

PUSCH RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

"Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah... has triumphed." Revelation 5:5

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Mission Statement

Catalina Foothills Church Schools, a covenantal Christian school system, exists to glorify God and to partner with the Christian home in discipling young men and women in their relationship with Christ and the Scriptures, unfolding to them a unified and Biblical world and life view, equipping them with the tools necessary to pursue a lifestyle and love of learning, exposing them to the classical ideas from our Western cultural heritage, and challenging them to pursue academic excellence. We desire to see our young men and women, "increase in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men," in order to live out their faith as servant leaders in every area of society (Luke 2:52).

Pusch Ridge Christian Academy does not discriminate on the basis of sex, nationality, or race of its students or in the administration of its educational policies, the awarding of financial aid, or any of its other school administered programs.



From the Principal's Desk

Why Did God Create Families?

Pondering the Unveiling of God

"See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are." -1 John 3:1

John Piper describes a "Godward life" as being "A life lived for the sake of seeing and savoring and showing God in all things." Mr. Piper wrote 120 insightful daily readings deeply rooted in scriptures in his book *A Godward Life*. I thought I would share the following regarding the unique opportunity we have in rearing His children in a family relationship. Enjoy.

"Why did God create families? One obvious answer to this question is that families are for the sake of multiplying and filling the earth. That's what God said to Adam and Eve in the beginning: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth' (Genesis 1:28).

But that's not enough of an answer, because God could have created humans to reproduce like earthworms. He could have skipped childhood and avoided the whole idea of a lifetime of marriage and years of childhood and parenting. So why did he create and ordain that a man and woman marry, that they have tiny, helpless children, and that they spend years and years rearing these children in a family relationship? (I am assuming that single-parent homes are families, as bodies are still bodies even if they have lost a limb.)

Here are six biblical reasons for why God did it the way he did it.

1. God created men and women so that their enjoyment of him comes to fullness by sharing the gift of life, not by being isolated. "It is not good that man should be alone" (Genesis 2:18, RSV).

Marriage is the most basic means of extending and expanding the enjoyment of God in the good of another, but single people experience this, too, in precious friendships and the life of the body of Christ.

2. God created marriage as an advertisement for the relationship between Christ and the church.

'A man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh... This mystery is a profound one, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church' (Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:32, RSV).

This is the most profound reason why God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16). Broken marriage vows deface the portrait of Christ's unbreakable covenant love for his bride, the church (Ephesians 5:25).

3. God created parenting, especially fatherhood, to reveal to children and to all of us the Fatherhood of God and his strong and tender care. 'It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?'



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(Hebrews 12:7, RSV).

God is mainly revealed as Father, and to a lesser degree as Mother, I think, because he intends to highlight his protecting, providing, guiding strength and authority. In a family with a father and a mother, God calls fathers to this special responsibility. Mothers balance and complement this in many ways, especially with their unique feminine warmth, tenderness, and nurturing which are their own deep strength. Families exist to reveal God to children.

4. God created families with parents and little babies who have to grow up so that parents and all of us could learn the childlikeness of faith. 'Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 18:3-4, RSV).

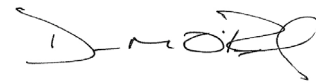
Families reveal not only how God relates to us in the loving authority, strength, provision, and guidance of the parents, but also how we are to relate to him in the helpless, happy dependence that little children have toward their parents.

5. God ordained families for the transmitting of his truth and our faith from one generation to the other. 'Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord' (Ephesians 6:4, RSV). 'He commanded our fathers to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God' (Psalm 78:5-7, RSV).

6. God created families to reveal the way that members in the church are to relate to each other, namely, as a family of brothers, sisters, mothers, and fathers. 'Do not rebuke an older man but exhort him as you would a father; treat younger men like brothers, older women like mothers, younger women like sisters, in all purity' (1 Timothy 5:1-2, RSV).

Paul constantly calls fellow Christians 'brothers' or 'sisters.' In the coming kingdom there will be no marriage and no bearing children. 'For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven' (Matthew 22:30, RSV). The family as we know it will be changed, but in the present time it is meant to reveal God to the world and to elucidate relationships in the body of Christ that will endure forever."

John Piper, *A Godward Life*



Principal

Tax Credits—Still Time Left!

