

November 30, 2011



The Pacelli Post

Cardinal Pacelli School
Educating the Heart and Mind

Principal's Note

Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert!" This is true for us at any time of the year, but especially during Advent. The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is on the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. The past few months Catholics have been anticipating another important arrival: the new translation of the Roman Missal. Now that the new texts are being used during Mass, we have to be "watchful" and "alert" in a different sense. Father Ed is impressed by how well the teachers have prepared students for the changes.



Iowa Test Scores

Iowa Test scores were mailed out over Thanksgiving Break for families with students in grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. If you did not receive a report in the mail please contact the school office at 321-1048.

Interims This Friday

- **Grades K-5:** Parents will receive an interim only if the teacher has a concern
- **Grades 6-8:** Parents will receive a paper to sign verifying that they have looked at grades online

Magnifikids

Look for your **December issue** of *Magnifikids* in the White Envelope today. The new issues will be especially helpful for students as they continue to become familiar with the recent changes in Mass.

Important Dates

Thursday, December 1

Taco Lunch
Photography Contest deadline - noon

Friday, December 2

Interims

Saturday, December 3/ Sunday, December 4

Poinsettia Flower Sale pick up, in the cafeteria after all Masses

Monday, December 5

Christmas Boutique set up
Gift of the Magi Performance

Tuesday, December 6

Christmas Boutique

Wednesday, December 7

Christmas Boutique

Useful Links

[Cardinal Pacelli Website](#)

Play Performance December 5



Thanks to our Fine Arts Committee, students in grades K-8 will enjoy a performance of *The Gift of the Magi* this Monday at 8:30 am in the Gym. The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati brings this classic tale of gift-giving and friendship to us just in time for the holidays.

Message from the Nurse

Head Lice Information

There have been some stubborn cases of lice this school year in grades 1 and 4. Apparently all of the schools in the area are also dealing with this. We count on you to help check your children. Look for nits which are tiny white oval eggs attached to hair shafts. Often you can see them in the area behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. Also, look for the lice (actual bugs), moving quickly in the hair, especially on top of the head. Also, look for bites that resemble a rash at the nape of the neck. Nit-picking is the only sure way to get rid of a case of lice. Please continue to [read here](#) for more valuable information about dealing with lice.

Seminarians Take on Boys Basketball Team

This **Friday, December 2**, a group of seminarians from Mount St. Mary's Seminary are coming to Cardinal Pacelli to play the 8th grade boys in a basketball game. Along with showing our students how they play basketball, they plan on speaking to grades 4-8 about their vocation. It promises to be a fun afternoon!



Band Performance

The Music Staff proudly presents a Christmas Band Concert featuring Cardinal Pacelli's talented young musicians on **Monday, December 12**. View the [invitation](#).

Beginning Band, 7:00 pm
Advanced Band, 7:45 pm

Schoolbelles Uniforms

[Check out](#) the special deals going on now at Schoolbelles' Biggest Sale of the Year.

Ohio House Bill 136

This legislation could significantly impact Catholic schools. Ohio House Bill 136 will create ways for parents' tax dollars to follow the education of their children regardless of whether they have attended public or Catholic schools. **Contact your State Legislator to support HB 136**. Click [here](#) (scroll down) for more info.

PTO News

Christmas Boutique is Here!



Next **Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec 6 & 7**, all Pacelli students are invited to shop at our traditional Christmas Boutique. The Parish Center will be transformed into a Christmas Wonderland Shop filled with a fabulous variety of great gifts for the children to purchase presents for their family and friends. Proceeds from this special PTO event support our annual donation to St. Vincent de Paul.

Great gifts: There are gorgeous handmade and quality store bought gifts ranging in prices from \$1-\$10, with an average price of \$4-\$7. All of the children's purchases will be specially gift wrapped, labeled and ready to put under your Christmas tree! **Look for the Christmas Boutique envelope enclosed in the White Envelope today.** Please fill it out and return to you child's teacher by **Monday, December 5**.

