

March 9, 2011



# The Pacelli Post

Cardinal Pacelli School  
Educating the Heart and Mind

## Principal's Note

**Ash Wednesday** is today, the beginning of Lent. Masses take place at 6:30 am, 8:15 am, and 6:30 pm.

Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance. Ashes were used in ancient times to express mourning. Dusting oneself with ashes was the penitent's way of expressing sorrow for sins and faults.

### Important Dates for Eighth Graders

Graduation is quickly approaching. The 8th graders have been given a hand-out with all the important dates for the month of May - please ask your student for it.

### Operation Rice Bowl

*This Lent we are participating in Operation Rice Bowl, a program designed to bring us into solidarity with those who suffer from poverty.*

We will use the theme "**Dignity in all God's People**" to reinforce the importance of treating others with respect, thus becoming more Christ-like along our Lenten journey. Students will be encouraged to demonstrate good manners throughout the school day in their words and actions.



Teachers will be giving a penny to any child "caught" demonstrating respectful behaviors, which the student will place in his /her classroom's Feast Jar. When the class meets the goal of filling the Feast Jar, they will earn an out-of-uniform day.

Please encourage your child to remain steadfast to his/her promise of sacrifice and good works through Lent. We hope parents will reinforce respectful behavior by giving their child a coin for his/her at home Rice Bowl when the child demonstrates respect for others. Rice Bowls filled with your child's almsgivings will be brought to school during the last week of Lent and offered to Catholic Relief Services.

### Stations of the Cross - A Lenten Tradition

As Catholic parents we strive to pass along our values and Catholic traditions to our children. You are invited to share a sacred Lenten tradition with your child. Every Friday during Lent, Christ the King holds Stations of the Cross at 1:00 pm. The Stations last about 20 minutes. Your child will attend one of the devotions with his/her class. You are welcome to come and sit with your child.

- March 11.....Grades 2 & 6
- March 18.....Grade 3
- March 25.....Grade 4
- April 1.....Grade 5
- April 8.....Grades 1 & 8
- April 15.....Grade 7

## Important Dates

### Wednesday, March 9

"Open" PTO Meeting,  
7 pm, cafeteria  
Operation Rice Bowl begins

### Thursday, March 10

SVDP, 7 pm  
Worship Commission, 7 pm

### Friday, March 11

Altar Server T-Shirt Day  
Stations of the Cross, 1 pm

### Sunday, March 13

Daylight Savings Time

### Monday, March 14

CCD, 7 pm

### Tuesday, March 15

RCIA, 7:30 pm

### Wednesday, March 16

Garden Sale Pansy Pick-up

## Useful Links

[Cardinal Pacelli Website](#)  
[Christ the King Website](#)  
[PTO Website](#)  
[Athletics Website](#)  
[Junefest Website](#)  
[March Lunch Menu](#)

## Spotlight

Last week Preschool and Pre-K students celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday. Each day a new theme was selected based on one of Seuss's books. Students dressed in

## Catholic Schools Called on to Support HB136

HB136 is a legislative proposal before the Ohio State Assembly which significantly expands the state's current EdChoice voucher program. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, openly supports the bill. The Catholic Conference of Ohio is encouraging schools to participate in a [School Rally](#) on March 22, 2011 from 1:00-3:00 pm. For more information visit the CCO [website](#).

## Hoops for Hunger



Teams are forming now for this 3 on 3 basketball tournament benefiting the Freestore Foodbank. The winning team takes on the Pacelli teachers. Parent volunteers are needed. Please contact Mandy Kirk at [kirk\\_m@cardinalpacelli.org](mailto:kirk_m@cardinalpacelli.org), or Dan Steffen at [steffen\\_d@cardinalpacelli.org](mailto:steffen_d@cardinalpacelli.org). Thank you.

WHO: Any 7th or 8th grade student (teams must consist

of two boys & two girls)

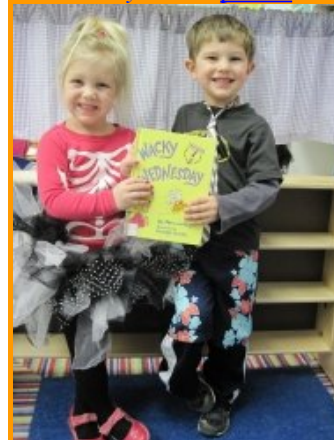
WHEN: March 26, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

WHERE: Cardinal Pacelli Gym

ENTRY FEE: \$20/team

ADMISSION: a canned good

wacky outfits when they read *Wacky Wednesday*. [More photos.](#)



## 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

### Please Join Us Tonight for the "Open" PTO Meeting All Are Welcome

Please join us for our annual "Open Meeting" which will take place tonight, Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. All parents and teachers are welcome to come and experience what takes place in our monthly meetings, share ideas, and learn more about PTO Board positions. We will follow our regular agenda and there will be time allotted for questions. We hope to see you there!

### COSI's "What's Wild"

Thanks to everyone who donated their time and talents for our COSI "What's Wild" program. Our students had a wildly good time exploring Ohio's Wildlife! A special thanks to Lisa Kopplow for chairing this event and making it such a huge success!

### "Kids For Others" Lenten Offering Begins Today

Our school community Lenten activity will once again coordinate with the Parish *Fishes and Loaves* program where food and toiletries are collected to stock the pantry of Inter Parish Ministry (IPM).

**Today's item is Peanut Butter; Next week is Jelly.**

For a complete list of weekly Lenten offerings, go to the PTO website and click [Fishes and Loaves](#). Please direct any questions to Kim Jordan (231-5253), Jeanne Robson (624-6815), or Julie White (533-0469).

