

Providence Catholic School

Personalizing Education

Strengthening Faith

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This photo was taken at the end of the 08-09 school year. The 7th & 8th graders built and launched their own rockets!

From Your Principal

I was recently asked to reflect on my blessings as a principal and immediately smiled as I thought of our children here at Providence. Every day we are greeted with their sweet smiles and hugs; you can see the happiness, energy, and excitement emanate from each one of them. Children truly are special gifts from God. They are pure of heart and mind, the daily reminder of unconditional love. At the same time, they teach us how to be patient as well! We are so blessed!

Often, as we watch children in action, we may also realize how much they learn from their environment. At Providence, we strive to both teach and model strong Christian values as we encourage the individuality of each child. Our school philosophy speaks of the special talents our children have and how we provide different methods of learning. With this in mind, I would like to take the opportunity to share with you specific areas of intelligence

that we possess. Although the theory of multiple intelligences was developed in the early 1980s by Howard Gardner, the knowledge of different types of intelligences were around before organized schools were in existence. Today I will share with you the type of intelligence called bodily-kinesthetic or body-smart. People who possess this gift may be a great dancer, athlete or have the gift of being able to construct things with their hands. In school, these children learn best using their body by moving, touching or feeling. For example, a child with this gift will learn much better by constructing a model of the world instead of just reading about it. If you are helping your child understand a concept at home and they have this gift or talent, provide them an opportunity to physically take part in an activity. Future careers for your child would be athlete, dancer, actor, firefighter, carpenter, fisherman, gardener, chef, and more.

Goals Set

After analyzing test scores from last year, the staff at Providence set goals for school improvement. Our goals are: By 5th grade, all students will have mastered math facts 2-12, implement reading strategies in every day activities, and set high standards in CUPS (capitalization, usage, punctuation, and spelling). We will soon be discussing strategies we will use in all of our classrooms in order to achieve these goals.

Walking by each classroom, you can also find individual teacher goals posted on each door. In addition, every teacher explains the essential goal for each lesson taught.

Being goal-oriented will help us grow as a school as we both teach and model how to be responsible and successful as we bring meaning and purpose to our lives.

Student Council (West Campus)

Student Council Election Week Activities:

Monday, Sept. 14th- "Sway Day"
Students running for a position can try to 'sway' the vote by handing out buttons, lollipops, bookmarks, or other goodies suggesting that students vote for him/her.

Tuesday, Sept. 15th- Slogan/Poster Contest— Students running for a position can make one poster to enter in this contest. Teachers will vote and have a prize for the contest winners.

Wednesday, Sept. 16th— Officer positions ONLY need to prepare a speech explaining his/her goals, how they plan to achieve those goals, and why they would be a good candidate for the position.

Thursday, Sept. 17th— Election Day — WC Students can show their spirit by dressing in a "Red, White, and Blue Casual Day" MUST WHERE RED, WHITE OR BLUE TO PARTICIPATE IN CASUAL DAY.

Friday, Sept. 18th— Inaugural Luncheon with Mrs. Zanger and Mrs. Rome.

Class Representatives include grades 5-8

Student Council Officers include grades 6-8

Student Council President includes grade 8

Immunizations

SMILE! Picture Day, September 15th, did you send your order form with your child? 9:15am east campus & preschool, 12:00noon west campus.

There are additional Immunizations required for 6th & 7th grades.

-Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis)

-2 Varicella vaccines (chickenpox) * not needed if your child has a history of chicken pox disease.

Please have your child's record to the office by **OCTOBER 2, 2009.**

If you need an Immunization record form or have any additional questions please contact either office. Vaccinations can be done at the Kenosha County Division of Health. (262)605-6700.

