



# TIGER TIMES

PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Principal's Notes

It seems like only moments ago that we were in the midst of the August excitement that comes with the beginning of school. Now, a casual look down the hallways and in the classrooms makes it clear that the students and staff have gotten to know one another, routines are well established and being followed, and there is that great feeling that comes when a school is beginning to hum right along. I know I speak for all the PB staff when I say thank you to all parents and community members for the outstanding support you've given us. You, and the importance you place on education in your homes, are a key ingredient to any success we have here at school.

Though it is September now, we want to extend one more, big WELCOME to all the families of students new to Precious Blood School. I hope that your children are making new friends easily and that the transition from your previous schools is smooth. Please be sure to let us know if there is anything we can do to help you with your needs.

We have two main goals this year. Our first goal is for students to step up for others by living out Gospel values. At every turn, we are thinking about what respectful behavior and actions look like and to show those in our own actions and our attitudes with others. Thanks to help from our 7<sup>th</sup> graders, we developed a school prayer with that specific focus. Our second goal is to improve our students' performance in math. We will be working hard to make sure that students have the foundation skills essential for success in math, especially when it comes to applying math concepts to real world situations. Along the way, we'll keep you posted about the successes and challenges we face as we tackle both goals.

Finally, if you have time, I would like to encourage you to come to one of our Friday morning masses. Worshipping God and celebrating mass together with our parish community members is a spiritually uplifting event – one that you should treat yourself to if you have the chance. No reservations needed, just come along at 8:30 and worship with us.

Thanks again for all you do.

**Important Picture Day Information** Picture Day is Thursday, September 17, 2009. Please send the picture form along with payment to your child's homeroom teacher no later than 7:45 AM the morning of September 17<sup>th</sup>. We ask that each student has his/her own picture envelope with payment enclosed. We also ask that payments are not combined when there are siblings. Parents are asked not to stop in the school office during picture day to drop off payment or to bring a change of clothes. This slows down the picture taking progress.

**Forms To Mrs. Moosbrugger** – Please return all school forms as soon as possible. The forms given out at the beginning of the year are designed to keep your child safe and to keep our records accurate. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

**PowerSchool/Interims** – PowerSchool is up and running! You can check your child's progress 24/7. Just enter your Username and Password. If you don't remember them, just give us a call. New this year – because you have constant access to your child's homework and grade information, we will not be issuing interim reports. Feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time regarding his/her progress at school.

Print a color version of Tiger Times by going to our website at <http://www.preciousbloodschool.org/>

## **Home And School News**

Welcome Back Precious Blood Families! We have lots of activities planned for this school year. The Home and School Association will hold all meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM. Parents ---- just a reminder to send in your \$5.00 Home and School activity fee per child to the school office. Your Home and School Association covers various activities throughout the school year for your child. Without the \$5.00 activity fee per child, we will not be able to do as many of the activities we have planned for 2009-2010.

Spirit Day is normally held on the third Thursday of every month, but due to picture day on September 17, **we will not have a Spirit Day in September. Our first Spirit Day will be held October 15<sup>th</sup>.** Students are permitted to wear their spirit shirts and jeans/pants on Spirit Day. From then on, Spirit Day is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month and gives students an opportunity to show school spirit. PB TIGERS ROCK!

**Parent Emergency Notification Policy** – For weather or illness related closings, **Precious Blood School will close/keep open regardless of what Dayton, Trotwood and/or Northmont decide to do.** This allows the principal to make the decision earlier so as not to risk the safety of our students. Please look and listen for Precious Blood on TV and radio stations if our school is open or closed. Listen to FM 92.9 (Z-93), WHIO-TV (Channel 7) or WDTN-TV (Channel 2) for school closing information. If any school district has an early dismissal, Precious Blood School students who use that transportation will be dismissed. Please talk with your child/children about a plan for these situations for any early dismissals. In addition to checking news media, all Precious Blood families are automatically signed up for One-Call-Now phone notification. Closing information will be sent over One Call Now. Should an emergency occur (fire, tornado, lockdown, etc.) proper authorities will be notified immediately. If the situation requires parent notification, parents will be notified using One Call Now.

**Change of Plans For Your Child** Please call the office **before 2:20 PM** to inform us if your child's dismissal plan needs to change. That way, we can tell them to join the car riders, bus rider, or go to Extended Learning. Our office is a very busy place after 2:20, and we might not be able to get the message to your child before s/he is dismissed for the day.

**Visiting at PB** All parents are encouraged to visit (and volunteer ☺) at PB. However, all visitors must check in at the office and receive a visitor's pass to wear while at school. Also, we ask you to make an appointment before you visit your child's classroom, or if you need to conference with your child's teachers. Simply give us a call (277-2291) or email your child's teacher directly.

