud of them and glad that they have God’s grace-filled forgiveness. The students are Jewel Allen, Mahlik Allen, Nicholas Bridgett, Ahliya Brown, Sean Dineen, Aubrey Dwire, Regan Holkema, Gracey Hoskins, Roseanne Kemper, Zachary Lucking, Marilyn Mbah, A.J Murray, Aloysius Onuoha, Eli Patton, Larry Ramos, Terry Thomas, and Maria Weizman.

Volunteer With Accounting Skills Needed - The Home and School Association is looking for someone with accounting / auditing experience who can give a couple of hours of his/her time to audit

the association's finances. Anyone interested can contact the Home & School Treasurer, Laura Discher at 832-8086.

SPEL SPELL SPELL !!

And that’s just what the final three of our students did in the annual Precious Blood Spelling Bee. Winner Kenny Bester and Runners-up Daniel Feldmann and Xavier Gullatte will represent our school in the Trotwood District Spelling Bee.



These were the top ten spellers:

1. KENNY BESTER
2. Daniel Feldmann
3. Xavier Gullatte
4. Kaitlin Blanchard
5. Olivia Levine
6. Jordan Thomasson
7. Carlos McAtee
8. Chudi Archimalo
9. Conor Hickey
10. Adeleke Arowosegbe

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! Many thanks to our bee coordinator, Mrs. Weizman, judges, Mrs. Fernandez and Mrs. Foster, and pronouncer, Mr. Sorrell.

8th Grade Washington Reminder: Just a gentle reminder that the next payment date for the DC trip

will be January 15, 2009. Please support the Market Day and basketball fundraisers.

Athletic Association News

Track - An informational meeting, regarding proposed recommendations for the 2010 track season, will be held on December 7 at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria.

Soccer - The soccer season has officially ended. Congratulations to all of the teams for a great season. Special mention goes to the 5th/6th grade boys and 5th/6th grade girls soccer teams. Both teams won their leagues and finished as runner ups in the Miami Valley North Area tournament.

Basketball - We have 5 basketball teams this season. They include two 5th grade boys teams, one 5th grade girls team, a 7th grade boys team and an 8th grade boys team. Please come out to support your PB Tiger athletes. Complete schedules are available at www.CYODayton.org



Volleyball - Volleyball registration is coming soon. Please watch for more announcements.

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.

Student Council Up and Running – Thanks to the sponsorship and dedication of Mrs. Weizman and Mr. Sorrell, our Precious Blood student council is up and running. Members, elected from homerooms in grades 4-8, meet every other Thursday during their lunch period, and every other Friday after school. President Conor Hickey and Vice-President William Howard directed the members into organized work committees designed to meet the needs of PB students in areas of interest. This energetic group of students already has lots of ideas for the students and adults in our school to consider. Good luck, student council members. Members are:



Marvin Mbah
Zoe' Williams
RaeJean Gray
Ki' Yun Frazier
Isabella Anene
Johnny Trigg

Airrea Durden
Taylor Bridgett
Nnamdi Anene
Jasmyne Shaw
Catherine Grady
William Howard

Conor Hickey
Kaitlin Blanchard
Casey Dwire
Jailyn Garrison
Cyrah Ward



Renee Bondi In Concert Our Precious Blood students were blessed to be able to attend a special concert presented by nationally known performing artist, Renee Bondi. Mrs. Bondi was the victim of an accident that left her paralyzed from the neck down. Wheelchair-bound, she was determined to continue her dream of becoming a choir director and a performing artist. Our students, along with our special guests (the entire student body from St. Rita Catholic School), were entranced by Mrs. Bondi's beautiful singing voice. However, they carried away something even more important – a sense for how God works in special ways through all of us.

**Christmas Program – December 16, 7:00PM
Not To Be Missed!!! ☺**

It will be a holy night, although not a silent one! Our church will ring to the ceiling with joyful song as our student body, under the expert direction of Mr. Jason Richard, will perform our annual Christmas Concert for family and friends. Students in every grade will be there to share the gift of song with family, friends, and the Lord.

Everyone, from the precious kindergartners and primary students, to the Praise Dancers, and our Youth Choir will come together to make this one of the best concerts ever at our school. We're looking forward to a beautiful program. Everyone is invited



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 a very busy schedule for this holiday season. On December 9th then will sing as a part of the Downtown Dayton Performance series. They will also perform Christmas carols and songs at a number of local senior homes.

Hints from the Kitchen:

Since this hint worked so well for cooks last year and this is the season for making all those

goodies, we thought it was worth repeating. 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 right out! Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.

Gospel Choir To Be Formed

It's official! We are so very fortunate to announce that, in January, we will be forming a Precious Blood Gospel Choir for students in grades 5-8. Miss McGee will do everything possible to help out our talented, new director, Miss Brandis Moore. Miss Moore is a graduate from Wright State University where she majored in piano and directed that university's gospel choir. She was also a member of the Paul Lawrence Dunbar Gospel Choir, Women's Chorale, and directs the choir at St. Paul AME church in Fairfield. Look for audition information when we return from our Christmas break.

Parking Lot Patience... and Safety

– We want to give a big thank you to all of the parents who use the car-rider line. Recent weeks have been much better than earlier in the fall. Patience and common courtesy (staying in line, not parking in other areas of the lot) have really helped. Student car riders come down for pick up at about 2:55, and our last cars are out by about 3:02. Most importantly, the kids are safely getting into your cars. Thank you.

