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# The Pacelli Post

Cardinal Pacelli School  
Educating the Heart and Mind

## Principal's Note

### Welcome To Our New School Newsletter!

We thought Catholic Schools Week was the perfect time to launch our new school newsletter.

*The Pacelli Post* makes it easier for you to locate the information you need, and includes nifty features like links to web pages and forms, photos and graphics, and easy access to subscription controls. Enjoy our first edition.



### Catholic Schools Week

**January 30 - February 5, 2011**

As you know, this is the week that we celebrate our Catholic Schools and Cardinal Pacelli School in particular. We are so proud of what we have in this school and the wonderful, supportive community that surrounds us. We thank God for all our blessings, for our vibrant students, their caring parents, our dedicated faculty and staff, and to all those who make Cardinal Pacelli the school that it is and one that is admired throughout the city. Click [here](#) for a list of CSW activities.

### Winter Open House

Our Winter Open House was a HUGE success! The building was buzzing with many new families, as well as our current families. A big THANK YOU to all the teachers who were present and to the following parent and student volunteers who gave their time to give tours and welcome new families: Jill Dunn, Ed Winter, Michele Daniher, Beth Beirne, Karen and Buck Dorger, Jeanne Robson, Katie Greenwell, Michele Deremo, Alisa Fisher, Jack Moore, Alex Gruber, Jack Hannan, Kevin Grannan, Ben Gruber, Margo Costello, Mia Walter, Claire Gruber, Belinda Browning, Nick Gruber, Kate Gardner, Gabriella Valotta, Peter Marrocco, and Kristen White.

### School Registration

Re-registration for the 2011-2012 school year is now complete. We have now begun to accept new families and acceptance letters will be going out to these families. Our current families will receive a letter in the white envelope regarding their new kindergarten or first grade students. For those families who have not sent in their re-registration form, please call the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

### Make Cardinal Pacelli the #1 Catholic School in Cincinnati!

## Important Dates

Thursday, February 3 - SVDP, 7 pm  
Friday, February 4 - Teacher Appreciation Day & Luncheon, Jr. High Valentine's Dance  
Saturday, February 5 & Sunday, February 6 - Habitat for Humanity Collection  
Monday, February 7 - Jr. High Outreach Program Begins, CCD, 7 pm  
Athletic Commission  
Tuesday, February 8 - Father Obermeyer's Birthday! RCIA, 7 pm  
Wednesday, February 9 - PTO Board Meeting, 7 pm  
Thursday, February 17 - Cyberbullying Presentation for Parents, 7 pm, Cafeteria

## Useful Links

[Cardinal Pacelli Website](#)  
[Christ the King Website](#)  
[PTO Website](#)  
[Athletics Website](#)  
[February Lunch Menu](#)  
[School Spirit Contest](#)

## Spotlight

**ISSE Student Exchange Program**  
*They Came, They Saw, They Sledged!*  
Our Costa Rican exchange group departed on January 24 after a snowy two-week whirlwind of activities that included visits to the Cincinnati Zoo and Newport Aquarium. In May, ten students and two teachers from Cardinal Pacelli will



It's not too late to enter the Archdiocese's *School Spirit Contest* on Facebook. Vote for Cardinal Pacelli as your favorite catholic school in celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Anyone can vote; entering only requires a Facebook account. Follow this [link](#) to the contest on the Archdiocese's Facebook page.

### Snow Days

As of this date, we have used four snow days. We received three from the state, and added one to our school calendar this year because I knew that the state was taking days away. At this point, we do not have to make up any days. If we need to use more calamity days, I will let our parents know which days our make up days will be.

### Spring Sports Sign Ups

Registration for all Cardinal Pacelli Spring sports were due YESTERDAY, February 1. This includes soccer and baseball (K thru 8) and tennis (junior high only).

Registration forms are on the Athletics website [www.ctkathletics.org](http://www.ctkathletics.org) and should be submitted along with the participation fee to the school office IMMEDIATELY. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the respective coordinators: Boys Soccer - Sean Talty, 368-8390; Girls Soccer - Jay Freimark, 604-8949; Tennis - Tom Hadley, 939-8939; and Baseball - Mark McKenzie, 321-0155.

### Cyberbullying Presentation for Parents

On Thursday, February 17, parents of students in grades 5-8 are invited to a Cyberbullying Presentation @ 7 pm in the school cafeteria. This presentation is the follow-up to the presentation students attended last fall in which a Hamilton County Prosecutor described her experiences prosecuting juveniles who have used social media to bully. If your child uses a cell phone or has access to the Internet, then this is one presentation you will not want to miss.

### Process for Appointing a New Pastor

Now that plans are underway to celebrate Father Obermeyer's Golden Jubilee, many parishioners have questions about who will fill his position once he has retired in May. Father Leonard Wenke, Director of Priest Personnel for the Archdiocese, met with Parish Council, staff, and other parish leaders on January 24 to outline the process for appointing a new pastor. [Read more...](#)

### "The House That Father O Built"

This weekend is the Habitat for Humanity collection that will fund the house, that with your help, will become "The House That Father O Built." Christ the King is teaming up with Habitat for Humanity to build a house in honor of Father's Golden Jubilee and retirement. Checks can be made out to Christ the King, with Habitat for Humanity noted in the memo line. For more information [click here](#).



