

PUSCH RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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

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**Back to School Night
and Staff Dedication
August 17, at 6:30 pm.
See you there!**



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...

Someone very wise recently said to me in regards to my new position at PRCA, "Know the port-of-call." Well, I will offer that the purpose of any school is the mission, and our mission, as stated to the left, should provide each of us at PRCA a passion and focus as a covenantal Christian school. It should be our "port-of-call" as we pursue to navigate the upcoming school year together as a community. The content of our mission statement is considerable and worthy, and it needs to drive us as a school, providing each one of us the energy necessary to impact our young people in a Christ-like manner.

"The mission of a Christian school is that of a community of believers who gather together for teaching and learning that is integrated with faith and the education that occurs leads to transforming young hearts and minds to be more Christ-like." (*Wisdom and Eloquence*, Robert Littlejohn) Ultimately, the aim is for our students to grow spiritually, intellectually, and socially. Easier said than done, and yet, as C.S. Lewis once proclaimed, "the more heavenly minded we are, the greater earthly good we might do." Amen.

"It was he who gave some to be... teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up." Ephesians 4:11b & 12

I would like to share with each of you some information regarding the new

teachers who have joined the staff of PRCA. It is a wonderful group of Godly men and women who are excited to be a part of our community, and I am excited for what God has planned for them as they look to nurture Christian character in the life of your child.

Scott Appleman - Scott is married to Janice and has two beautiful daughters, Elizabeth (2) and Lucy (8 months). He earned his Bachelor of Science in Language Arts from Emporia State University in Kansas. Scott comes from Pima Community College employed as a Writing Lab Specialist as part of the Adjunct Writing Faculty and will be teaching all of our 10th Grade English classes and one section of 9th Grade Bible.

Ernie Blanco - One of our own, Ernie graduated as valedictorian of the PRCA Class of 2003. He is married to Elizabeth, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from the University of Arizona along with a Master of Arts from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Ernie previously taught three years at Christian Academy of Indiana, and he will be teaching both 9th and 10th Grade Bible.

Tom Crawford - Tom is married to Catherine and they have a son, Benjamin. He is the Orchestra Conductor at Christ Community Church and

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PRCA Website

Our new website allows us to keep you up-to-date with school information and provide 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
- Gold Card Form
- SAT Prep

The link takes you to details about used textbook sales.

This link takes you to the PRCA Bookstore.

From the Principal's Desk Continued. . .

earned his degree in Music Education as well as a Master of Education in Educational Technology from Northern Arizona University. Tom has been in the classroom for 14 years and will be teaching and directing our Band and Orchestra.

Amanda Simpson - Amanda, or better known to most of us as Nikki, earned her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Arizona State University. Nikki taught previously for four years and she will be teaching 6th Grade along with coaching both basketball and volleyball.

Amber Steig - Amber earned her Bachelor of Arts in English Writing along with a Secondary Credential in Education from Biola University in California. Amber taught for two years, English 1 and English 3 at Sunny Hills High School in CA, and she will be teaching all of our 9th Grade English classes along with OSP.

Dana Wahl - Dana is married to Dan and they have two energetic boys, Tommy (12) and Josh (9). She earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Arizona and her Masters in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. Dana has been teaching Math at Casas Christian School for the last three years and will be teaching Geometry and Course 2 classes at PRCA.

Amy Dunmyre - Amy is married to Rod and they have two children, Cara (2004)

Registration Days

Please make every effort to register during your assigned registration time but if you are unable to do so, please come during any other scheduled registration time. Registration is set up so a family does not have to come more than once, so if you have a returning student and a new student or freshman, please choose the registration time that is most convenient for your family.

The registration schedule for the 2010-2011 school year is as follows:

Returning Students in Grades: 7, 8,10,11,and 12

Thursday, August 5

8:30 am to 10:30 am Last Names: A-G

11:00 am to 1:00 pm Last Names: H-P

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm Last Names: Q-Z

All New Students including ALL Freshmen

Friday, August 6

10:00 am – 2:00 pm All New Students

Late Registration

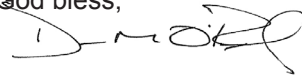
Monday, August 9, 6:45 am to 7:30 am, PRCA Library

and David who both attended PRCA. Amy attended Lockhaven State College in Pennsylvania. She worked for PRCA for three years before she ran her own catering company for the past six years in Colorado and has now returned to be our Director of Hospitality/Cafeteria Supervisor.

Brandt McFarlin - Brandt is married to Barbara and they have two terrific children, Christy and Cristofer. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Education from Miami (Ohio) University and his Master of Science in Education from the University of Arizona. Brandt came to us from Florida where he was the Director of Athletics at Seven Rivers Christian School. He is also a former PRCA employee who served as Athletic Director and the Varsity Boys Head Baseball Coach. He will be maintaining and beautifying the grounds.

Please be in prayer for our schools, the faculty, staff, parents, students and the leadership. We will need to rely on God for all things and it would be good to offer our community up in prayer on a daily basis. "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." - James 5:16

God bless,



Dennis M. O'Reilly
Principal

From the Business Office

Tuition is billed over an 11 month plan (July-May). It has been the custom in years past to not access a late fee for the July statement month. We will continue that again this year.

