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IMPORTANT DATES

February 22 - 24 Exams for Grades 6-7-8

February 24
End of Second Trimester

February 25 - JuneFest Gala

February 26 - Cafeteria Concert

February 28 - 8th Grade Mardi Gras Bake Sale

March 1 - Ash Wednesday - All School Mass

March 1 - 24
Iowa Testing Dates

March 3 - Report Cards sent home via e-mail
Father/Daughter Dance 7:00 - 10:00 PM

March 8 - Final Open PTO Meeting 7:00 PM

March 9 - Fishes & Loaves Collection Begins

March 10 - Spiritwear Day

March 16 - 8th Grade Musical

March 17 - **NO SCHOOL** for students PD Day for Teachers

March 30 - A Night in Paris Fashion Show 7:00 PM
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April 2 - Mother/Daughter Brunch

Cardinal Pacelli School's mission is committed to providing a nurturing environment focused on developing the spiritual, academic, and social abilities of each child. We work to instill positive morals and a sincere desire in our students to become lifelong learners and to better the community around them.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Pacelli Families,

I hope you are enjoying these last few days of February. We have been lucky so far with good weather but are suffering with several out due to illness. My best advice is to wash your hands a lot and if you need a timer, hum the Happy Birthday song from beginning to end, TWICE! Staying away from crowds and know that if your children feel bad, they are probably experiencing one of the many bugs that have been circulating through the building! We all try to "tough" it out but staying home to get additional rest is the best medicine.

We all want to be healthy and ready for the IOWA Assessments which will begin for students in grades 3 - 7 on March 2nd and grade 2 on March 7th. We will be testing only in the mornings. The teachers will provide you with a more detailed schedule next week.

Thank you to the PTO for providing our students with programs from the Museum Center last week. Pre-school, Pre-K and Kindergarten enjoyed "Blast Off", Grades 1 - 4 learned about the "Forces of Nature" and Grades 5 - 8 participated in the study of "Forensics." We all learned a lot from these extra academic enrichments!

Students in grades 6 - 8 began exams on Wednesday and will finish on Friday, February 24th which is the end of Trimester 2. Please make sure that all assignments and other tests and quizzes have been completed in order for the teachers to accurately assess your child's progress.

We are in the midst of registration for next school year. Please get your registrations in as soon as possible so we can begin making plans for next school year. If tours, inquiries and current registrations are any indication, I anticipate a growth year for us! We have a superior faculty and staff at Cardinal Pacelli where our focus is on **ALL** students and how we can help them achieve their potential. You are the **BEST** advertisers of our terrific school. Please continue to send out excitement for Pacelli and positive vibes into the community. Your children are blessed to be surrounded by wonderful role models and the arms of Christ!

Blessings to All,

Mrs. Terri Cento

All families have the opportunity to be considered for some tuition assistance through the Catholic Education Foundation. Please continue to apply through FACTS. The cut-off date for the second application period will be February 28, 2017. In order to apply for Tuition Assistance from Cardinal Pacelli's Education Fund, you are required to apply for the Archdiocese Financial Aid first. Both financial aid programs begin with a single application through FACTS which can be found [HERE](#).

FAT TUESDAY, 8th Grade MARDI GRAS BAKE SALE

The 8th Graders are having a bake sale during lunch on Tuesday, February 28th, Fat Tuesday. Bring in your money to buy a treat! Donations will go toward their Class Gift.

LUNCH MENU for MARCH

[Click Here](#) to see the lunch menu for March.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Anxiety is the number one mental health problem facing children and adolescents today, but it is also the most treatable. Without intervention, children tend to grow into their fears, not grow out of them. But once children have learned how to challenge worry's authority and outsmart the tricks the brain can play, they are no longer at the whim of their fearful imaginations. Today, kids with anxiety can expect to learn the skills they need to lead a full and happy life. Two good websites with more information: www.WorryWiseKids.org and www.adaa.org (Anxiety and Depression Association of America).

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATES



Kindness Month Starts Strong

Our students and faculty quickly jumped on the kind train last week to kick-off Random Acts of Kindness Month.

