

December 14, 2011



The Pacelli Post

Cardinal Pacelli School
Educating the Heart and Mind

Principal's Note

Glad Tidings

Merry Christmas from all of us at Cardinal Pacelli. May the peace and joy of this blessed season be with you and your family. The last day of school is Tuesday, December 20. This is a "Red and Green" day so students are invited to dress in Christmas colors with either jeans or khakis. School will resume on Monday, January 2, 2012. Please note there will not

be a *Pacelli Post* next week.



Christmas Program for Grades K-4

Thursday, December 15, 7:00 pm in Church

Tomorrow night's Christmas program is sure to get you into the holiday spirit!

- **Boys** should wear a plain oxford shirt, dress slacks and a tie.
- **Girls** should wear a nice dress, but no heavy sweaters because it can get warm in church.
- **Coats** should be left with parents, not in the classroom as the children will be dismissed from church. **Students need to be in their classrooms by 6:30.**

Iowa Test Scores

In today's White Envelope you will find a **summary** of the Iowa Test results for 2011. It shows that *Cardinal Pacelli's achievement test scores are well above average compared to students nationwide.*

- Our teachers received an extensive analysis of overall class results, as well as reports on each student's abilities and progress in every subject area. The analysis allows teachers to evaluate their curriculum, as well as individual student progress. The test results will help teachers work with students on specific weaknesses and gives them insight into how to better prepare our students.
- Please note that individual test scores were mailed home right before Thanksgiving. If you have questions about your child's results, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Important Dates

Thursday, December 15

Bagel Lunch sponsored by Health & Wellness

Christmas Program, grades K-4
7 pm in church

Friday, December 16

Adopt-a-Family drop off, 2-6 pm at Parish Center

Saturday, December 17

Spiritwear Sale, 11 am-noon

Tuesday, December 20

Red and Green Day
All School Mass, 8:15 am

Wednesday, December 21-

Sunday, January 1

Christmas Break

Monday, January 2

School resumes

Useful Links

[Cardinal Pacelli Website](#)

[Christ the King Website](#)

[PTO Website](#)

[Athletics Website](#)

[Schoolhouse Fare](#)

Author Visit

On **Thursday, December 15**, author **Kathryn Gall** will visit Cardinal Pacelli to read her picture book *Good Luck Duck Learns to Swim* to the first and second graders. She will also teach students about the steps involved in publishing a children's book. Please see Ms. Gall's [Letter to Parents](#) for more information.

Canned Food Drive Continues

Help the eighth graders fill up those donation bins! Students will again be collecting canned goods this week to benefit the Sisters of Mercy Home Project. This group helps our neighbors in the Walnut Hills community. **Contributions are being collected through Friday, December 16.** Thank you for your generosity!



The Nutcracker

Ballet Theatre Midwest, located in Columbia Tusculum, is performing *The Nutcracker* on **December 16, 17, and 18** at the Walter C. Dye Performance Center at St. Xavier High School. We know it will be a wonderful show because several of our students will be performing. Click [The Nutcracker](#) for more information.



Christmas Kindness Bake Sale

Aerin O., Audrey F. and Ava Y. will be holding a bake sale **TODAY, December 14**, during lunch. All profits benefit Christmas Kindness.

Enquirer Columnist Sponsors Writing Contest

Krista Ramsey from the *Cincinnati Enquirer* is sponsoring a writing contest for kids ages 6-16. Any favorite piece of writing, up to 300 words, may be submitted until January 6, 2012. Read about the contest [here](#). To enter: include a cover sheet with the child's name, age, address and phone number, and mail to:

Krista Ramsey
The Cincinnati Enquirer
312 Elm St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Spotlight

Gingerbread Masterpieces



The Girl Scouts are famous for their motto, "Be

Prepared." Evidently the Cardinal Pacelli Girl Scouts have taken the message to heart because gingerbread "houses" like the ones they created wouldn't be possible without a great deal of preparation...and patience! Each troop created a uniquely themed house and then auctioned it off during a bake sale. The project was a great exercise in planning and teamwork, and according to troop leader Nicole Fredrick, "No idea was too challenging!" The gingerbread houses are a highlight for the Girl Scouts, and judging by the reactions of those who came to see them, a real holiday "feast" for the eyes. A little over **\$900** was raised for Families for Families, an organization for families suffering from domestic violence. [See more amazing gingerbread creations here!](#)

Submitting Info

The Pacelli Post is the school's weekly email newsletter. It is the primary means of communication between the school and families.

To have items included in the newsletter submit news to fisher_a@cardinalpacelli.org by noon on Tuesday. Items may be edited for space.

PTO News

Health & Wellness Lunch Tomorrow

TOMORROW is Bagel Day!!!

The Health & Wellness Committee is offering "Breakfast for Lunch" with [BRUEGGER'S BAGELS](#) (Columbia Tusculum). Just send in \$3.00 per lunch--no sign up required--and your child will receive:

- A Plain "Skinny" Bagel (Approx. 200 calories, 40 carbs, 2.7 g fiber, 8 g protein, 1.2g fat) with cream cheese or peanut butter
- Sliced Red Apples (Approx. 40 calories, 11 carbs, 2.5g fiber, 0g fat)
- Smooth Yogurt (Approx. 70 calories, 13 carbs, 2g protein, .5g fat, 10% calcium & vitamin D)
- A Mozzarella Cheese Stick (Approx. 80 calories, 1 carb, 7g protein, 6g fat, 15% calcium)

Lego League Wins Tournament Award



Pacelli's "First Ever" FLL Robotics (First Lego League) participated in the Crusaders Regional Tournament this past weekend. The team had a great showing and was awarded the "Judges Award." This award is presented to the team whose unique efforts, performance and dynamics merit recognition. The award recognizes remarkable teams that stand out for reasons other than the Core Awards categories. Team members included: *Rafe*

Deremo, William Heidelberg, Max Arnold, Everett Schulze, Dominic Daley, Xavier Schario, Campbell Langer, Hugh Besl, Mitch Ley, Hunter Park, Gabe Schulze and Lucas Daniher. Congratulations Boys!

