

PUSCH RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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

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Principal's Coffee - CCA

Thursday, May 19
8:15 am - 9:15 am
in the Fireside Room



From the Principal's Desk

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.

“For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church...For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.” - Colossians 1:16-18; 2:9-10

The mission statement of Pusch Ridge Christian School includes “partnering 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.” The Catalina Foothills Church Schools (CFCS) Board established the mission of our school in line with biblical truths that are necessary in order to accomplish our mission. Additionally, the ENDS (as described later in my message) of PRCA were created to support our mission as a school and provide a means to measure the academic and spiritual growth in each of the middle and high school students.

We need to stand firm in our faith and stay the course, partnering together, knowing that the best education a child can receive is a Christ-centered one.

“A Christian philosophy of education is founded on the biblical truth that all that can be discovered, studied, fathomed, created, adorned, or enjoyed existed first in the mind of God, is sustained by Christ's power, and is revealed through the Holy Spirit's presence.” - Donovan L. Graham

Most assuredly, it is with Satan that we have our biggest battle, and we must remain “self-controlled and alert” to that truth. The devil would like nothing better than to derail our efforts to feed the soul of your child. Your prayers are welcomed and needed, for coming together and praying together will truly make the biggest difference in the lives of the students. We purpose to partner with you, Christian parents who desire to see their children “increase in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:52) in order to live out their faith as servant leaders in every area of society.

The following is policy of the CFCS board and constitutes the ENDS we all are striving for in each of the students who attend PRCA:

1.1 Students who love, glorify and enjoy God through personal commitment to Jesus Christ.

1.2 Students who love the Lord with all of their mind.

1.2.1 Students who pursue their highest academic potential and are prepared



ALL-SCHOOL NEWS

for college and whose options for admission to and success in college are limited only by the individual student's God-given capacity, talent, and desire to learn.

1.2.2 Students who are equipped with a biblical world and life view.

1.3 Students who integrate and articulate their personal faith in Jesus Christ to influence culture.

1.4 Students who understand that they are created in the image of God, and that God calls us to wise stewardship of creation and all of God's blessings for His glory.

1.5 Students who show an attitude of thankfulness.

1.6 Students who are lifelong learners.

1.7 Students who develop and care for their body as the temple of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12:1, I Cor. 3:16-17).

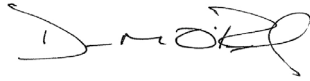
1.8 Students who demonstrate an appreciation for the classical ideas of our Western cultural heritage.

1.9 Students who are servant leaders.

1.10 Graduates who are equipped to thrive in future academic studies.

I must admit, this year's group of seniors who are exiting our doors in a few weeks, have shown themselves well throughout the year living out their faith as servant leaders for this school. This group of men and women have joyfully served the Lord, "honoring one another above themselves" (Romans 12:10) and have

left a great example for the younger ones to emulate. They are graduating with hearts to love and serve the Lord, and I believe will truly make a difference in this world. Thank you seniors; you will be missed.



God bless,

Mr. O'Reilly

Great Re-Enrollment News!

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to our PRCA parents and students for the thorough, prompt, positive response to re-enrollment this year. We're honored that you have entrusted us with your children as reflected in the more than 100% improvement in attrition over last year. Our desire is for each of our students to return to be part of our school family again next year.

For those few families who are still searching and praying about this important decision, PLEASE allow us to come alongside you. We are committed to doing all we can to help students and families continue at PRCA who desire to do so. Mr. O'Reilly welcomes your calls as do all of us.

We also have great news from Cornerstone in terms of their re-enrollment which is considerably up from last year as well. Because we are all one unified school system, Catalina Foothills Church Schools, the success at one school greatly affects the success of the other.

We praise the Lord for this wonderful response and thank all the parents for your commitment to Christian education and our schools!

S.A.T. Preparation

Attention all Juniors and Seniors! S.A.T. Preparation Class at PRCA will be offered in September and early October. Mrs. Schultz will be coaching the math portion and Mrs. Kirk will be coaching the English part. We will have an informational meeting in early September for those of you who are interested. Students may sign up for math, English, or both.

There will be both afternoon and

evening sessions. Students will need to bring paper for notes, a pencil, and a calculator. The cost is \$150 for English and \$150 for math. The book costs \$20. Please email Mrs. Kirk at sarah.kirk@prca-tucson.org for any questions or pick up a brochure in the front office at the beginning of the 2011-12 school year.

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 level of professionalism.

Current Sophomore and Junior students are welcome to 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.

End of The Year Choir Concert

May 9, 2011, 7:00 pm at Catalina Foothills Church.

Instrumental Music Concert

May 10, 2011, 7:00 pm at Catalina Foothills Church.

Two Plays, One Night, Don't Miss It!

The Middle School Shakespeare performing arts class presents two of William Shakespeare's' greatest comedies: *Much Ado About Nothing* and *A Midsummer Nights Dream*.

Friday, May 13, 2011, 6:30-8:00 pm

PRCA's Amphitheatre

There will be one 15 - minute intermission between the plays.



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

ALL-SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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 the law enforcement field or military, I highly recommend it because it is very physical. For applications, please 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 PRCA's 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.org for class descriptions and on-line registration.

Parents of Seniors

If you have a child going to any college in the fall, you will not want to miss a great presentation by Jim McCormick, CCU Dean of Students, on May 11, 2011, at 6:30 pm. The presentation will be held in Rm 209/210 in Building 2 at PRCA. If you know of other non-PRCA families in the same boat please encourage them

to come. He is making the trip down here to bless you with information that should help you through this transition. Topics will cover finances, responsibilities, what to do when your child calls you in tears, how to find resources on any campus, etc. I promise you will be glad you carved out time from your busy schedules!