**Student Accident Insurance** – All PB students are automatically covered by a supplemental school accident policy. Should an accident occur on school property, this insurance is designed to cover out-of-pocket costs not covered on individual, family policies. Please look for the brochure in your child's brown envelope.

**Parking Lot Thank you!!!!** Our enrollment numbers are up – and so are the numbers of cars in our lot. The parking lot is getting less congested. Everyone is getting the idea – snug up to the car ahead of you in your A-L or M-Z lane. Please stay out of the bus exit lanes and do not “skip line” at dismissal. Though the line appears long, all cars are on their way by 3:05. Thank you for your patience.

**Tick-Tock, Tick-Tock!!** The clock is ticking away and chiming, “Be on time!” One advantage parents can give to their children is the worthy lesson of being on time, especially for school. Being on time for any event is appreciated by all, and no one likes to be in the embarrassing position of being the last one to arrive. One of the most important places to be on time is school.

*PRECIOUS BLOOD SCHOOL STARTS AT 7:55 A.M.*

This means that students are in their classroom BEFORE the 7:55 A.M. bell rings.

Even being late by just a few minutes means that students will miss morning announcements and organizational details that are necessary for getting the day off to a successful start. At Precious Blood, teachers start classes immediately, trying to make the most of every teaching moment possible, and if students are late, then they may experience confusion and disorganization until they are able to get themselves on track.

One way to ensure promptness at school is to organize the night beforehand. Have school uniforms within easy reach in the morning. If you pack lunch, make it the evening before. Have books, papers, and folders in backpacks, ready to go. If papers need to be signed, have parents sign them after school and not in the morning.

Being prompt is a lifelong lesson that will pay dividends now and in the future.

**Athletic Association News** Precious Blood has six teams participating in the Fall Northmont SAY soccer league. We have boys and girls passers (1st & 2nd grade), boys and girls wings (3rd & 4th grade), and boys and girls strikers (5th & 6th grade). The regular season began on August 22 and will end on October 3. Our wing and striker teams will participate in the annual SAY tournament in mid-October. All of the teams are doing very well and having lots of fun!! Stay tuned to your daily school announcements for updates on how your PB soccer teams are doing. If you would like to attend a game and cheer on your teams, log on to [northmontsaysoccer.org](http://northmontsaysoccer.org) and go to the handouts section for up-to-date schedules!

Our PB golf team is off to a fabulous start for the season. They are have a perfect 2-0 record and are shooting very well. Go PB golf!

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Did you know that Precious Blood Parish and School will be celebrating sixty years of service and worship in our neighborhood? Sixty years! As November approaches our teachers and students will explore the stories and history of our wonderful church community. If you or a person you know have stories to tell of “back when,” please contact the office so we can put you on a list of go-to people to interview.

**Testing Terra Nova, OAT** – Precious Blood students regularly take part in state and national assessments. During the week of October 5-9, students in grades 2, 4, 6, and 8 will spend mornings working on Terra Nova testing. These assessments are very similar to the standardized tests that all of you took when you were school age. Our third graders will do the Reading portion of the Ohio Achievement Test – a comprehensive assessment given to students throughout Ohio. There is nothing the students need to do ahead of time. However, a key to success on both tests is plenty of rest and eating a good breakfast. We’ll provide a focused and comfortable test atmosphere. ☺

**Technology** – Thanks to some careful budgeting, almost every PB classroom is sporting a new, interactive white board for teachers and students to use. These high-tech boards allow teachers and students to access the power of a computer workstation and the almost endless resources of the Internet easily and quickly. Anything you can do on your personal computer can be done on these 4’x6’ boards – large and clear for an entire class to see. Learning takes on an exciting and fun look – just the way we like it!

**Band** – We were surprised (and disappointed) to learn that CJ High School would not be able to partner with us and our band program this year. Mrs. Schutt has taken the band directorship for CJ. Unfortunately, for financial reasons, the elementary programs had to be cut. We are in the process of creating an alternative program for our students. Thanks for your patience. We will figure something out!  
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**News From Chaminade Julienne Catholic High School**

Would you like to learn more about the Catholic educational experience at CJ? Then save the date for CJ’s Open House on Sunday, Nov. 1, 1-4 p.m. Visit [www.cjeagles.org](http://www.cjeagles.org) for more details, or call J.P. Gregory, admissions coordinator, at 461-3740 x210.

**Chaminade Julienne Youth Boys Basketball Try-outs | Grades 3-8th**

Sundays: Sept. 20 & 27

There is no try-out fee. Each boy is expected to attend both try-outs and must be accompanied by an adult. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time:

- 3rd and 4th grades - 4:30 - 6 p.m.
- 5th grade - 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- 6th grade - 6:30-8 p.m.
- 7th and 8th grades - 7:30-9:30 p.m.