Interim PowerSchool Check – Parents, believe it or not, we are at mid-term for the second grading period. If you have not done so already, now would be a good time to check your child's progress using our PowerSchool link. If you feel a need to contact your child's teacher for more information, or for a conference, please use the email link or call the school office (277-2291) for an appointment.

Drama Club Has Christmas Spirit - Some of our Drama Club members, under the direction of Mrs. Ricciuto, will be taking the "Christmas Story" of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem over to the preschool on Fri., Dec. 18th right after mass. This is a great way to begin the drama season... and share Jesus' birthday story with our youngest children!

December, January, February

Dates to Remember

DECEMBER

- 5 First Reconciliation
- 11 Market Day Pick Up, 5:30-6:30PM
Gym Uniform Sale, 5:30-6:30PM
- 16 Christmas Holiday Program – 7:00 PM
- 17 Spirit Day
- 21 Christmas Holiday Begins – No School

JANUARY

- 4 Return to school from Christmas Holiday
- 5 End of Second Quarter
- 14 Home and School Meeting, 6:30PM
DC Jeans Day Fundraiser, \$1.00
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
- 19 Third Quarter Begins
- 21 Spirit Day/Bake Sale
- 22 Second Quarter Report Cards Go Home
- Market Day Pick Up, 5:30-6:30PM
Gym Uniform Sale, 5:30-6:30PM

- 29 Science Fair
- 31 Catholic Schools Week (1/31 –2/06/10)

FEBRUARY

- 1 Open House/Family Math Night, 7:00PM
- 9 Eighth Grade Pictures
- 11 Home and School Meeting, 6:30PM
- 12 DC Jeans Day Fundraiser, \$1.00
- 12-19 Book Fair
- 15 Presidents' Day - No School
- 16 Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3:15 – 8:00 PM
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- 19 Market Day Pick Up, 5:30-6:30PM
Gym Uniform Sale, 5:30-6:30PM





DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL – FIRST QUARTER 2009-2010

**Isabella Anene
Kaitlin Blanchard
Jacob Coleman
Gabrielle Elders
Daniel Feldmann**

**Conor Hickey
Kadeim Jones
Olivia Levine
Marcie Meyers
Jacob Murray**

**Terri Vo
Francesca Weizman
Zoe' Williams**

FIRST HONORS – FIRST QUARTER 2009-2010

**Nnaemeka Anene
Ify Archimalo
Mark Barhorst
Taylor Bridgett
Zachary Bridgett
Kyerra Cospy
Mikyra Dismuke
Casey Dwire
Maria Emery
Alana Ewald**

**Jonny Farrow
Taylor Fields
Dalysia Garcia-Owings
Catherine Grady
Raejean Gray
Lyndsey Hoskins
Monica Impson
Akintoye Kuti
Willie Lindsey, III
Kyle McKinney**

**Ian Moorefield
Adrienne Myton
Lauren Pegues
Ti'Lynne Shedd
Jordan Smith
Marina Sorrell
Morgan Summons
Jordan Thomasson
Jumarion Wills**

SECOND HONORS – FIRST QUARTER 2009-2010

**Therial Alsup
Nnamdi Anene
Alecia Barker
Jacqueline Bogan
Ahkeem Brown
Nicholas Butler
Cheyenne Collins
Mia Collins
Chynna Crofford
Alec Daniels
Garrett Daniels
Brianna Douglas
Messiah deWeaver
C'Aira Driscoll
Airrea Durden
Lindsay Dwire
Roman Dwire
Kennedy Fields
Ki'Yun Frazier
Blake Garman
Jailyn Garrison
Sarah Grady**

**Ethan Grieshop
Taylor Hayes
Nicholas Henne
Michelle Hibbard
Michelle Henderson
Jala Hines
William Howard
Rick Impson
Dalenasia Jones
Vincent Kassis
Kaitlyn Lehrter
Maxwell Leibold
NyJia Lott
Travis Malone
Marvin Mbah
Jayla McLemore
Korey McNeal
Sha'myra Myrick
Makayla Nash
Aaron Neely
Mawusi Nennonene
Alexia Onuoha**

**Alexis Onuoha
Alexandra Osudoh
Jordan Reed
Ta'Veon Reed
Arianna Reid
Isaac Renner
Eryn Rodgers
Savannah Rodriguez
Jayden Sanders
Jasmyne Shaw
Colleen Skiles
Robert Smith
Samantha Smith
Brandon Spearman
Brandon Sutherland
Zachary Totel
Johnny Trigg, III
Christopher Williams
Tristen White
Antwand Wilson
Cyrach Ward**



Precious Blood School Annual Christmas Food Drive

Our annual food drive to help feed the needy began with our Thanksgiving Kick-Off. Each student was asked to bring in one food item for Thanksgiving on Tuesday, Nov. 24. But the food drive did not end there.

We will be collecting food items from Monday, Nov. 30th, until Friday, Dec. 11th. Our goal is to collect over 2,000 items which will help feed over 125 families. Listed below are items needed. Please make this a family project for Christmas. Each homeroom has a goal of items to reach. Ask your children what their room's goal is. Students should bring the items to their homerooms.

Items Needed:

Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Macaroni and Cheese,
Canned Meats, Canned Fruits, Canned Vegetables,
Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Rice, Soups

Let us teach our children the true meaning of Christmas. And let us help them know the feeling of giving from the heart.

May God bless you and your family this Christmas!