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## POWERSCHOOL LIVE!

We're off to a great start with our online grade book program, PowerSchool. At the beginning of February, all PB families received individual passwords and login ID's so they can get detailed information about student progress in any class... at any time. Want to check up on test, quiz, project, or homework grades? No problem, just go to our website, click on the big green PowerSchool icon, and you're there. If you haven't used PowerSchool, we encourage you to visit our web site at <http://www.preciousbloodschool.org/> and try it out. If you've misplaced your login information, just email our technology coordinator, Ed Farmer, at [efarmer@preciousbloodschool.org](mailto:efarmer@preciousbloodschool.org).

## IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT REGISTRATION

– Spring is here, and doggone it if we aren't already thinking ahead to Fall of 2009. All Precious Blood families received registration packets for the 2009-2010 school year. The registration fee is still \$150 per family, or just \$100 if you turn yours in by April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have begun our admissions process and are currently accepting new students, but naturally, we want to give our highest priority to you, our current families. Filling out your registration packet lets us reserve a place for your child, and helps us know how many new students to accept before we close enrollment at a particular grade. Should you have any questions about registration, the 2009-2010 school year, or anything at all, please give us a call.

## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

What a great Skating party! Everyone had lots of fun on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Skate World. Thanks to all who participated.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Teachers Lunch Room. Everyone is a member of Home and School so mark your calendars and plan to attend. Market Day pick up is Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 in the school cafeteria. It's not too late to place your order. Don't forget, all orders help the [Eighth Grade Market Day](#). [Volunteers fund their Washington trip.](#) On March 13<sup>th</sup> our annual cookie dough fundraiser begins. A packet will be sent home with each student. The class that sells the most cookie dough will win a Pizza Party! Good luck everyone!!

Remember... gym uniform sales will be held during Market Day pick up for the remainder of the school year. Also, this will be the last term for many of our Home and School Executive Officers. Please consider getting involved by attending meetings and volunteering for a position. Home and School needs you!

## PB STUDENTS HAVE THE WRITE STUFF!

Winners from PB in the Chaminade-Julienne Writing Contest, 7th grader Kaitlin Blanchard and 8th grader Shawn Cokes. Kaitlin received an honorable mention for her fictional story with a new ending to the fairy tale, Rapunzel. Shawn received FIRST PLACE in the short story category about entitled "A Knight's Tale." The contest, in its 15th year, includes nine Dayton area schools and welcomes essays in four categories, including poetry. This year the contest received over 200 entries. Congratulations Kaitlin and Shawn, what an accomplishment!



**STEMM SCHOLARS** – Four Precious Blood students were named as the school's first CJ Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine (STEMM) scholars. Conor Hickey (7), Nnamdi Anene (6), Nnaemeka Anene (6), and Marques Furr (6) were granted \$250 scholarships to attend six Saturday sessions working with computers and robotics in CJ's Gateway to Technology program. Students from all over the Dayton diocese will explore the world of robotics using advanced software and hardware in the CJ lab. The program is part of a larger, national emphasis on creating interest and growth in the sciences through STEMM initiatives.

**SKATING TAKES OVER THE PAC!** When Precious Blood students took to the hardwood over the last few weeks, it wasn't with a basketball in their hands. Instead, students in all grades got the chance to develop and hone their roller skating skills during their physical education classes. Balance, coordination, and being able to manage moving gracefully in space are all skills that skating (or roller blading) helps to develop. Mostly though.... It's fun!



Naturally, safety is a primary consideration for all of our skaters. Students are required to wear a helmet at all grades, and wrist guards in the younger grades. In order to assure cleanliness and good hygiene, all helmets and skates are disinfected with the same product that professional rinks use. Naturally, our students who might wear gel or other products in their hair didn't mind bringing in a bandana or head scarf – just another opportunity to accessorize!

Want to be amazed? Just come by and watch any of our classes skate – but, pay close attention to the tremendous growth our second graders made from last year til now. If you are lucky, you'll also see our wonderful 8<sup>th</sup> grade students giving up their free time to help our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders lace up and get started. PB today, Skating with the Stars tomorrow!

**AWARD WINNING ARTIST TO VISIT PRECIOUS BLOOD** – One of the Miami Valley's best-known artists, Willis "Bing" Davis, will be coming to Precious Blood as an artist-in-residence on March 16 and 17. Bing recently received a lifetime achievement award from the State of Ohio. Two weeks ago, he was presented the Pam Houk Award for Excellence in Art Education. In a recent article in the Dayton Daily News, Dayton Art Institute Director Susan Anable said, "By involving the community at large in the creative process, Mr. Davis continues the legacy of creativity, collaboration, and innovation first begun by Paul Lawrence Dunbar and the Wright Brothers."

After speaking to PB students about his life and work, about the importance of his African heritage in the evolution of his work, Bing will work with PB junior high students to create two large, brilliantly colored quilts based on the importance of community and personal integrity. The finished art will be permanently hung in the entry of the building.



**PARISH MISSION – MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>** Final reminder: If you haven't seen the promo video about Jason Kotecki, you should. He is more than the creator of the comic strip, *Kim and Jason*, he is a funny and passionate missionary for God. Jason is the guest speaker for our parish mission that will be held on March 15. The carry-in dinner begins at 5:00PM. Jason will speak from 6:00-8:00PM for what promises to be an evening of both fun and inspiration. As the brochure states, "It's the can't miss program for busy, burned out stressed out, responsibility-juggling, plate spinning, overwhelmed, over-worked people..." Please call the parish office if you plan to attend the dinner (276-5954) so you can find out what to bring.