Scholarships

Providence has one scholarship available from the Kremer Foundation. The specific guidelines to be eligible for this grant are as follows: your children are in grades K – 8 and your family income is \$39,220 for a household of up to 4 (+\$6,660 for each child over the number two residing in the

household). A simple application along with tax information for 2008 is all that is required. Your application is confidential to Jeanne Vanderwerff and Mrs. Zolinski-Stevens. Please call Mrs. Zolinski-Stevens or Jeanne at 859-2007 for the paperwork.

Athletics: Volleyball

Volleyball sign up for boys and girls was in the West Campus office this week. If your child forgot to sign up, please let the office know if they want to participate. All athletic forms(3) need to be in before your child can participate. A physical and physical form signed by the physician is also required. Please check with Mrs. Nutting if you are unsure if your child needs a physical.

Volleyball practice GIRLS ONLY: Tuesday, September 15th at Paris Grade School 6:00-7:30pm.

Athletic forms can be found on the website under the Orientation Packet 2009-2010.

Welcome to our FAMILY!

We would like to welcome the new smiling faces we have at Providence. Welcome to our family!

Kindergarten

Olivia, Morgan , Clare , Lauren , Christopher , Sebastian , Drew, Raven , Chase and Alec

First Grade

Anthony

Along with our students we would like to welcome Mrs. Wachter (grade two) and Mrs. Zolinski-Stevens (Principal) to the Providence family.

CPR

The following staff members are now CPR certified: Mrs. Zolinski-Stevens, Mrs. Vanderwerff, Mrs. Nutting, Mrs. Wachter, Mrs. Lauzon, Ms. Simon, Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Rome, Mrs. Zanger, Mrs. Kaminski and Mr. Shaffer.

Safeguarding All God's Family (Virtus)

Providence Catholic School will be holding a Safeguarding All God's Family (Virtus) Training on Monday, September 14th in the East Campus computer lab at 6:00pm. Keep in mind that all volunteers need to be Virtus trained if they are going to be working directly with the students.

Please attend this training if possible. Registration is required before attending the training.

Pre registration is required!

<http://www.archmil.org/safeguarding/>

Look for our site in EVENTS near the bottom of the page. If you have any questions please contact the west campus office.

Providence PAWS (WC)

Students at the West Campus have an opportunity to receive a PAW. Providence PAWS stands for People Acting Wonderful Spontaneously. These are students who help others willingly with-

out being asked to, students who are respectful to others, and students who assist teachers unexpectedly. Providence PAWS are showcased on the hall bulletin board outside of the office.

Each child's name will be proclaimed in the morning announcements on Fridays, placed in the *Providence Post* monthly and received a treat from Mrs. Nutting.

Providence PAWS

Mike received a PAW for assisting a student who had dropped their books in the hallway!

Mitchel received a PAW for being honest with Mrs. Zanger.

FUN FRIDAY!!!

Our first Fun Friday is here!!!! To celebrate a wonderful start to the school year, we will have our first FUN FRIDAY on Friday, September 18th. The theme of this day is SPORTS. This is a casual day, so wear your favorite sports jersey or t-shirt and jeans!!!

First Grade Bucket Fillers

By Mrs. Lauzon

Everyone carries an “invisible bucket” that holds good thoughts and feelings about yourself. You feel happy and good when your bucket is full and sad when your bucket is empty. A bucket filler is a loving and caring person who says or does nice things that make others feel special.

I read the book, “Have You Filled a Bucket Today?” on the first day of school. Each student has a reminder bucket on their desk that I put sparkly pom-poms in when I see loving or good words or actions. We are all trying to be good “bucket-fillers.”

Ask your child and yourself at the end of the day, “Did I fill a bucket today?” Smile at someone, be a bucket filler. You will have a good day too!

Student Shout-Outs

Shout-Outs are a way that we give special recognition to staff and students at Providence. Below are special shout-outs given by the staff:

Ms. Schaefer: I want to give a shout-out to Chase for being helpful to his friends this week.

Ms. Simon: I want to give a shout-out to James for his positive attitude and his willingness to try new things.

