

September 28, 2011



# The Pacelli Post

Cardinal Pacelli School  
Educating the Heart and Mind

## Principal's Note



### All School Mass in Gym

Tomorrow's All School Mass at 8:15 am will take place in the gym due to maintenance in the church. All are welcome to attend.

### Uniform Shorts

A friendly reminder: Although temperatures have cooled off, shorts may be worn as part of the school uniform through October 31.

### C-Notify Phone Test Tomorrow

On **Thursday, September 29 at 8:30 am** we will be testing the C-Notify phone system. If you do not receive a call at that time, please notify Charmaine Gruber at [gruber\\_c@cardinalpacelli.org](mailto:gruber_c@cardinalpacelli.org). C-Notify is used by the school to send important phone messages to families.

### Student Accident Insurance Plan

In today's White Envelope you will find materials from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati describing a Student Accident Insurance plan for enrolled students from preschool to senior high school. These materials include an information sheet describing the program along with a brochure.

## Important Dates

### Thursday, September 29

All School Mass, 8:15 am in Gym  
Magazine Sale Pizza Lunch & Pig Races

### Saturday, October 1

Blessing of the Pets, 9 am  
Junefest Kindergarten Fiesta  
Winter Sports Registration deadline

### Monday, October 3

Box Tops Contest begins  
Athletic Commission, 7 pm

### Tuesday, October 4

Parent Confirmation Meeting, 7 pm,  
Parish Center

## Useful Links

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

## Confirmation Meeting for Parents of Seventh and Eighth Graders

As the first and foremost educators of their children, parents are called to guide their adolescents' spiritual, as well as physical, intellectual, emotional and social growth. A mandatory meeting for the parents of the 2012 Confirmation Candidates will be held on **Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 pm** in the **Parish Center**. It is strongly encouraged that both parents attend this meeting lead by our pastor, Fr. Smith and our Coordinator of Religious Education, Mrs. Emily Daley.



### All School Prayer Service

**Friday, October 7, 1:00 pm in Church**

Join the students of Cardinal Pacelli as they pray the Rosary together in honor of Mary on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Our sixth graders will lead us in praying the Joyful Mysteries. You are welcome to come and sit with your child during this prayer service in the church. **Students and parents are invited to bring a rosary from home.**

## Catholics Respect Life

**Respect Life Sunday is October 2**

This week you will see white crosses appear on the church lawn. These crosses remind us that life is precious at every stage. Catholics defend the dignity of human life and pray for an end to any practice that disregards the value of life. Your children will be praying the following prayer at school while the crosses are on our church lawn.

### Prayer for Dignity of Human Life

*Lord and giver of all life, help us to value each person, created in love by you. In your mercy, guide and assist our efforts to promote the dignity and value of all human life, born and unborn. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

For further information about talking to your child about Respect Life Sunday, click [here](#).

## Parenting Workshop through Catholic Charities

Have you ever thought, "I'm going to stop yelling, it doesn't do any good?" only to find yourself doing the same thing just minutes later? If so, join us for **Better Than Yelling**, a one-session program designed to decrease yelling and to develop a more satisfying relationship with your child. This program will be held on **September 29 from 7-9 pm** at Holy Trinity Parish, 2420 Drex Ave. The fee is \$15 per person. For more information or to register, call Sandy Keiser at Catholic Charities, 241-7745.

## Vision for Catholic Schools



For the past several months, an effort has been underway to establish a common vision for the future of Catholic school education in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. All are invited to attend a presentation in October regarding the vision. Dr. Jim Rigg will provide a summary of the key data regarding Catholic identity, academic excellence, demographics, finances, and other areas. The presentations will take place on the following dates. All are welcome to attend. Please click [here](#) for more information.

- October 4: Chaminade-Julienne High School 6:00-7:30 pm
- October 6: Roger Bacon High School 6:00-7:30 pm
- October 11: Lehman High School 6:00-7:30 pm

## PTO News

### Magazine Sale - Lunch and Pig Races Tomorrow

Congratulations! The kids will enjoy FREE Papa John's pizza, cookies, and soda for lunch on **Thursday, September 29**. If a child does not want pizza, he should pack a lunch. Milk will be sold in the cafeteria for 25 cents. The Pig Races start at 1:15 pm in the Gym.

### Express Yourself: Telling Stories Through The Arts

## Spotlight

### Bullying Presentations



Jim Bisenius knows how to stop bullies in their tracks, and he came to Cardinal

Pacelli on September 22 to show students just how to do that. "My focus is to show a kid who is being targeted how to stop the dance," said Bisenius. Once you empower kids to stop reacting in the usual ways, the bully retreats. Instead of acting scared, nervous, or upset, Bisenius shows students the body language and behaviors that will make them appear undaunted. Learn more about Jim Bisenius and his program at [Bully-Proofing Youth](#).

## 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](mailto:fisher_a@cardinalpacelli.org) by noon on Tuesday. Items may be edited for space.



