

PUSCH RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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

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Principal's Coffee - PRCA

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

Principal's Coffee - CCA

Thursday, March 17 @
8:15 am - 9:15 am @ CFC
in the Fireside Room



From the Principal's Desk

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path." -Proverbs 3:5-6

I wanted to share an email message I received from a mom whose true reliance and trust in the Lord is a great testimony for all of us. I asked her if I could share this with others, and she was gracious enough to give her permission. May the Lord and His goodness continue to bless you in amazing ways.

Good morning. The upside to being in my position is total complete God dependence. Watching for Him morning, noon and night.

I show up to work hard with the best attitude I can and God does the rest. Last night when I looked at my checking account online (which is usually a very scary thing to do) I saw my tax refund had been deposited. That is how I could deliver the tuition check this morning. I was thrilled.

I am not quite sure what is happening to me this year, but I have checked and rechecked daily for sin or fault. Truth is, I have become passionate to live out loud for Christ no matter the cost. I told my son, "Watch and see what the Lord will do."

In this past year, I lost an investment home to foreclosure, had a child support battle, went to the hospital for heart issues, needed \$2,000 for dental work,

wrecked the car my mother just bought for me, and had my livelihood threatened and money kept from me by my business partner because we had no agreement in writing. I'm laughing now. Just seems impossible – all this in 3 ½ months!

I throw my arms up, praise God that He reigns and keep breathing. In the midst of all this, I have been given more opportunities than usual to share Christ. He has given me new, truly Godly friends and He is opening some exciting doors. I just hope He hurries up as I am distraught to be in debt.

Lastly, I believe God whispered to me last night that a day will come when I will call you to ask which family needs my state tax dollars. I very much look forward to that.

Okay, well you certainly got more than you bargained for in this email. Sorry. May God testify of His love for you in a special way today.

Dennis O'Reilly

Principal

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

Admissions... Re-enrollment...Siblings

Open Houses: Please invite your friends to attend our next Admissions Open Houses:

- PRCA Open House – Saturday, March 12, 9:30 – 11:00 am
- Cornerstone Open House – Thursday, March 10, 9:00 – 11:00 am
- We had 18 prospective families at our February 12, PRCA Open House and hope to top that number on March 12. Thanks for helping spread the word about our wonderful schools!

Re-enrollment: 80% of all PRCA students have re-enrolled, thank you!

- If you have yet to re-enroll your child(ren), please do so as soon as possible.
- If you are not planning to have your child(ren) return to PRCA next year, please contact Glen Shepherd at 520.797.0107 or glen.shepherd@prca-tucson.org. Let us know how we can help you as you make this important decision for your child's future. Thank you.

Siblings: We will have a nice group of siblings joining their older brothers and sisters at PRCA next year. Welcome!

- Once complete applications for these new students have been submitted and entrance reading exams taken, a family meeting will be arranged

by Mr. Shepherd to complete the interview/enrollment process for the final decision to be made on acceptance.

- Upon acceptance, you may go online and complete his/her course requests including electives—some of which tend to fill rather quickly.

Grandparents' Day

Our heartfelt thanks go to the hundreds of grandparents who attended our 11th Annual Grandparents' Day, and for the legacy of love they are leaving their grandchildren—a legacy of love for our God, our country, and their families. We are also thankful for the tangible gifts of many volumes of literature to inspire and educate those who come behind. A bookplate will go into each book in honor of their grandchild. We look forward to adding these amazing books to our permanent collections.

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 may be interested in the law enforcement field or military, I highly recommend it. It is very physical. Please see Mrs. Rohne for instructions on how to apply electronically. 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)

National Merit Scholarship Program

Please join us in congratulating Maddy Cooney, Zach Johnson and Daniel McLeod as they have been named Commended Students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competition by taking the PSAT exam. Excellent work!

2011 English Speaking Union Shakespeare Competition Winners

The following students will be performing at the state level Shakespeare Competition on March 5, 2011, at the Tornebene Theatre on the campus of the University of Arizona.