### Mother/Daughter Luncheon

Celebrate "Spring Time in Paris" at the Cardinal Pacelli School Mother Daughter Luncheon and Boutique, Sunday, April 3 at 10:00 am at Hyde Park Country Club. Cost is \$20 per person. Make checks payable to Cardinal Pacelli School PTO. Grandmothers and Aunts are welcome, too! Mothers will be seated with daughters at class tables. If you have more than one daughter, please indicate the class where you prefer to be seated. Click [Mother/Daughter Luncheon](#) to RSVP by March 24. Questions? Call Katie Kleeman at 793-4511.

### Become a Buddy Family

Do you remember how it felt to have so many questions before sending your first born off into the big world of Elementary School? New parents have many questions from "What exactly is acceptable uniform attire?" to "How does a carline work?" Here's your chance to ease some of the anxieties of new parents at our school. Become a "Buddy Family" and reach out to a new family by welcoming them and making them aware of how happy we are that they are part of our Cardinal Pacelli/Christ the King

Community. To sign up to be a "Buddy Family" or for more information, see the PTO Website [Buddy Family](#) page. For additional questions, contact Courtney Talty at [cgt63@earthlink.net](mailto:cgt63@earthlink.net)

### Green is the New Black!

Help support this year's Fashion Show Fundraiser by Going Green! Any student who brings in \$2 by St. Patrick's Day, March 17, can come to school out of uniform as long as he/she dons some green! And don't forget to mark your calendar for this year's **Fashion Show on Friday, April 15!**

### Box Tops Contest

*Our School Box Tops contest is underway!* Please don't forget to send in your Box Tops all through March. More information in next week's Pacelli Post.

### Pinocchio is Coming!

The Spring Musical is coming soon! Come out to watch and support our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders as they perform *Pinocchio*. Performances will take place on Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 at 7:00 pm. Tickets will be sold in advance (more information in next week's Pacelli Post).



The **KidsArt Fair** will also be taking place directly prior to the School Musical, on Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 from 4:00-7:00 pm. Information regarding the KidsArt Fair was distributed in last week's White Envelope. You will be able to purchase your child's framed art. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Fine Arts Committee for future Arts programming.

There are many volunteer opportunities at both events (tickets, programs, videos, photography, costumes, make up). For more information, please click [Pinocchio](#). If you are interested in volunteering for either event please contact Kim Yates at [yates.kl@pg.com](mailto:yates.kl@pg.com) or Kathleen Howe at [krh1@fuse.net](mailto:krh1@fuse.net).

## Parish News

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### Cocktail Gala a Festive Kick Off to Junefest



Jazz, party beads, etouffee, masked revelers, a dashing auctioneer, and a first-class location all added up to a great evening at the Queen City Club. Many thanks to **Diane and John Altmix, Michele and Andy Daniher, and Gerry and Mike Schulze** who chaired the event.

### Lenten Series Explores the Wisdom of the Psalms

Christ the King is joining together with Church of the Redeemer and Knox Presbyterian for an ecumenical series about the Psalms. It will be lead by world renowned bible scholar, Reverend Dr. Walter Brueggemann. The program takes place during Wednesday evenings in Lent. For more information click [here](#).

### Friday Fish Fries: Great Food, Fellowship, and Fun

The church's best chefs will be on the scene for three fish fries this Lent. Mark your calendar for March 18 and 25, and April 1 from 5-8 p.m. in the Cardinal Pacelli cafeteria. Feast on delicious Fried Cod, Shrimp Caesar Salad, Clam Chowder, Cole Slaw, Fries, Vegetables, Pizza, Homemade Mac & Cheese, Fresh Fruit, Dessert and Beverages. Eat in or carry out. Adults-\$9, Seniors-\$6, K-Grade 6-\$4, and Preschool and Under are Free!

We need lots of volunteers and it's as much fun to work as it is to eat! Contact Aleth Rhoades at [alethrhoades@mac.com](mailto:alethrhoades@mac.com) or Doug Dunderman at [ddunderman@cincinnati.com](mailto:ddunderman@cincinnati.com) for more information. Sign up to volunteer [here](#).



### Child Protection Orientation

A Child Protection Orientation session is scheduled for Thursday March 24, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Volunteers who have regular contact (more than three hours a month or more than once a month) with children are required by the

Archdiocese of Cincinnati to be fingerprinted and view a child protection video. For more information click [here](#).

## Junefest Prom Party

It's prom time!



Date: Saturday, March 19  
Time: 7:00 - 11:00 pm  
Location: Cardinal Pacelli Gym  
Attire: Prom (the cheesier the better)  
Please RSVP to Julie O'Toole at [julieotsg@aol.com](mailto:julieotsg@aol.com) by Friday, March 11 even if you have [already paid](#).

## Athletics

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### It's Time To Sign Up for Cougar Cheerleading 2011

Any student attending Cardinal Pacelli, St. Mary or the Villa who will be entering grades 3-8 in the 2011-2012 school year is eligible to cheer for Cougar Football games held at the Withrow High School Football Field. Sign ups are due by March 18. For more information see the [flyer/registration](#) form or contact Tracy Stacey at 260-2802 with any questions.

### The Athletic Commission Needs Your Feedback

Please tell us how your coach did this year! [Forms](#) are available online and may be returned with your name or anonymously. Thank you.

### Cougar Football

Sign ups will occur in March. Please keep an eye on the website for forms, dates, and details.

**The Athletics Website** is always available at [www.ckathletics.org](http://www.ckathletics.org)

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