We would like all students to have the opportunity to participate!

Once again, an anonymous donor has offered to give financial assistance to any child who may need it so they may enjoy the Boutique and the spirit of giving along with their classmates! For confidential information call the rectory and speak with Pam Gruesser at 321-4121 or email at pam@ourlordchristtheking.org.

There are many openings for volunteers. We really need workers on Wednesday from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm to help us pack up! Click [CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE](#) to see

[Christ the King Website](#)
[PTO Website](#)
[Athletics Website](#)
[Schoolhouse Fare](#)

Spotlight

Special Person's Day



The rain couldn't dampen students' spirits as they welcomed the special people in their lives last Tuesday. After Mass guests visited classrooms and then enjoyed lunch in the gym. [See more photos.](#)

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.

more details and volunteer.

Thanks to our PTO Boutique Chairs: *Fritzi Vallota, Lynda Hannan and Kelly Vaughn* who have been working all year to make this happen!

Teacher and Staff Christmas Gift Fund

Please remember to contribute to the Staff Christmas Gift Fund. The donation envelopes are in the White Envelope today and are due this Friday, December 2. Your generosity is much appreciated by the teachers and staff.

Taco Day is HERE! Thursday, December 1

[Habanero Latin](#) is providing fresh tacos for our Health & Wellness sponsored lunch **TOMORROW!** Just **\$1.50** for the following meal:



- Chicken hard taco with cheese and a side of mild rice
- Mild corn salsa and/or tomato-based salsa (optional)
- For \$3 you get 2 hard tacos with 2 rice servings
- **FREE FRUIT DAY** for **ALL**

Just send in money with your children tomorrow for a simple cash and carry option. No planning or signup required. Look for another Health & Wellness lunch option on Thursday, December 15!

Lunch Update

The Health & Wellness sponsored lunches in October and November have been well received and supported. **We are expanding the lunches to 4 times per month beginning in January 2012.** Mark your calendar for the first 4 Thursdays of each month. The goal of these lunches is to provide nutritious, cost effective options on a convenient cash and carry basis. While we strive to break even on the sponsored lunches, some have made money and others have lost money due to purchase variability. Rest assured that any funds raised from the lunches are used to support Health & Wellness efforts and events such as Free Fruit Days, etc.

Express Yourself: Telling Stories Through the Arts

The **Children's Theatre ArtReach Program** is coming to Pacelli on December 5 to perform *The Gift of the Magi*. Grades K-8 will enjoy the performance at 8:30 am in the Gym. The program is sponsored by the **Fine Arts Committee**.

5th-8th Grade Special Person's Day **THANK YOU**

A huge thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who made the day so special! *Amy Whitaker, Emme Waterkotte, Mike Roe, Leslee Uhl, Katie Greenwell, Jennifer Allman, Alisa Fisher, Kevin Anello, Lisa Habegger, Helen Von Holle (table decorations), Michele Deremo, 8th graders* who helped setup the tables/chairs and *5th graders* who helped put away tables/chairs. Thank you to our PTO Special Events Co-Chairs, **Kim Hardewig** and **Toni Rogers!**

Flying Pigs Kids' Marathon

The Health & Wellness Committee is tracking mileage by classroom and individual. There will be prizes for the winning class in each grade and individual prizes. Go to our Flying Pig Marathon [HOG LOG](#) Tracker to log the miles. See [Flying Pig](#) for more details.



Poinsettia Sale Supporting ISSE

Thank you from the 6th Grade to everyone who placed an order for poinsettias and gift cards. The funds raised will be used to entertain our guests from Ecuador for the International School to School Experience (ISSE) Program. The poinsettias will be available for pickup in the cafeteria this coming weekend (December 3 & 4) after Masses.

Digital Photography Contest for Grades 6-8

The deadline has been extended to Thursday, Dec. 1 at noon!