First place: Caroline Roessler

Second place: Kaylan Fodor

Third place: Alex Kubiak

Runner up: Christian Estrada

National Honor Society Applications Available

Students in grades 10 and 11 with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above and an earnest desire to pursue excellence in scholarship, character, leadership and service are encouraged to apply for membership in the National Honor Society. Each applicant will complete a two-sided application, write a one page testimony and secure three teacher recommendations. Applications and recommendation forms are available in the library and due by 4:00 pm Friday, March 18. No late applications will be accepted. Applications will be reviewed by a staff panel and invitations for membership will be mailed by April 12. The NHS Induction Ceremony will take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 20, in the PRCA gymnasium.

If you have any questions, you may call Mrs. Abrams at 520.797.0107 ext 101.

Go S.O.!

The PRCA Science Olympiad Team will be competing at the AZ Science Olympiad on Saturday, March 5, 2011.

We appreciate your prayers that we will glorify our Lord in all that we do: Mouse-Trap Vehicle, Tower-building, Helicopter, Disease Detective, Ecology, Chemistry Lab, Forensics, and Math Applications. Solo Deo Gloria!

Olympiad Students:

- Michael Aguilera
- Amanda Alexander
- Josh Brock
- Riley Durkin
- Tyler Goodwillie



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
- Prickly Pear Order Form
- SAT Prep

ALL-SCHOOL NEWS

- Caleb Herrera
- Abbi Lavine
- Katelyn Lipke
- Kim MacKenzie
- Daniel McLeod
- Eric Strong
- Caleb Tvrdy
- Tyler Vance
- Jon Vos

Thanks,

Mrs. Gifford

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.



Thou shalt be loyal to family,
friends and faith.

Thou shalt keep thy Irish eyes
a-smilin'

Thou shalt shy away from blarney.

Thou shalt honor thy Motherland.

Thou shalt see the Trinity in every
shamrock.

Thou shalt halve each potatoe out
of love.

Thou shalt be kind to wee ones
everywhere.

Thou shalt be generous with
blessings, song and stories.

Thou shalt follow every rainbow.

Thou shalt rest easy in the hollow
of god's hand.

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 important: 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 others. 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



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 or call PRCA at 520.797.0107.

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.

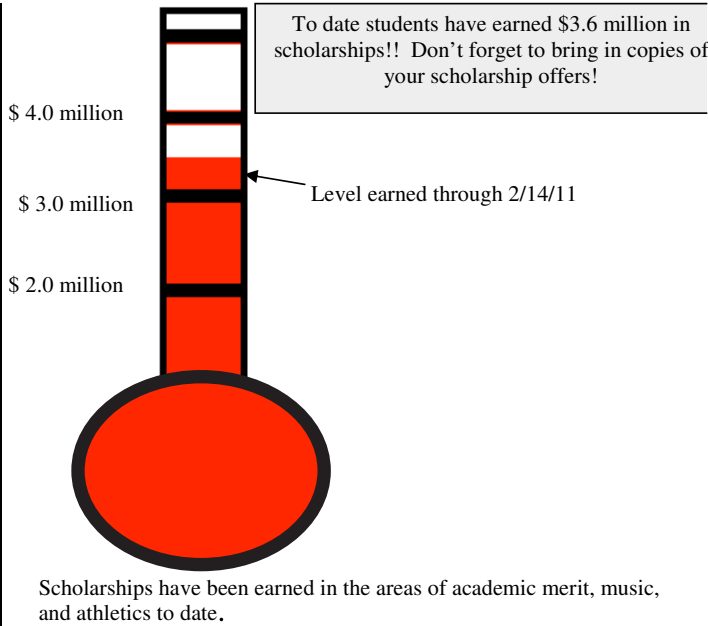


ALL-SCHOOL AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



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

45 of 69 seniors have earned and turned in at least some scholarship money...65%...keep up the good work!!!

Upcoming Events

March

- NHS Workday**
Saturday, Mar 5 @ 1:00 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

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
- 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

PRCA

Admissions Open Houses

Saturdays from 9:30 - 11:00 am

March 12

April 9

May 7

Cornerstone Admissions Open Houses

Thursdays from 9:00 - 11:00 am

March 10

April 14



Said in the morning when rising...

Christ be with me,
Be after me,
Be before me,
And be at my right and left hand.
May everything I do be for Christ.