If you plan to attend the try-outs or just have a question, please contact one of the following coaches: Coach Todd Spees (673-3238); Coach Charlie Szabo (608-0697); or Coach Joe Staley (299-5065).

**Exciting News From Our Cafeteria!!!** You can now check balances on-line and make payments to your child’s account. There is no fee to check balances, however, there is a small fee to make credit card/debit card payments. Please go to the school [website](#), [cafeteria](#), [PAYFORIT](#) and [login](#). Don’t forget to set up your name and personal password. Follow the directions on the sheet previously sent home with your child."

***September/October Dates to Remember***

SEPTEMBER

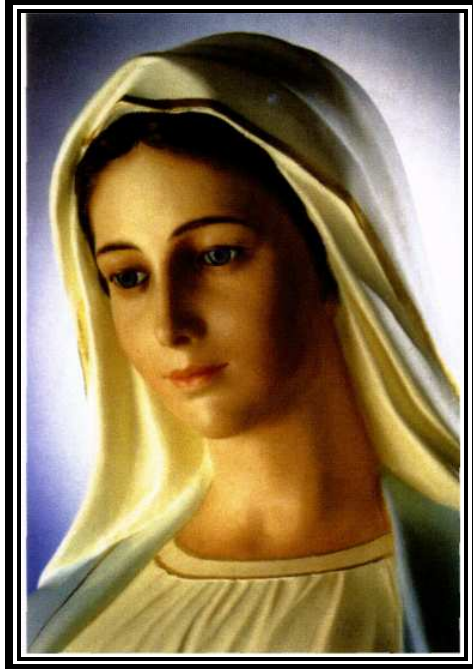
- 17 Lifetouch Picture Day – Out of Uniform Day  
Grade 5 retreat
- 18 Market Day Pick Up, 5:30-6:30PM  
Gym Uniform Sale, 5:30-6:30PM
- 24 Grade 6 Retreat
- 27 Catechetical Sunday – 10:30 AM Mass
- 28 Parish Council Meeting, 6:30PM

- 9 Home and School Meeting, 6:30PM  
Professional Development Day OCEA - No School
- 13 School Advisory Council, 6:30PM
- 14 Grade 7 to Marmon Valley Farm
- 15 Spirit Day  
Grade 7 returns from MVF
- 16 Market Day Pick Up, 5:30-6:30PM  
Gym Uniform Sale, 5:30-6:30 PM
- 21 St. Gaspar Feast Day and Mass
- 23 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- 26 Second Quarter Begins
- 30 First Quarter Report Cards Go Home

OCTOBER

- 1 Grade 8 Retreat
- 5-9 Terra Nova, 2,4,6,8
- 8 Grade 7 Retreat

***FAMILY ROSARY RALLY***  
**SUNDAY, 3:00 PM OCTOBER 11th**  
***University of Dayton Arena***



**Archbishop Dennis Schnurr  
will preside at this year's Rally!**

*Come pray with others in  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION and  
PRAYER TO MARY, OUR MOTHER for:*

- Peace in our Families
- Peace in our Community
- Peace in the Entire World
- Gainful Employment for the Unemployed
- An Increase in Vocations
- For Families, Communities
- For the Sanctity of Life

**Families from throughout the Dayton Deanery will gather together at  
UD Arena  
for this powerful public family prayer event.**

**"THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER—STAYS TOGETHER!"**

**[www.rosary-rally.com](http://www.rosary-rally.com)**

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# PARENTING WITH LOVE AND LOGIC

A Seven Week Parenting Course for Parents with Children of All Ages

**When:** Every Tuesday beginning October 6, 2009, ending November 17 from 6:00-8:00 pm

**Where:** Catholic Social Services Center for Families, 1046 Brown Street, Dayton

**Presenter:** Ann Burns, Love and Logic Specialist

**Cost:** Classes are offered free. Participant encouraged to purchase workbook for \$10. Reservations are required and class size is limited.



Parenting with Love and Logic teaches practical strategies to effectively parent children from toddlers to teens. Parents will learn how to utilize natural consequences, creativity and humor to establish control without resorting to anger, threats, nagging, or exhausting power struggles. Presenter Ann Burns has received specialized training in the Love and Logic approach and successfully uses it with her two young sons.

This course will help participants learn to:

- Create home environments that stimulate responsibility, resiliency, and academic achievement
- Prevent misbehavior
- Avoid power struggles while setting limits
- Teach character, responsibility and healthy problem-solving skills
- Stay calm in stressful parenting situations

**To register, call Shelia Wright-Davis at 937-296-1007.**



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