

Providence Catholic School

*Personalizing Education
Strengthening Faith*

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From Your Principal

It seems remarkable that we are nearly at the end of this school year. As we finish the year our students are enjoying events that will be remembered for a lifetime: a day at Miller Park with Weather Team 4 and their science fair then watching the Brewers and Pirates, Discovery World and touching sharks, stingrays and starfish, Holy Hill Stations of the Cross, mass and climbing the church tower, City of Chicago trip focusing on Chicago's historic importance in our nation's economy and industry, and Old World Wisconsin with its Wisconsin traditions and history. School is so much more than just reading, writing and arithmetic. It includes friendships that grow stronger each year, interests that expand with each new experience related to them and sharing family events like First Communion with our 2nd graders and Graduation for our Pre School K 4, our Kindergarteners and our 8th graders.

We are excited to begin registration this month for families wishing to send their children to Providence Catholic School. As our families make the commitment to send their children to our school, they are making the decision to provide a strong educational commitment to their child's academic success. Tuition for one student from a family averages just over \$13 per day, while a family with two students enrolled at PCS would average just \$10 per day for each child and for a family with three students enrolled at PCS would average just under \$9 per day for each child. Many of the local schools in our area are cutting back on services and teachers leading to larger classroom sizes and fewer student services. We may be a small academic site, but we are huge in compassion and care for our students' academic and spiritual needs.

There are also some exciting changes coming to our school for the upcoming school year and we are hopeful that our families will find them as exciting as we do. Ms. Simon is getting married over the summer and will be coming back to us as Mrs. Spanke and as our 1st grade teacher. Mr. Charles Cooper (long term sub for Mrs. Zanger while she was on maternity leave) will be joining our West Campus faculty as our Language Arts teacher for 5th through 8th, Religion 5th & 6th and Art 5th through 8th. Mrs. Nancy Lauzon with be volunteering to lead the choir at both campuses during weekly masses and prayer services.

We are sad to see Mrs. Zanger (6th grade) and Mrs. Rome (5th grade) leave us, but we know that this time that they are

spending with their newborns is a very special time for their entire family. We will miss them and all that they have done to make Providence Catholic School a great place to be.

We are sad to see our 8th graders graduate and move on with their futures at both Burlington Catholic Central, Central High School, and Union Grove High School. Many of them have been at Providence Catholic School since Kindergarten and are looking to their future with hopes and dreams of lasting success. Our teachers have prepared them well with skills and talents to meet the expectations facing young adults as they create a transcript of lifetime experiences and knowledge. We wish each of our six 8th graders great success in high school and their future lives.

During this month we will be interviewing teacher candidates interested in an opening in 3rd grade and a part time opening in teaching math grades 5th through 8th. Our educational plan will enhance students' foundational knowledge in core subject areas including math and language arts. Both subject areas will be offered to the individual grade levels grades 5th through 8th during specific class periods. We will be able to strengthen our middle school students' knowledge and understanding on how to use these specific skills in their daily work.

During this summer our middle school students have the opportunity to begin earning funds for the Washington DC trip planned for next spring for 7th & 8th grades. New this year will be the opportunity for our 5th grade through 8th grade students to earn money through fundraising events for the traditional annual trips taken by the 7th & 8th graders. More information will be sent home about these events before the end of the school year.

I would like to thank each Providence Catholic School family for extending a warm welcome to me this Spring as I complete my first four months here. I would like to also thank the parishes that support our school and the families and parishioners that work so hard at parish picnics, bingo and other fundraising events as well as coming to masses and prayer services with our students. Without your support, Providence Catholic School would not be possible. Have a wonderful and safe summer, and I look forward to seeing you next fall at the beginning of our school year near the end of August. Mrs. Susan Meyer, Principal

Scholarship Applications Available

The Providence Catholic School Scholarship application is based on financial situation, student attitude, and volunteer commitment. Applications for this scholarship are due to the school office by June 15th.

