

# PUSCH RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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

February 2011

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## Principal's Coffee - PRCA

Thursday, February 3 @ 8:15 am -  
9:15 am in Library

## Principal's Coffee - CCA

Thursday, February 10 @ 8:15 am  
- 9:15 am @ CFC  
in the Fireside Room



## From the Principal's Desk

### The Importance of a Dad

"He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers." - Malachi 4:6a

The following devotional was sent my way from a good friend and I wanted to share it with the families and more specifically the dads of PRCA. It is quite poignant, allowing me to think and reflect about my own relationship with my two children. Our children want nothing more than our time; how much time are we as their dads giving them? Yes, loyalty to one's ministry is commendable and appropriate and honors our Heavenly Father. However, I don't believe it should be at the expense of one's family and more specifically, one's children. A difficult and most challenging balancing act to be sure and yet, one that needs to be at the forefront of our mind and heart so as not to be ignored.

God bless you moms and dads of PRCA as you purpose to do the Lord's work - the most significant being the "training up" of your children in His ways. Think of the satisfaction it will be to hear Jesus say "Well done, good and faithful servant" - to know that you have done what He sent you to do. Amen.

When I gaze at the family snapshots on my desk, a lump forms in my throat. Where are the grinning little boys proudly holding stringers of fish? When did they grow up to become fathers with their own little boys? Where are the little girls in pigtails? When were they transformed

into stunning brides?

Time does not stand still, nor does the life of a family.

But there is one thing that doesn't change: the importance of a dad. A boy needs the heart of his father and the fellowship of men. He needs at least one man who pays attention to him, spends time with him, admires him and teaches him how to become a man himself. A boy needs a role model.

From experience, I can tell you how easy it is for dads to be selfish. When our children were younger, I struggled with placing my children's needs above my own desires. I realized that I had a choice to make every day. If I had gone home from work and retreated into my own world, I would have squandered my responsibility to build into my own kids.

It requires perseverance, not perfection, to be the father that your children need. You will not be flawless. But you can learn how to reserve energy so that you don't come home from work so emotionally exhausted that you have nothing left for your kids. You can choose not to bend to selfishness but instead to say "yes" to caring and investing in the next generation.

When our children were little, it occurred to me one day that I needed to save some energy for home. On a card I wrote, "Save Some for Home." I paper clipped that



## 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.



# ALL-SCHOOL NEWS

card to the shade of my lamp on my desk and for more than a decade, it reminded me of my children's needs for a daddy.

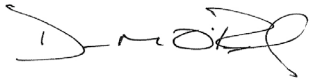
Dads, do you have an extra paper clip?

Reflect

On a 1 to 10 point scale (1 being poor and 10 being outstanding) grade yourself as a father. How involved are you in your children's lives emotionally, relationally and spiritually?

Pray

Pray that you will be there for your children; pray you can save some energy to have for your children at home.



Mr. Dennis M. O'Reilly

Principal

## Welcome Siblings, Cousins and All Prospective Students!

We already have a large number of siblings of current PRCA students who are in the enrollment process to become Lions in August 2011. That's wonderful! If you are planning for your child to be part of the PRCA family next year, or know of any relatives or friends who are planning the same, please contact Mr. Shepherd, Director of Admissions, to begin the enrollment process for the 2011-2012 school year (if you haven't

already done so).

We encourage you to invite friends to come to our PRCA Admissions Open Houses on Saturdays at 9:30 am on February 12, March 12, April 9, and May 7. Cornerstone Open Houses are on Thursdays at 9:00 am on February 10, March 10, and April 14. Prospective parents and students are welcome to come by the schools at any time. Mr. Shepherd at PRCA and Mrs. Shepperd at CCA are eager to greet visitors at all times and will share about the school and give a tour of the campus.

Also, we invite prospective students to shadow with another student for the day. To date we have had 85 students come for Shadow Days which take place on Wednesdays so the visitors can attend our MS or HS Chapels as part of their experience.

The application/enrollment packet for 2011-2012 is available to download and print on our website ([www.cfcsmain.com](http://www.cfcsmain.com)) under Admissions>Application Step - Pusch Ridge>Admissions Packet. The top page of the Application Packet explains all of the enrollment steps.

Please suggest to friends who are interested in a great Christian education for their children at PRCA and CCA to visit our website and/or call for a time to come in and visit. Thanks for your help in spreading the word about Christian education and our schools. God calls us to act on his behalf.



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: a vacation home on Friday Harbor in the San Juan Islands in Washington, a 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 and 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](mailto:judy.davidson@prca-tucson.org) or call PRCA at 520.7970107.