Christmas Program K-4

Thanks in advance to **Miss Shoup!** The children are so excited to share the spirit of Christmas with us on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in Church.

Digital Photography Contest for Grades 6-8

Congratulations to the Winners!

Thank you to all the students who entered Cardinal Pacelli's first ever Photography Contest. The students are to be commended for using their knowledge and creativity to produce such an array of images. Click [here](#) to view the photos and see who the winners are!



The Fine Arts Committee Presents Cafeteria Tunes

As part of The Fine Arts Committee lunchtime music series, this Friday, December 16, father-daughter duo, Bob Myers and Jen Scott, will be bringing music of the season to Cardinal Pacelli. You'll recognize holiday favorites like Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, and so many more. So warm up those voices because sing-a-longs are welcome!

Spiritwear Sale

Stop by the Spiritwear Sale, this **Saturday, December 17** from 11 am-noon to grab a few stocking stuffers.



Christmas Boutique

The gifts are wrapped and under the tree! The excitement of opening those Boutique presents is the highlight of many a Christmas morning. Thank you for making our Christmas bright!

The Elves: Diane Altmix, Jennifer Allman, Michelle Atwell, Beth

Bearne, Anne Besl, Sue Boehm, Leslie Brandenburg, Kris Brannock, Elizabeth Burke, Missy Byrne, Carole Chamberlin, Andy Daniher, Michele Daniher, Michele Deremo, Kathy Dorger, Bizzy Driscoll, Nicole Fish, Cheri Fitch, Julie Florio, Monica Flynn, Alyson Gerwe, Jill Giles, Lisa Glennon, Katie Greenwell, Lisa Habegger, Sue Hadley, Kathleen Howe, Terry Hudepohl, Kristen Huesman, Kathleen Howe, Christy Johnson, Kim Jorden, Robin Keyser, Susanna Kelly, Katie Kleeman Kim Koenig, Kimberly Kohus, Lily Kukulski, Barb Lamping, Tricia Lipp, Pam Lovdal, Melissa Luca, Shannon McAffry Davidson, Kristin McAuliffe, Michele McCord, El McKenzie, Amy Miller, Jennifer Morissey, Amy Mueller, Lisa Ortiz, Erin Ragland, Aleth Rhoades, Gigi Robison, Sherri Roberto, Jean Robson, Kara Rybolt, Tricia Schario, Gabriella Schrenk, Holly Schell, Kris Schulte, Jamie Schwendeman, Marie Simon, Mindy Smyth, Courtney Talty, Leslee Uhl, Emmy Waterkotte, Becky Wenger, Kim Yates, Amy Zerhusen, Cahira Zobrist, and the 8th Grade students.

We hope we did not miss any elves, but if we did, your help was much appreciated!

Thank you **Christine Lynch** for scheduling the workers and keeping them nourished!

Thanks to **Santa's Ultimate Helpers: Fritzi Vallota, Lynda Hannan, & Kelly Vaughn**

Parish News

Christmas Gift Giving Wraps Up

Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Giving Tree this year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Adopt-a-Family Gifts Due Friday, December 16

If you are participating in the Adopt-a-Family program, then those gifts and food items may be dropped off at the Parish Center from 2:00-6:00 pm.

Thank you for your generous contributions to Christ the King's Christmas Gift Giving Program! If you have questions please contact Michele Deremo at mderemo@cinci.rr.com,



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

Children's Mass.....4 pm
Mass.....6 pm
Choir.....10 pm
Mass.....10:30 pm

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

Masses.....9 & 11 am

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31

Mass4:30 pm

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1

Masses.....regular schedule

Last Chance to Order Kings Cash Raffle Tickets Through the White Envelope!



Many families have purchased Kings Cash Raffle tickets to give to family and friends as gifts and stocking stuffers. The raffle ticket sale continues until Dec. 30th; however, as this is the last *Pacelli Post* of the year, this will be your final chance to order through the White Envelope. All ticket orders will be turned around right away so you have plenty of time to mail to out-of-towners, put under the tree, or keep for yourself! Download an [order form](#) here. Thank You!

Important Reminder

From Father Smith and the Finance Commission

It is hard to believe that the year is almost over. We would like to remind everyone that an Active Parishioner is a good financial steward of the Church. As a school family and a parishioner, it is important to understand that tuition only covers about 65% of the cost to educate your child. Giving financially to support the parish is a vital and key component of Active Parishioner status. Annual tuition is based on several factors, including the assumption that our school families give at least \$1,000 per calendar year. If you are unsure if you have reached the requested amount, please contact Pam Gruesser at the Rectory at 321-4121 or by e-mail at pam@ourlordchristtheking.org. Thank you.



Save the Date

When: February 18, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Where: The Queen City Club

Please consider being a sponsor which includes admission to the Gala. Contact Julie Moore at (513) 321-6786 or julie.moore@mtlookout.net

Athletics

Scoreboarding

Anyone looking to help out with running the scoreboard in our gym this winter should contact [Matt Chamberlin](#) for further information.



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