One last reminder for 2010 tax credit donations! You still have two weeks left to ask friends, relatives, co-workers, your hair dresser...to donate their Arizona Private School Tuition Tax Credit Donation and recommend your child be the recipient of the scholarship.

Because the deadline was extended this year from December 31, to April 15, donors can still make the donation and claim it as a dollar-for-dollar tax credit against their 2010 Arizona income tax liability. Even if the donor has computed and submitted their taxes, they can do an amendment. If there is a cost involved, offer to pay it for them. In the long run, you will save considerably having generated more scholarships for your child.

If you have any questions on the tax credit program, please call me.

In His Service,

Glen Shepherd,
Director of Admissions

Peer Tutoring 2011-2012!!

It has proven to be another very successful year for the peer tutoring program. Not only do younger students benefit from the excellent mentoring and peer relationships that develop, but it is a great opportunity for our older students to invest in the lives of fellow students. It also assists the teachers in reaching all students.

We require a fee to be paid to these tutors. The tutors are trained as well, to keep the program at a certain level of professionalism.

Current Sophomore and Junior students should apply to be a tutor next year.

If you have questions, see Mrs. Rohne or email her at teri.rohne@prca-tucson.org.

Applications for NEW tutors must be completed before May 15, 2011.

Interested in being a TA?

Students planning to be a Teacher's Aid (TA) next year will be required to submit an application.

Pick up the application form from Mrs. Rohne. If you do not submit an application you will not be able to be a TA... No exceptions!

DEADLINE: April 15, 2011!

Math Tutoring Available

High School Students

Mrs. Schultz' and Mr. Seymour's students will meet from 3:00-4:00 pm on Wednesdays. Mrs. Linaman's and Mrs. Wahl's students will meet from 3:00-3:45 pm on Wednesdays.

Middle School Students

Tutoring time will be from 3:45-4:30 pm on Wednesdays. Ms. Swisher's students will be tutored by Mrs. Wahl and Mrs. Halvey's students will see Mrs. Linaman.

Summer Camp Opportunity

ALLECA (American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy) is hosting another camp this year for students ages 11-18. We have had students attend this camp in the past and feel it is an excellent program. If you are interested in



PRCA Website

Our website allows us to keep you up-to-date with school information and provides you with important documents. This section will provide you with direct links to the information and forms you need. Visit us at: www.cfcsmain.com.

This link takes you to the following documents:

- ACH Form
- Bus Contract and Routes
- Lunch Menu
- SAT Prep

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the law enforcement field or military, I highly recommend it because it is very physical. For applications, you must see Mrs. Rohne, as we do not have any electronic versions. The cost is \$250, but sometimes the local American Legion post will help defray the cost.

The camp is in the summer near Flagstaff.

Cost: \$250 (7 days)

- Mrs. Rohne, Guidance Counselor

Never too early to plan for summer!

Arts Express' Fine Arts Youth Academy (FAYA) is Tucson's premiere summer arts immersion program. This summer Arts Express is expanding FAYA into the northwest to meet the growing needs of our community. Immaculate Heart High School will host arts immersion classes for students entering grades 5-9. In addition, Pusch Ridge Christian Academy will host High School Musical Theatre for grades 9 through graduated seniors.

The production, Cole Porter's *Anything Goes* will be directed by Alicia Fodor with musical direction by Bob King.

This camp runs from 8:00 am-12:00 pm, Monday through Friday, June 1 - July 1, 2011.

The cost is \$325.

Actors, singers and dancers needed.

Come be a part of this incredible Broadway classic!

Go to www.arts-express.com for class descriptions and on-line registration.



Cornerstone and Pusch Ridge are presenting Phantom of the Auction! on April 30, 2011, at Pusch Ridge Christian Academy.

This dinner and auction will help provide funds needed for our general operating budget.

A sampling of auction items include:

- Vacation home on Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands in Washington
- Yacht stay with scuba diving
- Lodging and meals
- Vacation homes and hotel stays in Arizona and Colorado
- Golf, golf and more golf
- Personal services
- Jewelry
- Art
- Family adventure trips

The cost is \$45 per person and faculty sponsorships are \$25 each. Tables of eight can be purchased along with sponsorships.