The Patrick Noonan Scholarship was established at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. This scholarship is also based on financial situation, commitment to school and parish and children who are positive and motivated learners. The family who receives the George & Mary Kremer Scholarship will not be eligible for this scholarship.

The George & Mary Kremer Scholarship is based on family income. Family income can not exceed \$40,793.00 per year as increased by \$6,919.00 for each child over the number of 2 residing in the household. A copy of your 2009 income tax return form 1040 must accompany this scholarship form. This scholarship is due to the office by Friday, May 14, 2010.

Campbell's Labels For Education Program

Thank you to everyone who has been clipping Campbell's product labels. We had accumulated over 50,000 points. We recently ordered a video/data projector as well as a math software program and an Ancient Egypt video.

Check your pantry and refrigerator for these product labels: Campbell's soups, chili, beans, gravy, tomato juice; Prego sauces; Franco-American gravy; Spaghettios; Swanson broth; V8 juice; and Pepperidge Farms breads, rolls, croutons, stuffing, goldfish, garlic bread, cakes, and turnovers. Every label counts and helps us acquire free educational products for our school. Thank you, Jayne Perlman

Markey Day

Why not stock up for the upcoming summer months and place your order for the final delivery of this school year? Paper order forms are available at either school office. They are due back Sunday, June 6. Internet orders are due Tuesday, June 8 and delivery is Friday, June 11 from 4:30 to 5:30 at St. Francis Xavier (WC). If this time or location does not work for you, simply call Karen Ament at 262-492-4516.

Dress Code Exchange

If you have dress code items that your children have outgrown and would like to donate to the school, please launder and place in a bag marked "Dress Code" and leave at either school office at your convenience. If you can use items to get you through the rest of this school year or would like to get a jump start on planning for next year....then please let either office know or call Karen Zirbel @ 262-515-1424. We can always arrange a convenient time for you to go through our inventory and take what you can use. You do not have to give something to take something. **WE WANT YOU TO TAKE AND USE WHATEVER YOU CAN.** We will also have the inventory on display at the East Campus during parent check-in later this summer.

Summer Parades

Providence Catholic School would like to enter a float in the 4th of July Parade in Union Grove and also the Bristol Progress Days Parade scheduled for Sunday, July 11. If your family would like to be a part of it all....please send a note back in the weekly folder on what you can help with or call Karen at 262-515-1424 with your offer. We need supplies donated to create the float and float riders for both parades as well. Both parades are great family events. If you aren't able to physically be at one or both but are willing to help by providing candy donations for the parade route we would appreciate it very much. We are allowed to hand out individually wrapped candies (such as tootsie rolls, bubble gum, etc.). If this is something that you can help with, then please drop off your candy donation at either campus in a bag noted "PARADES" between now and the last day of school.

Kenosha County Fair Booth

All school year the teachers and students have been selecting choice art projects to go to the Education Building at the Kenosha County Fair. Your students will earn ribbons and prize money for entries. We need help tagging them and transporting them to Wilmot in early June. We need to decorate the booth in Wilmot and also put up all our entries the first part of August. We take them down and transport them back to Providence after the fair so they are ready to be picked up by families at parent check-in later this summer. We can use your help with one or all. Please send home a note in the weekly folder on what you can offer to assist with or call Karen.

Aluminum Can Recycle Project

Attention Athletes and Future Athletes of Providence Catholic School!!!!

There are sheds at both parish sites that store aluminum cans for the benefit of PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ATHLETICS. We need to go through the inventory and sort through it all and re-bag it so it is ready to take in for cash this summer. Can your family provide an hour of time at one or both locations to get this project done in record time? It is not a pleasant task but this effort helps to add some funds to our athletic program so we don't have to add on fees for athletics like many schools already do. Please let Karen know @ 262-515-1424 what day and time is good for you to help or send back a note in the weekly folder with your preference.

Education Committee

The Education Committee would like to ensure that everyone involved with the 2010 Live / Silent Auction, had A Sporting Good Time. Thank you all for stepping up and helping.