The Fine Arts Committee is excited to give you a preview of the events we are planning for the 2011-12 school year. Our theme for the year is "Express Yourself: Telling Stories Through the Arts." This theme will provide the framework for everything we do throughout the year. We will also break the year into four quarters, each of which will focus on a different area of the arts. Please email Mitch Dunn ([mitchdunn@gmail.com](mailto:mitchdunn@gmail.com)) or Anne Texter ([Annetexter@gmail.com](mailto:Annetexter@gmail.com)) with any questions or with suggestions for Fine Arts programming.

Some of the currently planned highlights for the year include:

- A **Monthly Music Series** featuring live music performances in the cafeteria during lunch on or about the last Friday of every month. The first event in the series is an acoustic guitar performance by [Jim Kelly](#) of acoustic duo [Firelight](#) on Friday, September 30.
- Through October and November our focus is on Visual Art. We are bringing in Cincinnati-based professional photographer [Tony Arrasmith](#) in October to teach grades six through eight the fundamentals of digital photography. The focus on photography will culminate with an **online exhibition and contest**. The winning photos will be displayed at school through the end of the year.
- The focus for December and January is Theater. **The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati** will present a performance of [The Gift of the Magi](#) on December 5th in the gym for the entire school.
- Prior to the Christmas show in mid-December we will have **individual student performances** on piano, guitar and voice. Be sure and arrive early to hear them.
- Music teacher Annie Shoup will produce a **Choral Concert** in the gym in early spring.

## Special Person's Day, Kindergarten - Fourth Grade

**Thursday, October 27, 2011**

Mark your calendar and invite your special grandparent, aunt, uncle or friend to participate in 9 am Mass followed by a visit to the classroom, reception, and a special concert performed by the children. **Click [here](#) for details and check your White Envelope for your invitation.**

## Help Us Waive PTO Dues in 2012!

The PTO receives 4% of all grocery and gas sales purchased with the Kroger gift card you received three weeks ago. If each family were to purchase \$1,000 in groceries at Kroger over the course of the year it would net the PTO \$9,360. As an incentive to load up those cards and use them, **if we raise over \$8,500 on Kroger Cards between now and August 2012 the PTO will waive the \$35 dues for ALL families for the 2012-13 school year.** We know not every family shops at Kroger, but those who shop there spend well over \$1,000 a year. Get in the habit of loading that card! Extra cards are available for Aunts, Uncles, and Grandparents by contacting [diane.l.altmix@accenture.com](mailto:diane.l.altmix@accenture.com).

## Health & Wellness Sponsors Lunch October 6 & 20

Don't forget **Thursday, October 6** is pizza day! The Health & Wellness Committee is offering cheese pizza from **Naked Pizza** for \$1.50 per slice. The pizza sauce, dough, and cheese contain no additives, preservatives, colorants or chemicals of any kind. One slice of original crust pizza contains:



- 161 calories
- 7 grams of protein
- 7 grams of fiber
- 7 grams of fat
- 20 total carbohydrates
- 259 mg of sodium

Look for another Health & Wellness Lunch Option on **Thursday, October 20!**

## Box Tops Contest

**Send them in to help your classroom win!**

Starting **Monday, October 3** each classroom will be collecting **BOX TOPS** as part of the Fall Cardinal Pacelli **BOX TOPS** Contest. Check the White Envelope for a plastic bag and submit your Box Tops in bundles of 50 OR indicate the number included on the outside of the plastic bag. The winning **classroom** will be awarded an afternoon of movies and treats at the beginning of November. The contest will run October 3-13. They really add up-last year we raised over \$1,700 through **BOX TOPS**.

## Market Day Time for October Orders

Thanks to all who ordered Market Day last month. Our school earned \$216.90 from the September sale! It's never too late to jump on board and start ordering Market Day. Check out this month's flyer/order form in today's White Envelope. Return your order form to the school office by Friday 10/7 or **place your order online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) by Monday 10/10**. This month's pick up is on Friday 10/14 from 2:30-3:30 in the cafeteria. For more information, contact Ann Rigling (Beckett) at [riglingbeckett@ao.com](mailto:riglingbeckett@ao.com) or 673-7687. Thanks!

## Junior High Dances

The 2011-2012 Jr. High Dances are scheduled for **Friday, October 28**-Halloween theme & **Friday, February 3**-Valentine's theme. Check out all the details [here](#).



## Home Alone & Better Babysitting Classes for 4th & 5th Graders

*Home Alone* (4th & up) & *Better Babysitting* (5th & up) are after school classes taught by the professionals of [EnrichingKidz](#). *Home Alone* class meets on Oct. 11 and Oct. 18 from 2:30-4:30 pm and the cost is \$50. *Better Babysitting* meets on Oct. 20, Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and Nov. 10 from 2:30-5:15 and the cost is \$80. Please see [flyer](#) for more details.