For more information please email judy.davidson@prca-tucson.org or call 520.797.0107.

Drama Needs:

If you can sew in a straight line, the Drama Department needs you!

We have a goal to see 75 large throw pillows lavishly thrown around the hard and cold cement seating in the Amphitheater.

Please consider donating fabric remnants, poly filling or styrofoam beads for filling said pillows; also old sofa pillows to re-cover in addition to handmade ones.

Most importantly: we need people to help make them. We can set up the drama room as a sewing area or this can be done in your own home. If one parent can commit to make 5 pillows, we only need 14 seamstresses. Please consider helping make our Amphitheater more beautiful and comfortable.

Thank you,
The B.O.W. (Built on the Word)
Company of PRCA

Advance Performing Arts class



The B.O.W. Company Presents...

The Complete Works Of William Shakespeare-Abridged (really...no kidding...the whole canon in under one hour...ok...maybe one and a half hours...but we're also serving dinner!)

Where:
PRCA's Globe Amphitheater

When:
April 14, 15 & 16, 2011 at 6:30 pm for dinner then a little talking, a little laughing, perhaps some live music...then yeah...the show...did we mention it's abridged?

Price:
\$15 for dinner and show
\$10 for only show

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2011-2012 Tuition Raffle Tickets Coming... Win a Cornerstone or Pusch Ridge Tuition or \$4,000!

The mailing should have arrived at your home.

How do I participate?

- Purchase one (1) raffle ticket for \$25 or five (5) tickets for \$100. Or, you may request more!
- Complete each ticket stub with all the information. Send only the stubs back in the return envelope with your payment. Please keep the other end for your records.
- You may pay by check, VISA or MasterCard. Cash payments must be made at the schools.
- If you choose credit, please complete the payment form in the mailing.
- To pay by check, enclose the check in the return envelope and send it in with your stub(s).
- You must be at least 18 years of age to participate in the raffle.

When is the drawing? Saturday, April 30, 2011 at Phantom of the Auction!

Do I need to be present to win? NO. We will call you by Sunday, May 1, if you are the winner.

If I win and I choose the tuition option, is the winning ticket transferable? YES!

If you are the winner, you may bless any CCA and/or PRCA student you choose.

What if I choose the cash option? A check will be mailed to you in May 2011.

How many tickets may be sold? We will sell up to 10,000 tickets.

What are the proceeds benefiting? Cornerstone and Pusch Ridge academic programs.

What should I do with tickets I do not purchase? You may send them back to school, or if you wish, discard them. The first 10,000 ticket stubs received with payment will be "active" tickets and placed in the drawing.

If you have any questions that were not answered here, please contact the Development Office at 520.797.0107.

Summer Sports Camps:

Pusch Ridge Basketball Camps

The Co-Ed Basketball Camp:

May 31 - June 3, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

Camp is for boys and girls ages 7 - 11.

Co-Ed camp cost: \$90.00

The Boys' Basketball Camp:

June 6 - 9, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Camp is for boys entering grades 6 - 9.

Camp cost: \$110.00

The Girls' Basketball Camp:

June 13 - 16, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Camp is for girls entering grades 6 - 9.

Camp cost: \$110.00

Pusch Ridge Volleyball Camp

June 1 - June 3, 2011

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Camp is for boy and girls entering grades 4 - 8

Cost: \$60

T-SHIRT INCLUDED

Register by May 12, 2011 to ensure correct shirt size.

Day of Camp registration add \$10

AZ State Science Olympiad 2011

Congratulations to Eric Strong and Jonathan Vos for placing 2nd in the Tower Building competition; Riley Durkin & Daniel McLeod for placing 6th in Chemistry Lab; and Abbi Lavine & Kim MacKenzie for placing 6th in the Disease Detectives event. All of the students worked very hard and represented our Lord well.

Way to go Science Olympians! Many thanks to those who prayed for us and supported us through gifts.

