



PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Students:

The June newsletter talked about service to the community in general and to those around us in our community individually. One example we wrote about was Bishop Roger Kaffer. His service to the PCHS community will be honored in a memorial mass on Friday, August 14th at 7:00 PM in the Sacred Heart gym. All are invited to attend this memorial mass. Please spread the word among the PCHS community past and present. We especially would like to have as many alumni from Bishop Kaffer's era attend, but it is not limited to that era. Bishop Kaffer was a long time patron of PCHS after he left in 1985. This memorial mass will be, also, a wonderful way to honor Bishop Kaffer's love and dedication to the PCHS community.

We will be honoring the Augustinian commitment and dedication to PCHS on August 27th and 28th. This is the 25th year that the Augustinian's have served the PCHS community. This celebration of Augustinian service will be part of the Cor Unum Dinner on the 27th followed by the opening school mass on the 28th. The Augustinians like Bishop Kaffer have been dedicated servants to the spiritual, intellectual, social, and emotional development of the PCHS students.

Calvin Coolidge said "No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave". These August events of "Thanksgiving" honor the dedication that Bishop Kaffer, the Augustinians, and all others who have served to help the growth of the PCHS community. This "Thanksgiving" is an expression of gratitude to all who have been part of the long term growth at PCHS. There have been many groups and individuals that deserve gratitude for their dedication and service.

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Thanksgiving is a creative force that can create more good in a community and in an individual. This creative force emphasizes living a life of appreciation and gratefulness. Those celebrations of thankfulness in August exhibits gratitude to many while emphasizing the future service to the values that the PCHS mission teaches.

We anxiously look forward to the start of the 2009-2010 school year, especially the return of the students so that the service to their growth can once again become active. Please remember in your prayers and all those in the PCHS family and our local communities who need the power of prayer in these tough financial times. Again, keep the women and men currently serving and have served in the Armed Forces as well as their families in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Sebestyen, Principal

STUDENT ORIENTATION - Please refer to the July 9th newsletter to review the necessary information about student orientation. It is mandatory that students be at their appointed orientation. Please be sure to make the orientation the primary commitment for that day because there is a great deal of school business that will be conducted.

CLASS SCHEDULES - Enclosed you will find a copy of your student's 2009-2010 class schedule. All students should bring their schedule (ivory copy) with them on orientation day to assist them in buying books, locating homerooms, classrooms, etc.

Celtic Time will be explained to all incoming freshmen on Orientation Day. This program pertains to freshmen only.



BOOK SALE - **** Please pay particular attention to the special insert in the July 9th newsletter regarding the Book Sale. The book list is available on the website. Also as an attempt to help with the sequence of numbers that will be called at the Aug. 11th Booksale, we have listed a possible time frame for the calling of numbers for entry to the sale.

10:00 - 11:00 AM	Numbers 1 - 250
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Numbers 251 - 600
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Numbers 601 - 900

STATE BOOKS - **ALL** State textbooks (All English 2, All English 4, AP Statistics, All Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Accounting, German 1, Spanish 1A and 1B) will be distributed along with book covers during the first day of classes by your teachers.

Also, note that students are responsible in May to turn in the state book with book cover that they are assigned at orientation. Each state book has a number which is recorded at orientation to the student. If the assigned book is not returned in May, the student is charged the cost of the state book.

WEB SITE ADDRESS - Providence Catholic continues the process of updating its web site with new information submitted almost every day. Please check out our web site at www.providencecatholic.org. The web masters are Mrs. Rosanne Grigoletti and Mrs. Jamie O'Brien. If you have ideas about information that should be included in the web site, please call at 815-717-3137.

PURCHASE OF LOCKS - Please note! Upperclassmen who need to purchase a new hallway lock should bring money separate from their bookstore check or cash for this purchase. Locks are sold in a location separate from the book sale and the bookstore staff is unable to give change to students for checks that are written for textbooks. Replacement locks will cost \$11.00.



BOOK STORE VOLUNTEERS - Want to be an angel? Bookstore angels are parents and grandparents who volunteer a little of their time for a specific shift each week either before school (7:00 AM to 8:30 AM) or after school (2:00 PM to 3:30 PM) to help in the daily routine of selling books, candy, and clothing to students. If you have time to share and can volunteer on a "once a week" basis, please call the bookstore at ext. 3155.

PCHS RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE (from the Band Parent's Organization) - On behalf of Mr. Carioto, our Band Director and the Band & Guard students and parents, we would like to thank everyone for their support. We would like to thank all of the people that donated their items that enabled us to have such a successful rummage sale. To our customers, thank you for supporting the Band & Guard Program. The feeling of "community" was alive and well at Providence Catholic High School.

FALL DRAMA CLUB & PRODUCTIONS - There will be a meeting for all students who are interested in participating in the PCHS Fall Production and/or the PCHS Drama Club once school begins. Please watch announcements for details.