Mrs. Roth: My shout-out goes to Baylie for coming to school every day with a smile and willing to help.

Mrs. Kaminski: My shout-out goes to Zach and Gage for being on top of things and coming to school prepared.

Mrs. Stevens: My student shout-outs are for David, Clare and Kara who give me a greeting so fantastic that it brightens up my every day.

I also want to congratulate Mrs. Roth’s class for brightening up the library hallway, Mrs. Lauzon’s class for their fabulous self-portraits hanging in the hall and Mrs. Rome’s class for creating an educational bulletin board providing tips on how to have a successful school year.

Second Grade

By Mrs. Wachter

Second Grade Scientists

On Wednesday, the 2nd grade class became scientists. We went on our first 10 minute science discovery outside in a grassy area. They used their senses (and a hand lens) to observe and record what they smelled, heard, and saw in their discovery area. At the end of our observation, one boy ex-

claimed, "That was the fastest ten minutes ever!"

Singing Second Graders

The second graders were excited to be able to join the Providence East Campus's choir this year. Although some were a little anxious, they sang beautifully! We are in for a musical treat this year during Mass.

Safety Drills

Providence staff and students have already practiced our safety drills; drills that will help keep us safe during an emergency. We practiced our typical fire drill and have added this year lockdown drills. Lockdown drills, practiced by many schools across the nation, are to prepare for an event of an intruder or unsafe situation. During this drill, students and

staff members remain hidden, still and silent while locked into classrooms until an all-clear is given to return to regular studies. Each drill was practiced/discussed in a manner that was age-appropriate for each classroom.

Whose Child Is This?

Brought to you by Mrs. Zanger

WHOSE CHILD IS THIS?

Author Unknown

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day
Seeing a little one out at play
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile
"Mine to keep a little while
To bathe his hands and comb his hair
To tell him what he is to wear
To prepare him that he may always be good
And each day do the things he should"

"Whose child is this?" I asked again

As the door opened and someone came in
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile
"Mine, to keep just for a little while
To teach him how to be gentle and kind
To train and direct his dear little mind
To help him live by every rule
And get the best he can from school"

"Whose child is this?" I ask once more
Just as the little one entered the door
"Ours" said the parent and the teacher as they smiled
And each took the hand of the little child
"Ours to love and train together
Ours this blessed task forever."



Our new kindergarten class!

Sick Policy

As children are now together in a confined school site, it is important to review our sick policy. For the health of safety of all members of the Providence family, please keep your child home if they are sick.

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The Teaching Mission of Providence Catholic School

The teaching mission of Providence Catholic School is to provide a Catholic Environment in which we consciously strive to find ways to demonstrate our ardent belief in God and provide each child the opportunity to reach her/his total potential.

This involves spiritual growth and a relationship with Jesus Christ, as well as intellectual, psychological, social and physical development.

To strengthen that relationship with Christ, it is our goal that each child will grow in understanding, appreciation and respect of self, of others, and of the world.

We believe, moreover that we are enabled in this ministry by the Holy Spirit, the source of wisdom and truth.

Looking Ahead

Saturday, Sept. 12– Softball tournament in Tichigan 8:30am . GO CATS!

Monday, Sept. 14– Safeguarding All of God's Family (Virtus) 6-8:30pm EC Lab. Preregistration is required!

Tuesday, Sept. 15– School Picture Day

Monday, Sept. 21– PCPLC Board Meeting
6:00pm at the Center

Tuesday, Sept. 22– Home and School Meeting
6:00 pm West Campus and Education Committee
Meeting 7:00pm SFX

Monday, Oct. 5– *Providence Post* information due

Tuesday, Oct. 6– Grandparents & Special Friends' Day 10:00am Mass SFX– Luncheon and presentations to follow in the WC Cafeteria

Wednesday, Oct. 7– Causal Dress Day

Friday, Oct. 9– *Providence Post* home

**Don't forget about Market
Day in October!**