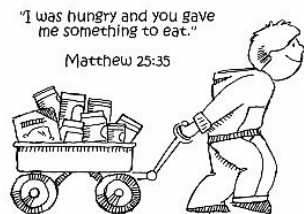
We'll be "**Catching Kindness**" by recording when someone (staff or student) shows kindness. Some early acts of kindness have included: a student helping another student when their books fell from the cubby; two students took on a new Saint Family - to help in the absence of their leaders; a student held the door for their entire class and the class that followed; a student cleaned up the room before the class left for a special without being asked. All of these acts resulted in a student tying a ribbon on the kindness

wreath, which is on display in the lobby.

The idea is to teach kids how easy it can be to choose kindness and we'll be celebrating - and recognizing kind acts - through mid-March. Let's keep it going.

"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." ~ Mark Twain

For questions about Kindness Month, please contact Meg Lynch lynch_m@cardinalpacelli.org or Bridget Castellini from the Service Committee bcastellini@yahoo.com



Loaves & Fishes Starts March 9

Students are asked to bring items on **Thursday** mornings during Lent starting **March 9**. **Please have the items at the top of their backpacks and ready for drop off in the AM. There will be boxes right by the entrance to make it easy.**

Follow the timeline each week, send the items all at once at any point or double up items on the collection dates. We will also accept other non-perishables that aren't on the list. Monetary donations are also accepted.

Suggested needed items and timeline:

- * **Thursday, March 9:** Toilet Paper/Blankets (good condition & clean)
- * **Thursday, March 16:** Shampoo/Socks (new or used in good condition) / gym shoes (adults and children; new or used)
- * **Thursday, March 23:** Deodorant/Razors/Low Dose Aspirin
- * **Thursday, March 30:** Canned Fruit (esp. low sugar) & Vegetables
- * **Thursday, April 6:** Canned Meats (ex. Chicken, Hash, Stew, Chili) and Boxed/Canned Meals

Please contact Becky Overbay jboverbay@yahoo.com or Bridget Castellini bcastellini@yahoo.com with questions.

PTO NEWS

Spring Fashion Show

Save the date for "A Night in Paris" on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM in Pacelli's gym.

Click on the following link to view the invitation and to register: [2017 SPRING FASHION SHOW](#)

Father/Daughter Dance

Join fellow Dads and Daughters for the 2017 "Pacelli Eyes are Smiling" Father/Daughter Dance! Friday, March 3 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. [View your invitation here](#). Cost is \$20 per family. Please [register for the dance](#) online and then send in cash or a check (made payable to "CPS PTO") to school in an envelope marked "Father/Daughter Dance." Contact Amy Miller at amyandrob@cinci.rr.com with any questions!

Save the Date for Open PTO Meeting

Please join us for the final Open PTO Meeting of this school year, which will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Connect with other parents, have a voice in the activities and programs our PTO supports, and volunteer your time to make a difference.

Shooter Shirts are Now Available -

through our spirit wear vendor, Rokkitwear. Click on Cardinal Pacelli School Panthers at the top of the flyer and you will be able to order and personalize the shirt with your last name on the back. Personalization is an additional \$8. All orders will be sent to school in early March. [CLICK HERE](#) to order a shirt now! Sale ends 2/24/2017.

PTO Reimbursements

There are lots of amazing events and activities coming up that our wonderful parent volunteers will be coordinating. This means there will be some reimbursements that need to be made. Please take a moment and familiarize yourself with the procedures to ensure a faster reimbursement or check request. The link to the Treasurer's Guidelines can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/a/cardinalpacelli.org/pto/about-pto-1/treasurer-s-guidelines>

SELECTIVE ELECTIVES

Young Rembrandts features drawing classes for kids grades K-6 that will inspire a love of art! Next session runs from March 2 - April 6, 2017. [See flyer for details](#) and register online at www.youngrembrandts.com. **Deadline to register is February 24th!** Register NOW!!!

FINE ARTS

Special thanks to singer, songwriter Tracy Walker, who entertained the students on Pajama Day! Tracy said this about our Concert Series:



"As always, I had a GREAT time today! The students and staff are wonderful! Thank you so much for including me in your music series and I'd also like to share my respect and appreciation for you and the parent organization for recognizing the importance of art to our humanity and integrating it in your children's experience...Wonderful!!!