## NHS Group Project

Attention all NHS Members: Mark your calendars for four mandatory dates:

- On Saturday, March 5, from 1:00-4:30 pm, we will be going to the Gospel Rescue Mission's new Women and Children's Center at 707 W. Miracle Mile (the former Wayward Winds Motel). Bring your work gloves and dress for outdoor work. At our previous work day, we picked up trash, sorted through piles of wood and metal, cleaned up rooms, dismantled a ramada, and hauled corrugated metal. By the end of the day, we were all tired but content in our usefulness! All members who did not work on November 6, are required to attend. If for some reason you cannot, be sure to see Mrs. Abrams.
- Monday, March 7, at 6:45 pm - Our next, off-campus meeting. Location will be at the Slone's residence.
- Wednesday, April 20, at 6:30 pm - NHS Induction Ceremony; all members attend with pleasure.
- Saturday, April 30, at 4:30 pm - PRCA Auction - All NHS Members serve joyfully.

You will be getting more information at our meetings, but wanted to make sure your families know for planning purposes when you will be needed. You are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that you should walk in them.

## 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.



## 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](http://www.cfcsmain.com).

This link takes you to the following documents:

- ACH Form
- Bus Contract and Routes
- Lunch Menu
- Prickly Pear Order Form
- SAT Prep

# ALL-SCHOOL NEWS

## 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.

## PRCA's 7th Annual English Speaking Union Shakespeare Competition

School-wide assembly on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, from 1:35-2:50 pm.

Thirty two students will perform for the chance to move on to the state finals on Saturday, March 5, 2011, on the campus of the U of A. First place winner at state receives an all-expense paid trip to N.Y.C. and \$500 to participate in the National Competition.

Special performance by Joe McGrath of the Rogue Theater.

## Go...S.O.!

You, too, can support the Science Olympiad (S.O.) Team of 2011. Here are some ideas:

- Pray for unity in the team and that the Lord would be glorified in all we do.
- Buy a Lolli! (Gourmet lollipops in Room 9 for only 50 cents each)
- Please save your aluminum cans and bring them to Room 9. (Easy way to raise funds and help the environment, too!)
- Thank you for saving your spare coins and investing them in science education at PRCA. (A little sure goes a long way!)

## Valentine's Day Fundraiser

It's that time of year again, and the seniors will be doing their annual Valentine's Day fundraiser. As always, carnations will be available for purchase. However, this year the senior class will also be selling Hershey's chocolate bars.

If you are interested in purchasing a carnation or chocolate bar, order forms will be in the office from Wednesday, January 26, to Friday, February 11.

The carnations and candy bars will be delivered on Valentine's Day along with a note written by the sender. One carnation or chocolate bar will cost \$2 or three can be purchased for \$5 (mixed purchases are an option).

## SAVE THE DATE

Monday, February 7: Huntley Cooney presents "Eyes Wide Open: The Art of Attention" from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Catalina Foothills Church. Huntley will be discussing some of the factors (such as technology that rewards divided attention) that are leading to a decreased attention span and ability to focus that we see occurring in our kids and in our society at large. Also, she will be presenting the effects these factors are having on our brains as well as what we can do about it. Child care not provided.

## SAVE THE DATE

Monday, February 21: School Board Open Forum at Catalina Foothills Church sanctuary from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Please submit your questions in advance to Dennis O'Reilly at [dennis.o'reilly@prca-tucson.org](mailto:dennis.o'reilly@prca-tucson.org). Advance questions will be given priority and if time is available, there will be a Q & A period. Child care not provided.

## 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 6:00 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: We're in serious negotiations with top-secret people in high places.

## Note of gratitude

The PRCA Science Olympiad Team wishes to thank Michael & Dianne DeGroff for their recent donation of \$250. This generous gift allowed the team to purchase supplies to help prepare for the Arizona state competition in March. We appreciate you, Mr. & Mrs. DeGroff!

## Lions in Sports

Spring Sports begin soon:

### High School

- Baseball
- Golf
- Softball
- Track
- Tennis

### Middle School

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Track and Field

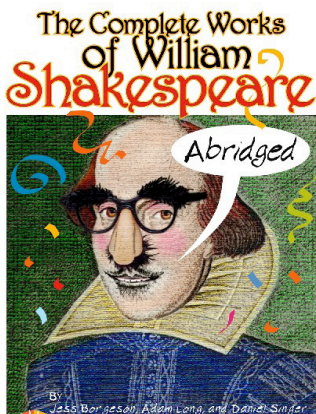
If you are interested in playing a sport in the spring, please make sure you have all your paperwork on file in the school office to get your Gold Card. If you have already played a sport this year all that is needed is the sports fee of \$100. When you finish your winter season sport, your uniform and equipment will need to be returned. Once you pay the sports fee, your Gold Card can be issued for the new sport. If this is the first sport you are participating in this year the following items need to be in your student file before you can get your Gold Card:

- Your birth certificate
- An emergency form
- Signed athletic release
- Sports physical (done after March 1, 2010)
- Health History

## PRCA window decals!!!

Two attractive, white, Pusch Ridge Christian Academy decals were sent to each family's home attached inside the cover of the Student Directory in October. Our thanks to those of you who've put them on the rear window of your vehicles.

If you haven't already done so...PLEASE show your school spirit and help promote our school by putting a decal on your vehicles. If you can't find your decals, have your child come into the office and ask for more! Thank you!