-Mrs. Rohne, Guidance Counselor

High School Tennis

Congratulations to the Tennis Team! The boys' and girls' teams have had stellar seasons—the girls are undefeated and the boys are 2nd in the region. The following players will represent PRCA in the state tournament: Evan Gazic, Joel Johnson, Michael Houser, Conner Vick, Caleb Tvrdy, Brandon Salaz, Allie Scott, Sami Towne, Mara Batinica, Maddy Cooney, Gabby Courtney, and Jenna Johnson. Way to go Lions!

Attention Parents of Current 7th Graders

Now is the time to register your child for the 8th grade D.C. Trip. The trip dates are Saturday, January 28, 2012 through Saturday, February 4, 2012. Currently we have 40 students and parents traveling with us and we would love to have you join us! We will be learning about God's hand in history by seeing Charlottesville, Jamestown, and Williamsburg in Virginia, Washington D.C., Gettysburg and Philadelphia, and finishing off in New York.

Register: christiandiscoveries.com

Trip ID: 64668

We look forward to you joining us!

PRCA 6th Grade Annual Grand Canyon Trip

It was the school year of 2002-2003 when an idea and an opportunity blossomed into the PRCA 6th grade world. Since part of the 6th grade curriculum is to study "The Age of Exploration" why not incorporate a trip to the Grand Canyon, since Francisco Vasquez de Coronado is the first European Explorer to get credit for seeing the Grand Canyon? Could this be a possibility?

Congratulations to the Class of 2011 Valedictorians and Salutatorian

Co-Valedictorians: Maddy Cooney and Daniel McLeod

Salutatorian: Ryann Slone

Ladies and gentleman, you have worked hard, persevered, and we are extremely proud of your efforts!!

Thus began our yearly March trek to the Grand Canyon National Park.

Since that first trip in March 2003, each class has gone on a three-day, two-night Grand Adventure!

It all begins with our Prickly Pear jelly and syrup fundraiser from August through December each year. Sixth grade parents have the choice to participate in the cooking production and the selling of the product. Many students earn a large discount on their \$350.00 Grand Canyon trip by their parents participating in this.

Then dates, chaperones and an agenda are set with the Grand Canyon Railroad. Some study goes into the monument, trip tee-shirts are created, room lists are made and shopping and packing are done. Finally the day rolls around and we are off on a fine BEE LINE luxury bus.

This year our travel dates were March 9-11, 2011. We had nine terrific chaperones, three shadows, a wonderful bus driver and 33 excited and eager 6th grade students. All-in-all the entire trip went off without a hitch (for the 9th year in a row). Ask any current sixth grader about their recent trip and they will report fantastic memories!

All School Book Buy Back

May 25, 10:00 am to 1:30 pm
in the PRCA Cafeteria.

Seniors ONLY

Book Buy Back

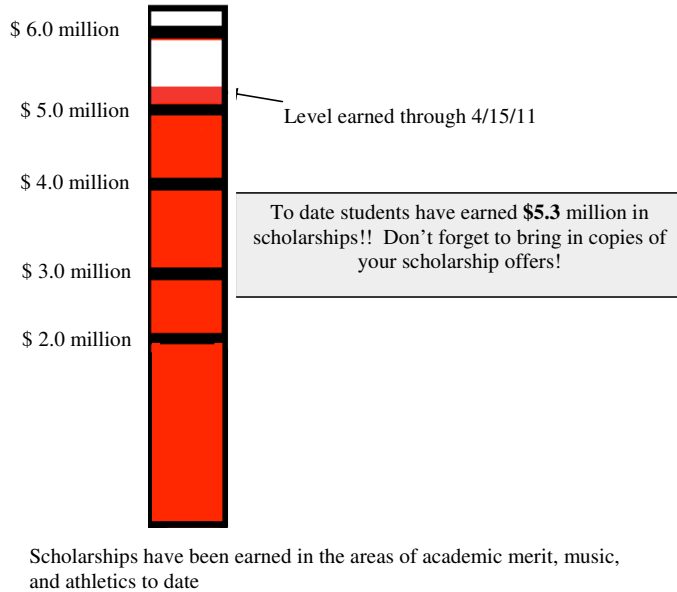
May 18, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
in the Library.

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
Lent	Heather
Lowery	David
McKee	Megan
McLeod	Daniel
Messer-Meyers	Cori
Parker	Katie
Pooley	Grant
Pooley	Geoff



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	Yuhas	Sarah

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

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

The Boys' Basketball Camp:

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

Camp is for boys entering grades 6 - 9

Camp cost: \$110

The Girls' Basketball Camp:

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

Camp is for girls entering grades 6 - 9

Camp cost: \$110

Pusch Ridge Volleyball Camp

June 1 - June 3, 2011

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Camp is for boys 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

Summer Bible/Sports Camp

June 27 - July 1 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Costs: \$65

For students going into grades 6 - 8.

Can choose one of 5 sports to participate in: basketball, softball, flag football, volleyball, or soccer

Daily speaker, praise songs and snacks.

Contact: Brian Graham at 797-0107 ext. 621 or brian.graham@prca-tucson.org

May

Senior Blessings

Sunday, May 1 @ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm @ PRCA Campus - Max Wilford Gym

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 Awards 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 17 - 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