**PB CHESS RULES!**



The Precious Blood Chess Club is off to a great start. The first week four students came, and it has since doubled in size. Through the weekly flyer *Check Mates*, the students have learned such secrets as Rules Your Friends Don't Know and The Queen's Secret Power. They have also learned to write their games in chess notation, which will also allow them to learn from chess books. They bring in their favorite chess sets once a month. They also play students against the coach. Over the next few weeks, they will learn to win with just a queen, or even just a rook! The Chess Club meets on Wednesday nights in the library from 7pm to 8pm.

**STUDENT RECOGNIZED BY CJ FOR SERVICE**

Precious Blood 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Casey Dwire, was recognized by Alter High School by receiving the Alter High School *Outstanding Servant Leader* award. The award is given by Alter to exceptional students nominated for their service to their school or community. Casey is an eager and thoughtful helper at school, at church as a server for mass, and for her Girl Scout Troup. As an additional bonus, Casey's homeroom will get a pizza party courtesy of Alter High School, in her honor. Congratulations, Casey!



**NEWS FROM THE CAFETERIA**

P.B. Cafeteria serves healthy breakfasts for your children. Example:

Super Donut info: baked not fried; whole grain bread; vitamins E, A, C, B6, B12, D; calcium; iron and is 1/2 cup fruit.

**LAST CALL FOR YEARBOOK ORDERS** – Don't miss out on the easiest memory builder for your PB student. Precious Blood School 2008-2009 yearbooks are on sale for \$13.00. That price is the actual price we pay for the books – this is not a fundraiser, so we guarantee it is as inexpensive as it gets for a full color memory book. Order forms are available in the school office. Deadline for ordering yearbooks is March 20, 2009. Yearbooks will be delivered to students before the end of the school year.



**GOD SQUAD HAS THE SPIRIT** – God Squad is our new service club, one that meets on the second and fourth Friday of the month. Under the direction of Mrs. Maloney and her longtime friend (and professional educator) Mrs. Eismann, the God Squad got off to a spirited start. Student volunteers eagerly agreed to work with the staff and residents of Garber House to help them reach out to the Westbrook/Denlinger community. A perfect match! March is *Appreciation Month for People with Developmental Disabilities*. But, as Garber residents John and Bill said, “We want to show what we can do, not what we can't do.” After meeting with the residents, students rolled out some paper to help Garber House celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The House of Bread had asked the Garber residents to make them place mats; so, placemat help they got! God Squad members are also looking for other projects they could be involved in. Chris Singer (8) is checking out their grounds to start a garden that the residents, Chris, and his crew could get ready for planting. Others are making time to shoot some hoops with residents... and, there may be some cookie baking in the future. All in all, a great start for our newest club.

**PB HAS MANY YOUNG SCIENTISTS** – A Note From Mrs. Foster. The Science Fair took place on February 12, 2009 it included the junior high, 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We had a total of 134 projects and these projects ranged from dog food dispensers, magnetic fields, and how the stop lights work. This year the fair was postponed because of the weather and so the fair was left up during parent /teacher conferences. I hope that more parents were able to go check it out. The judges came from W.P.A.F.B. and from Wright State University. After the judging is complete I always ask for feedback from the judges. The same thing is always said, “we are so impressed with the way kids did their projects and the knowledge of the projects that the kids knew”. I am always pleased when the kids to pick something that they are interested in and learn about it. I want to thank all the students for their hard work. I also want to thank the adults involved because they took the time to either help or run the students to different places. Winners in Junior High were:



Overall, Junior High

- 1st - Xavier Gullatte & Kendall Pegues - they had a perfect score!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Leah Byrd
- 3rd - Adrienne Myton & Milan Spencer, Ian Moorefield (tie)

8th grade

- 1st - Leah Byrd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Trae' Collins
- 3rd - Kiera Fletcher & Juanelle Collins

7th grade

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Xavier Gullatte & Kendall Pegues
- 2nd - Adrienne Myton & Milan Spencer, Ian Moorefield (tie)
- 3rd - William Howard, Kaitlin Blanchard (tie)

6th grade

- 1st - Catherine Grady & Puja Harjani
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Hank Grinner, Mawusi Nenonene (tie)
- 3rd - Barry & Rosie Kingston, Garrett Daniels, Antonio Kiffle (tie)



# March & April Dates to Remember

## MARCH

- Sunday, 15 - Parish Mission, 5:00-8:00PM
- M/T, 16&17 - Bing Davis, Artist in Residence
- Tuesday, 17 - St. Pat & "Green Day" ☺
- Thursday, 19 - Spirit Day
- Friday, 20 - Market Day Pick Up
- Saturday, 21 - Student Screening, 9:00AM
- Monday, 23 - Prayer service, 1-4
- Thursday, 26 - End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- Friday, 27 - Professional Day for Staff, No School
- Saturday, 28 - Student Screening, 9:00AM
- Monday, 30 - Prayer service, JH  
Quarter 4 begins

## APRIL

- Weds, 1 - Chris Rowlands records with K-5
- Friday, 3 - Report Cards home
- Saturday, 4 - Kindergarten Screening, TBA
- Thursday, 9 - Home and School Assn., 7:00PM
- Friday, 10 - Good Friday, No School
- 10-19 - Easter break, No School
- Saturday, 18 - Fish Fry!!!!!!!
- 21-29 - Ohio Achievement Testing
- Sunday, 26 - First Communion, 10:30AM