Check it Out!  
[www.junefest2011.org](http://www.junefest2011.org)

travel to Costa Rica to complete the exchange. [Read more...](#)

## Submitting Info

To have items included in the newsletter submit news to [gruber\\_c@cardinalpacelli.org](mailto:gruber_c@cardinalpacelli.org) by noon on Tuesday. Items may be edited for space.

## PTO News

### Catholic Schools Week - It's Here!

The Open House kicked off the festivities and was a big success. Thanks to Jamie Schwendeman, who coordinated the event, and all the volunteers mentioned above by

Mrs. Roy. Our wonderful teachers and the entire staff are to be commended for welcoming prospective families so warmly.

Thanks to Stephanie Mitchell and her committee for all the wonderful events planned for this week! The students have been out of uniform wearing their favorite college attire, spiritwear, and today in their pajamas. They all enjoyed yesterday's Skyline Lunch and concert. A reminder that tomorrow is Red, White and Blue Day. Friday is Blue and Orange Day and also our Teacher Appreciation Day!

### **Support the PTO Spring Garden Sale**

The Spring Garden Sale is underway! An order form and some plant photos are available on the PTO website by clicking [GARDEN SALE FORM](#). You can choose from a large variety of annuals, perennials, hanging baskets and more. Mulch is available to order, as are Benken's gift cards. You'll love the great convenience and excellent product quality, and Pacelli benefits from all the proceeds. For more information contact Garden Sale co-chairs, Beth Beirne at [bbeirne@one.net](mailto:bbeirne@one.net) (871-5419) or El McKenzie at [elandmark@fuse.net](mailto:elandmark@fuse.net) (321-0155). Thank you for your support!

### **Junior High Valentine's Day Dance - Friday, February 4**

The Cardinal Pacelli Jr. High Valentine Dance will be held Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 10 pm. All junior high students are invited to come and enjoy our DJ music, pizza, drinks and cookies. Dressy/casual attire recommended. Chaperones are needed for the dance. Please contact Stephanie Mitchell at [jmitchell@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jmitchell@cinci.rr.com) For more information and to RSVP please click [Valentine Dance](#).

### **Father/Daughter Dance in New York**

The Girls are hitting the Big City! Central Park, China Town, Broadway! All Dads and daughters are invited to see how our gym is transformed into the Big Apple for the Father/Daughter Dance, Friday, February 11th. The dance begins at 7:00 pm. So girls, grab your "Sugar Daddies and head over to Dylan's Candy Bar for some treats and dance the night away in Times Square! Tickets are \$20 per family. To sign up, click [Father/Daughter Dance](#) and send in your payment with checks payable to CPS PTO. We are also in need of cookies and candy for this event. Please send candy in with students or drop it off at the school office. If you are able to contribute or are available to volunteer please email Amy Miller at [amyandrob@cinci.rr.com](mailto:amyandrob@cinci.rr.com)



### **Selective Electives Offers After School Guitar & After School Acting Continues**

Is your child the next Jimi Hendrix or Joan Jett? Sign them up for our After School Guitar classes. Click [here](#) for more information about this offering and the continuation of the after school acting program.

### **Pacelli Players Drama Club Resumes - New Members Welcome**

Grades 6-8 will continue to meet 2:45-3:15 pm on Wednesdays; Grades 3-5 will now meet on Fridays beginning Friday, January 28 from 2:45-3:45 pm. For students who would like to join click [here](#) for more information.

### **Box Tops**

Before you know it, it will be spring. Our next all school Box Tops collection contest will be in March. It's not too early to start collecting. Several of the classrooms still have the Box Tops collection containers from the contest in October, so feel free to send them in as you collect them.

### **You're Invited to the Junefest Cocktail Gala**

This year's Junefest kickoff is a Mardi Gras themed cocktail gala at the Queen City

Club. Mark your calendar for March 5. You'll enjoy live music, New Orleans cuisine, and a great night out with friends. For [more information](#), or to view your invitation click [here](#).



## **Kings Cash Raffle**

Purchase your chance to win \$100-\$1,000 60 times over the next year! Kings Cash 60-chance Raffle Tickets are \$25 each, or 5 for \$100.

- 52 Drawings for \$100 will be held every Sunday from March 6, 2011 to March 4, 2012.
- 7 Bonus drawings of \$500 each will be held each day of Junefest, June 3,4 and 5, as well as on Easter, the first day of school, the Feast of Our Lord Christ the King, and Christmas.
- A \$1000 winner will be drawn at the Spring Gala on March 5th.

Almost \$10,000 in cash payouts in total!!

Purchase your tickets now by either visiting [www.junefest2011.org](http://www.junefest2011.org) OR by completing the [order form](#) and returning it in the white envelope. Net proceeds benefit Our Lord Christ the King Church and Cardinal Pacelli School.

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