The Science Department wants to congratulate all of the Regional Science Fair winners:

Lance Niemeyer	1st Place SciEnTek-12 Foundation and Broadcom Masters Certificate
Kelly Flynn	1st Place SciEnTek-12 Foundation and Broadcom Masters Certificate
Zech Bergeron	3rd Place SciEnTek-12 Foundation
Erin Halvey	3rd Place SciEnTek-12 Foundation

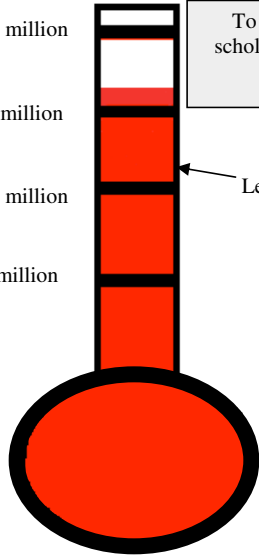
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CLASS OF 2011 Scholarships Earned

Contributing students:

Abrams	Joe
Aguilera	Michael
Andres	Kurt
Batinica	Mara
Chafin	Colin
Christensen	Haley
Cook	Vanessa
Cooney	Maddy
Cooper	Quincy
Courtney	Jeremy
Dunn	Sam
Erceg	Madi
Estrada	Christian
Goodwillie	Tyler
Hammond	Nikki
Herrera	Caleb
Herrera	Caroline
Hout	Becka
Jackson	John
Jacob	Anna
Johnson	Zach
Kirk	Nolan
Kirschner	Kaitlin
Kubiak	Alex
Lowery	David
McKee	Megan
McLeod	Daniel
Messer-Meyers	Cori
Parker	Katie
Pooley	Grant
Pooley	Geoff

\$ 6.0 million
\$ 4.0 million
\$ 3.0 million
\$ 2.0 million



To date students have earned \$4.6 million in scholarships!! Don't forget to bring in copies of your scholarship offers!

Level earned through 3/18/11

Scholarships have been earned in the areas of academic merit, music, and athletics to date

Remer	Seth	Springetti	Chad
Rosenberg	John	Stanton	Andrew
Ruland	Chelsea	Tanner	Ryan
Slone	Kelley	Thompson	J.W.
Slone	Ryann	Thompson	Kaycee
Smith	Brennan	Turner	Shanika
Sodari	Frankie	Vance	Ty
Spinelli	Jaclyn	Yuhass	Sarah

47 of 69 seniors have earned and turned in at least some scholarship money...68%...keep up the good work!!!

PRCA Admissions Open Houses
Saturdays from 9:30 – 11:00 am
April 9

Cornerstone Admissions Open Houses
Thursdays from 9:00 – 11:00 am
April 14

May

Senior Blessings
Sunday, May 1 @ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

AP Exam - Chemistry
Monday, May 2 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

AP Exam - Spanish
Tuesday, May 3 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

HS Award Assembly
Tuesday, May 3 @ 9:30 am @ PRCA Campus - Max Wilford Gym

AP Exam - Calculus AB/BC
Wednesday, May 4 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

AP Exam - English Literature & Composition
Thursday, May 5 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

MS Awards Assembly
Thursday, May 5 @ 9:30 am @ PRCA Campus - Max Wilford Gym

AP Exam - US History
Friday, May 6 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

AP Exam - US Government/Politics
Tuesday, May 10 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

AP Exam - English Language & Composition
Wednesday, May 11 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Senior Finals
May 16 - 19

Senior Trip
May 21 - 25

Semester Finals
May 23 - 26

8th Grade Promotion - PRCA
Wednesday, May 25 @ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm @ Catalina Foothills Church

High School Graduation
Friday, May 27 @ 7:00 pm @ Casas Church

April

Admissions Open House - PRCA
Saturday, Apr 9 @ 9:30 am - 11:00 am @ PRCA Campus

Spring Drama Performance (PRCA B.O.W. Company)
Thursday, Apr 14 @ 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Spring Drama Performance (PRCA B.O.W. Company)
Friday, Apr 15 @ 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Spring Drama Performance (PRCA B.O.W. Company)
Saturday, Apr 16 @ 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

NHS Induction
Wednesday, April 20 @ 7:00 pm @ Max Wilford Gym

Half Day - CFCS
Thursday, Apr 21

No School - Good Friday
Friday, Apr 22

No School - Easter
Monday, Apr 25

Silent Auction - Phantom of the Auction!
Saturday, Apr 30 @ 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm @ PRCA Campus - Max Wilford Gym