There have been some amazing submissions the last few days, so keep sending those photos in! **Be sure to check out the entries on our [website](#).** Best photo winners will be awarded in each of four categories, with winners chosen by a panel consisting of a professional photographer, a Cardinal Pacelli teacher, and Father Ed. Students may submit photos as individuals, or they may submit as teams of two or more teammates.

Parish News



You're Invited to Light the Advent Wreath

There are still slots available!

During the season of Advent, families are invited to light the Advent wreath at the beginning of each liturgy. It's simple to be a part of this beautiful Advent tradition. For more information and to sign up, click [here](#).

Christmas Gift Giving

Please consider adopting a family as we have many requests this year.

We are pleased to again offer our parish community the opportunity to brighten the lives of others in this blessed season. Share in the true spirit of Christmas by contributing to our St. Vincent de Paul and Inter-Parish Ministry. There are three ways to participate:

- Select an ornament from the tree at the front of church and return the requested gift by December 11
- Make a cash donation or check payable to "Christ the King" and drop off at the Rectory, in the collection basket (marked "Christmas Gift Giving Program") or through the White Envelope
- Adopt a family by completing this [FORM](#)



Please direct questions to Michele Deremo at mderemo@cinci.rr.com, 543-5911 or Dennie Patton at patton6@aol.com, 543-5911.



Help us stay in touch with you! Become a FAN at "Our Lord Christ the King/Cardinal Pacelli School" on [Facebook](#).

St. Ann Sodality Christmas Celebration

Father Ed and Deacon Don will be singing!!!

When: Tuesday, December 13

Where: Christ the King Parish Center

When: 6:00 pm

The celebration will begin with wine & appetizers, followed by a catered dinner (\$15) and "Sing-Along." The singing will be led by the DYNAMIC DUO - Father Ed Smith and Deacon Don Gloeckler. Questions? Contact

Mary Kay Bohman, 871-6291. For dinner reservations contact **Wanda Bien**, 871-3974.

Come and See the Scouts' Gingerbread Houses!

Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa's Scouts are again busy working on amazing gingerbread house creations that will be on display next weekend, **December 10-11, in the Parish Center**. Come join the Scouts after Mass to see their unique creations and shop the Huge Holiday Goodie Bake Sale where there will be cookies and brownies of every kind, favorite family holiday treats, and whole coffee cakes, breads and pies. Most items are 25 cents to a \$1.00! All proceeds and donations will benefit "Families for Families" an organization helping families suffering from domestic violence. Thank you for your support!



Drop Inn Center Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to help with Christ the King's monthly dinner at the Drop Inn Center homeless shelter on **Monday, December 26**. Help is needed with preparing and donating food for the dinner, and serving the dinner at the shelter. Students in the 7th grade and older are welcome to assist along with their parents. For more information or to volunteer, please contact parishioner Mary Persinger, (513) 871-2296, or mfrances@fuse.net. Thank you!



Helping Hands Ministry

This group of Christ the King volunteers prepare and deliver meals for people in times of need, e.g., new baby, surgery, illness, death in the family. We have also provided transportation for individuals when the need arises. If you or someone you know could use our services or you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Nancy Evans at 871-1468 (h), 607-6649 (c) or jnetk@mac.com

Athletics



Basketball

Boys and Girls winter basketball schedules are now available and the seasons kick off this weekend. Christ the King is hosting games all day long in our gym on Saturday. All parents of basketball players should expect to see a communication this week regarding scheduled times for working admissions and concessions. Please be certain to show up for your time/day to work or if you are unable to make it please find a replacement. Thanks for your support.

Volleyball

Volleyball tryouts for 6th and 7th grade were concluded just prior to our Thanksgiving Break. Congratulations to all who came out. Results are posted on our [website](#). All of our teams are now formed and look to represent our parish well. If you have any questions regarding the volleyball season please contact Tenesia Wildermuth.

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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