– Tracy Walker, 2017

This **Friday, February 24th**, the students will enjoy classical guitarist and educator, **James Meade**. James teaches at CCM, the Guayaquil Summer Music Academy, and is founder/executive director of NoteAble a free-of-charge, after school music program in Northside. He has performed throughout the U.S., Ecuador, and Italy.

JUNEFEST

**Christ the King Gala
THIS SATURDAY!**
LIVE AUCTION, FOOD, FRIENDS AND MUSIC

February 25, 2017 Hyde Park Country Club

Please join us on March 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm for a new twist on Bid N Buy.

We hope to receive and auction off donated gifts gathered at this party. Let's have a glass of wine, catch up and get a jump start on bringing back Bid N Buy. Click on the following link for details: [Junefest Bid N Buy 2017 Ladies Night](#)

CHURCH NEWS

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Parents, please be on the lookout for a flyer coming home today with information about the Parish Pictorial Directory. We would love to have all families pictured! You can also find a sign-up link on the parish website!

LENTEN OPPORUNITY

Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi: Making Connections in the Liturgy

Where: St. Mary Hyde Park

When: The four Monday evenings of March (March 6, 13, 20, 27); 7:00pm - 8:45pm

Who: Parishioners of Christ the King (Adults, Families, all are welcome)

Cost: FREE to parishioners of St. Mary and Christ the King Church

Come for a series of evening reflections on the Mass *sponsored by St. Mary and Christ the King Church* - Praying, Believing, Living, and Making Connections in the Liturgy. The series, titled "Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi" means that what the Church prays, is what the Church believes, and what we believe guides the way we live. The prayers said at Mass reflect our beliefs as Catholics, and our beliefs are the way we live our daily lives as Catholics.

Fr. Larry Tensi and Ms. Karen Kane, two enjoyable, dynamic, and informative speakers will be the presenters. There will also be sessions at the same time for school-age children.

The Pope and bishops have continually reiterated that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Church's life. What better way to grow in our understanding of the great gift of the Eucharist than to attend these sessions.

Register [HERE](#) or call the Parish Office (513-321-4121)

ATHLETIC NEWS



8th Grade Girls Basketball Recognition

Please show your support at the Recognition Ceremony for the Girls 8A team Sunday, February 26th at 10:45am.

Each player and her parents will be introduced before their respective games. The Our Lord Christ the King Athletic Commission would like to invite the parish community and entire school family to attend each game in order to show our appreciation for and celebrate the commitment that each player made to participating in basketball during their time at Cardinal Pacelli School.

Let's all come out and support and thank each team!

A graphic with the word "Champions" in a blue, stylized, 3D font with a black outline, set against a black rectangular background.

Congrats to the following Boys' Basketball Teams for winning their Division Championship:

3rd grade - Coach Pat Veith

5th grade - Coach Pat Mueller

5th grade- Coach Mark Veith

Spring Sports Registration is now closed.

If you are interested in signing up for Cub Soccer, please contact Aleth Rhoades at alethrhoades@mac.com

Cubs Soccer for Preschoolers & Pre-Kindergartners:

Who: Preschoolers and Pre-Kindergartners

Ages 3 to 6

What: A fun, instructional, co-ed soccer program

When: March 31st- May 20th on Fridays 6:00-6:45pm
(No games 4/14 & 4/21)

Registration: Online at: <http://ctksports.com/>

We are in need of **COACHES!!** Please volunteer your time & talents! It's a great way to get involved and meet new families. Members of Our Lord Christ the King with children at other schools are highly encouraged to participate!

Questions? Email Becca Logan at CTKCubs@hotmail.com

EXCITING THINGS GOING ON AT AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Be sure to check the websites or links below for news, updates and upcoming events at our local High Schools!

Archbishop McNicholas High School: <http://www.mcnhs.org/>

Roger Bacon High School: <http://www.rogerbacon.org/>
Purcell Marian High School: <http://www.purcellmarian.org/> Spring Open House Thur. April 6th 5:30-7:30
St. Xavier High School: <http://www.stxavier.org/>
St. Ursula High School: <http://www.saintursula.org/>
Ursuline Academy: <https://www.ursulineacademy.org/>
Summit Country Day: www.summitcds.org/
Moeller High School: <http://www.moeller.org/>

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