## Playground Equipment Update

A Certified Playground Safety Inspector assessed the Playground Equipment on 9/14 and recommended making modifications to the current equipment and the addition of appropriate ground cover to improve the safety of the area. The Playground Committee is working on getting this accomplished.

## Christmas Boutique

**Calling all Elves!** We are beginning to prepare our gifts for the ever fun and fabulous Christmas Boutique and we need YOUR help. All sessions will be in the Parish Center this year. Join us for an hour or any amount of time you have available. These sessions are always a bunch of fun - great conversation, yummy snacks, a great way to meet other Pacelli parents and a sneak peek at some cool gifts in the works. *Your Boutique Chairs: Fritzi Vallota, Lynda Hannan, Kelly Vaughn*

- **TODAY**, Wednesday, September 28: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 19: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 29: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm (plus evening session 6-10 pm)
- Wednesday, November 30: 9:30 am - 3:00 pm



## Selective Electives

Questions? Contact Katie Kleeman at [schillkj@hotmail.com](mailto:schillkj@hotmail.com)

### Lego Mania Class Starts This Thursday, September 29

Students will learn the basics of mechanical engineering to design a variety of working robots. **We need 5 more students for the class to take place.** Sign up now and join the fun. [LEGO](#)

### Mad Science

Your young Mad Scientists will see how weather affects the world around them, have fun with chemistry in the kitchen and explore light and color. [MAD SCIENCE](#)

### Young Rembrandts

Afterschool Drawing Class teaching children how to draw using an engaging method in which all children can succeed. Register online only. [REMBRANDTS](#)  
Click [here](#) to view sign up sheet. **A hard copy of the flyer is in today's White Envelope.**

## Parish News

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### Blessing of the Pets

**THIS SATURDAY October 1, 9:00 am**

Calling all creatures great and small! Our annual Blessing of the Pets will take place on Saturday, October 1 at 9:00 am in the parish driveway. Father Ed will bless pets in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Join us for this memorable celebration of animals! Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Cookies for Kairos

**Fr. Giles Pater** who celebrates Mass at Christ the King many weekends is again a team member for a Kairos Prison Ministry Renewal Weekend, **October 20-23**. He is again asking for help to **provide home-baked cookies** and **prayer support** to make this weekend a success. Each weekend needs 6,000-10,000 cookies. If you are able to make 4 dozen (or more) cookies it would be most appreciated. Click [here](#) for details.

### Eighth Grade Junefest Party

Get your game face on and join our team of 8th grade students and their parents for a tailgate dinner! Game time is Sunday, **October 2 at 5 pm at Robson Stadium**. Please RSVP to Missy Byrne ASAP [mrb987@gmail.com](mailto:mrb987@gmail.com) so we can get our lineup ready! For more information please view the invitation [here](#).

### Christ the King Halloween Party



Come dressed to scare, to provoke a laugh, or as yourself. No matter who or what you are on **Saturday, October 22** you will have spooktacular time! Come with your friends to the Pacelli gym from 7-12 pm for fun music from a DJ, yummy snacks and delicious drinks. \$30 per person. Please RSVP to Julie O'toole at [JulieOTSG@aol.com](mailto:JulieOTSG@aol.com).

Hosts: *Zach & Jeannie Bunker, Steve & Carla Caruso, Mitch & Jill*

*Dunn, Eric & Katie Greenwell, Pat & Amy Mueller, Brady & Julie O'Toole and Pete & Erin Ragland*

### Child Protection Video October 6, 7:00 pm

Are you a scout leader? Sunday preschool teacher? Athletic coach or assistant? etc.....All 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. There will be a Child Protection Orientation at Christ the King/Cardinal Pacelli School **Thursday, October 6 at 7 pm in the Parish Center**. For more information click [here](#).

### Bring In Those Buckeyes!

Parishioner Christian Sigman is asking Cardinal Pacelli students to help collect buckeyes for a reforestation effort. A bucket will be provided in the school office the week of September 26 for the students to drop them off. The planting date has yet to be determined, but student volunteers may be needed to assist in planting. Details to follow. Thanks for your support.



## Athletics

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### Athletics Update



Please remember, all **Winter Sports Registrations** for Boys and Girls, grades 3 through 8, basketball and volleyball, **are due this week!** Don't wait!

It is extremely important that we receive registrations on time so that the teams/rosters can be submitted with the ideal number of players. All forms may be

found on the Athletic Commission website at [www.ckathletics.org](http://www.ckathletics.org). All volleyball and boys basketball registrations should include a CYO release form as well which may be found on the site as well.

Please also note, boys basketball tryouts for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade teams will be held in mid-October.

### **Uniform SOS!!!**

Some of our athletes are wearing the wrong size uniforms because we are missing so many. Please search in your children's closets and old backpacks for basketball, baseball, soccer and any other uniforms you may find. The basketball and soccer uniforms alone cost about \$50+ each. Please return any used uniforms that belong to Pacelli. There will be a container in the back of church and in the front office at school. Thank you, Molly Freeman, Uniform Coordinator

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