After another successful year of the Providence Live / Silent Auction and Spring Raffle, the Education Committee would like to extend a special 'Thanks' to Dayna Quast and Delena Reiter for their dedication and persistence to make this event such a wonderful extravaganza. Just to put their efforts in perspective, next year's event is already in the planning stages. Please join the Education Committee in thanking these ladies for their dedication and many, many hours / months planning the event. The next time you see either of them, a simple 'Thank You' would be appreciated.

If anyone is interested in getting involved and assisting with the planning of this event, please contact Delena Reiter directly.

Dayna / Delena, Thank you.

Todd Meyers, Education Committee

AUCTION THANK YOU

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with another successful auction!! This year we made a little over \$27,000. Thank you to Dan Palmer for his creativity with the decorations. Thank you to Jean Hinz for being in charge of the food when she does not even have a student that attends Providence. Thank you to the many other volunteers for getting the baskets ready, helping with the food, closing out tables, serving drinks, announcing, helping with class projects, etc. Without the wonderful families that we have at Providence, the auction would not exist!! Thank you, Delena & Dayna

2011 Auction

Mark your calendar for next years auction. It will be on Saturday, April 9, 2011. The auction will be held two weeks early due to Holy Saturday and Palm Sunday. Our only other option was to have it on May 7 but too many families have children in sporting activities, and we would not have the volunteer participation that we would like.

Thank you, Delena & Dayna

Discovery World

Last week, grades Kindergarten through 2nd went to Discovery World Museum in Milwaukee. We had a lot of fun. We watched a short movie about how animals move in different ways. We spent time doing hands-on exploring in two different centers: the world of technology and the world of water. We even got to touch stingrays, sharks, lobsters, sea urchins, and sturgeons. Ask them what their favorite part was.

I am the bread of life. Those who eat this bread will never be hungry. Based on John 6:35



Congratulations! Second Grade celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1st and Sunday, May 2, 2010.



Same Face, New Name—New Place!

With a busy school year coming to a close I have some exciting news to share with the families of Providence! In case you haven't heard I am getting married this July! The plans are falling into place and hopefully everything goes smoothly from here until the big day. So as I leave the 2009-2010 school year, I also leave my name—Miss Simon. When we all return I will be Mrs. Spanke, yes just like the 'Little Rascals!' With a new name, you can find me in a new place; I am thrilled to share that I will be teaching first grade!

We are excited for 4th grade, but sure are going to miss 3rd grade!

"I am excited for 4th grade because I am going to be smarter in 4th grade. But what I will miss about 3rd grade is centers." —Anthony B.

"I am excited for 4th grade because I will be the eighth oldest kid in school. But what I will miss about 3rd grade is Dance Friday." —Tyler L.

"I am excited for 4th grade because it sounds fun. But what I will miss about 3rd grade is Dance Friday." —Henry T.

"I am excited for 4th grade because I will be older in 4th grade. But what I will miss about 3rd grade is the centers." —Reyna P.

"I am excited for 4th grade because I will learn new things. But what I will miss about 3rd grade is Dance Friday." —John P.

"I am excited for 4th grade because we will have Fun Friday. But what I will miss about 3rd grade is Dance Friday." —Annan C.

"I am excited for 4th grade because the play 'Charlotte's Web.' But what I will miss about 3rd grade is Dance Friday." —Marie T.

"I am excited for 4th grade because I want to learn more division. But what I will miss about 3rd grade is Miss Simon." —Sydney H.

"I am excited for 4th grade because I will be older. But what I will miss about 3rd grade is Dance Friday." —James S.

Shout Outs from Mrs. Wachter

I have been so blessed this year to have so many family member volunteers; just this month, I would like to thank:

- Mrs. Weis for creating a surprise Easter egg hunt for the second graders and accompanying us on our field trip to the Discovery Museum!
- The Pecore Family and Mrs. Henke helped the students make altars in preparation for First Communion.
- Mrs. Semke and Mrs. Laitinen for encouraging the students to learn their math facts by quizzing them each week.
- Ms. Maggie Keen helped us celebrate Earth Day by making pine cone bird feeders and plant flowers in decorated milk cartons.
- Ms. Heidi Keen for helping facilitate small guided reading groups.
- Mrs. Jaworski; sorry, can't tell you, it's a surprise, but you're going to love it!