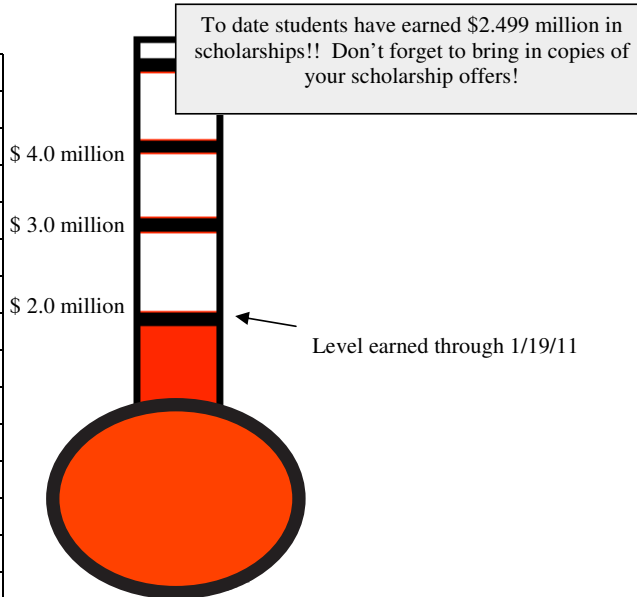


# ALL-SCHOOL, HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## CLASS OF 2011 Scholarships Earned

Contributing students:

Abrams	Joe
Andres	Kurt
Batinica	Mara
Chafin	Colin
Christensen	Haley
Cook	Vanessa
Cooney	Maddy
Courtney	Jeremy
Dunn	Sam
Erceg	Madi
Goodwillie	Tyler
Hammond	Nikki
Herrera	Caroline
Hout	Becka
Jackson	John
Johnson	Zach
Kirschner	Kaitlin
Lowery	David
McKee	Megan
McLeod	Daniel
Messer-Meyers	Cori
Pooley	Grant
Pooley	Geoff
Rosenberg	John
Smith	Brennan
Springetti	Chad
Stanton	Andrew
Tanner	Ryan
Vance	Ty
Yuhass	Sarah



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

groups looking forward to 2012.

We will be serving root beer floats to both groups. Please come and join us for this fun event of sharing and reminiscing. RSVP Cindy Vos as [cindy.vos@prca-tucson.org](mailto:cindy.vos@prca-tucson.org) by February 9, so we know how much food to order and prepare.

### ACSI District Spelling Bee

Seventh grader Rachel Romero placed 2nd overall in the ACSI District Spelling Bee last Saturday, January 22. She will move on to the ACSI Regional Spelling Bee in Colorado in February. The winner of the Regional competition goes on to Nationals in Washington D.C.! Exciting news for Rachel and our school!

Other exceptional contestants were Josh Herzog who placed 4th for the 6th grade and Grace Johnson who won 4th place in the 8th grade.

### Science Fair Winners

#### Physical Science

#1 Kelly Flynn - Petal Pigment and pH

#2 Lance Niemeyer - Solar Panels

#3 Zech Bergeron - Going Orange

Cameron Vick - Cooler Colors

Most Innovative: Cameron Foss

Which Water Bottle Stays Cool

Most Creative: Collin Stone - Solar Oven

## Upcoming Events

### February

#### Half Day

Friday, Feb 11

#### Admissions Open House - PRCA

Saturday, Feb 12 @ 9:30 am - 11:00 am @ PRCA Campus

#### Grandparents' Day - PRCA

Wednesday, Feb 16 @ 8:15 am - 11:00 am @ Gymnasium & Cafeteria

#### No School - Rodeo Days

Thursday, Feb 24 - Friday, Feb 25

### March

#### NHS Workday

Saturday, Mar 5 @ 1 pm - 4:30 pm

#### SHMORP Dance

Friday, Mar 11 @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

#### 6th Grade (PRCA) Grand Canyon Trip

Wednesday, Mar 9 - Friday, Mar 11

#### Admissions Open House - PRCA

Saturday, Mar 12 @ 9:30 am - 11:00 am @ PRCA Campus

#### Annual HS Choir Trip

Thursday, Mar 17 - Sunday, Mar 20

#### College Visit for Juniors

Spring Break

#### No School - Spring Break

Monday, Mar 21 - Friday, Mar 25

### PRCA

#### Admissions Open Houses

Saturdays from 9:30 - 11:00 am

February 12

March 12

April 9

May 7

### Cornerstone Admissions Open Houses

Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:00 am

February 10

March 10

April 14

## Attention parents of 7th and 8th graders!

On Friday, February 11, we will be celebrating the week of exploration and learning that all of our 8th graders will have experienced the previous week... sharing the many experiences of the group who will be discovering Tucson and Southern Arizona as well as those who went to Washington DC.

Eight graders and their families are invited to come to the school at 5:30 pm for a spaghetti feast. Seventh graders and their families are invited to come to the school at 6:30 pm to learn about the activities offered during the week to both