Pride of Providence

The *Providence Post* will be spotlighting two of our upcoming graduates each month. We congratulate them as they finish their journey with the Providence family. We say good luck to them as they begin a new journey in the near future.

Frank P.

Frank joined the Providence family in seventh grade. His favorite subject is science. He plans to attend Central High School and participate in football. His fondest memory of PCS is their class trip to Washington D.C. He is looking forward to learning new things and meeting new people in high school.



Joshua S.

Joshua joined the Providence family in fourth grade. He plans to attend Union Grove High School and participate in tennis and basketball. His fondest memory of PCS is when he got to spray the teachers with silly string. He is looking forward to learning new things in high school.



Upcoming Student Council Dance

On Saturday, May 22nd the west campus will be having an end of the year dance for 5-8th graders. The dance will be from 7-9pm and the theme is *Black and Red*. Please watch your Friday folders for more information.

As always, student council will be selling snacks and beverages for a small cost. We are looking for donations of small individually bagged snacks, baked goods, candy, cans of soda, bottled water, etc... If you are willing to donate, please send these items to the west campus office or to Mrs. Rome. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Finally, we are also in need of a few parent volunteers to help chaperone the dance. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Rome at brome@providencecatholicschool.org

“If you can read this, thank a teacher.”

It was in 1985 when we moved to this area. I was a wife, a mother of three, and a substitute teacher, who wanted to return to fulltime teaching.

While here I taught a first and second grade combination, third grade, and first grade single class. With the help of Mr. Willkomm, I started the first school recycling program. Because of my love for music and children, I started the school children’s choir. Now after 25 years teaching here, I will retire.

No words can fully express my love and thankfulness to all the children, parents, staff and parishioners for allowing me to make this school my second home. By trusting me to teach your children in this religious environment, my faith has become stronger. I have become a better teacher and person because of all of you. I am truly blessed.

My choir has captured my heart and soul, so I will still continue to be their director. Their faith, witnessed through song, will continue to inspire all who hear them. I thank you all through these song words; “Listen to my words; they are from the One who sent me: For you my friends are called to share God’s glory. You are the light of the world.” -Nancy Lauzon

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“True Meaning of Christmas”

Grace H. received 3rd place in the state competition for the Knights of Columbus “True Meaning of Christmas” poster contest.

Activities from Mrs. Kaminski



The 6th graders created castles, dioramas of jousts and trades, or weapons from the Medieval European unit as a culminating activity.



In 6th grade science we are studying the classification of living things, and the 6 kingdoms. Students engaged in a science lab in which they came up with a hypothesis that was to be tested using various kinds of seeds.

Looking Ahead

Friday, May 7– Providence Post home; Progress Reports home; Market Day pick up

Tuesday, May 11– 3-5th Grade fieldtrip to Old World WI; Prayer Service 10:00am SFX; Scout Mtg.

Thursday, May 13– Mass 10:00am SJB

Friday, May 14– 7th & 8th Grade fieldtrip to Chicago

Saturday, May 15– BINGO at WC 6:00pm

Tuesday, May 18– Mass 10:00am SFX

Thursday, May 20– Prayer Service 10:00am SJB

Thursday & Friday, May 20-21– Safety Patrol Trip to the WI Dells

Saturday, May 22– Student Council Dance 7-9pm at WC

Tuesday, May 25– Prayer Service 10:00am SFX; Scout Mtg.; WC Spring Musical 7:00pm

Thursday, May 27– Mass 10:00am SJB

Friday, May 28– Providence Post info due

Monday, May 31– No School– Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 1– Education Committee Mtg. 7:00pm SFX

Wednesday, June 2– Casual Dress Day; West Campus Awards Assembly 12:15pm; Preschool Fieldtrip

Friday, June 4– Providence Post home; 8th Grade Mass 8:00am SJB; 8th Grade Graduation 7:00pm SFX