Due to increasing processing fees we can no longer accept credit card payments after July 31. We will, however, continue to accept debit cards.

All families are encouraged to participate in the Automatic Clearing House (ACH) program wherein payments are automatically drafted from your bank checking or savings account. Please take time to consider this option. Just like the debit card it drafts out of your account immediately and there is no fee charged to either party. By eliminating credit card fees, the estimated savings to the school budget is approximately \$30,000 annually. The ACH enrollment form is available to you on our school website. A link is provided for you in the website section on this page.

Financial Aid

Will you be applying for financial aid for ACSTO?

If so, you need to have a current application on file with them. In April, Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization destroys all applications



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and accompanying documents. If you have not filed a new application with them since April 2008, please pick up an application in the school office. Your child cannot receive any funding from ACSTO without a completed application. You may download an application from www.acsto.com.

PRCA School Directory

In order to facilitate Christian community and friendships, we want to give everyone a school directory that includes students' names, addresses and phone numbers. This will be provided to you in late August.

If you do not want your phone number and address in the directory, please let us know during registration at the Directory station; otherwise, it will be included in the school directory. Please be aware that our school directory should be used only for our school and social purposes. In no way should it be used for solicitation purposes for you individually or for your group.

Back to School & Staff Dedication

Mark your calendar for our annual Staff Dedication/Back to School Night. Our ceremony asking God's blessing on the school year and an evening for you to meet your child's teachers is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, at 6:30 pm beginning in the PRCA gymnasium. We hope all of you will attend this special evening.

PRCA Used Textbook Sale

The PRCA Parent Teacher Fellowship is sponsoring for the second year an online used textbook sale via Yahoo Groups. Sellers can list their textbooks, condition, price, contact information, etc. and buyers will be able to search the database for books they need. An up-to-date listing of the required books for the 2010-2011 school year is available on the book sale site. The groups site opened for business with over 50 books listed. The site will be active all summer.

To join the group returning members may use the same Yahoo ID as last year and new members need to send

their Yahoo ID or email address (one can be obtained for free at yahoo.com) to booksalemoderator@yahoo.com. An invitation and instructions will be sent to your Yahoo email address.

2010-2011 School Bus

The bus route and contract is now available on the school website. Get your contracts in asap for the best deal. A link to the school bus documents is provided on page 2 under the highlighted website section.

Every Student Needs a Library Card

It's important that every student at Pusch Ridge has a public library card. Our students are able to access valuable online databases (free of charge) by being patrons of the public library system. Once again this year a representative of the public library organization has kindly offered to be available during registration with applications for library cards. She will also be able to assist if students have misplaced their cards. Please be sure to stop by her table during registration and sign up if your student needs a card.

School Photos

School photos for all grades will be taken on Tuesday, August 17, beginning at 8:30 am. Look for flyers to come home at the beginning of school. Retakes are scheduled for Monday, September 20.

Fine Arts Storage Needed

Is there a family garage or business warehouse able to store our drama set columns? The items were specially made by a theatrical set company for our PRCA/CCA drama department. Plans for a container to store them in has been postponed.

What needs storing:

Six faux Greek columns: 2-12' in length and approximately 3' wide at the base and top, 4-10' in length and same bottom/top dimensions.

They can be stacked one on top of the other.

Some or all of the columns will be used

2-4 times throughout the school year and will need to be accessible for pick ups and returns.

Please contact either Jody Knox or Alicia Fodor if you are able to help.

520.797.0107 office
alicia.fodor@prca-tucson.org
jody.knox@prca-tucson.org

National Honor Society Members

Please call Jody Knox in the school office (520.797.0107 ext. 503) and volunteer to help with the Thursday, August 5, and Friday, August 6, back-to-school registration. You can volunteer for one session or all four sessions and receive community service hours. This is the first service project in which we, as a community, can participate. Come in dress code and be ready to greet parents and students with a smile!

Congratulations!

The NACCAP (North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals) has presented Teri Rohne with the 2010 Southwest Regional Service Award for her effort toward "Advancing Enrollment in Christian Higher Education." She is certainly recognized for her efforts by our students, her peers and this coalition.

Leann Parker won the Judges Award of the AWASA video contest and was awarded \$500! This was part of her iTech class project. Congratulations, Leann!

Congratulations to Trever Cook, who is the recipient of the Oro Valley Rotary Scholarship. Only three students were selected to win this scholarship. Way to go, Trever!

Congratulations to David Lowery, who was selected as Student of the Month from the Oro Valley Optimist Club. David is a very worthy recipient!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Practice Schedules for Sports		
High School	Aug 2-6 (Voluntary)	Aug 9 Through End of Season
JV & Varsity Football	(M & F) 4:30-6:30 pm Clinic (T,W & Th) 6--8 pm	(M-F) 3:00-5:45 pm
JV & Varsity Volleyball	(M-F) 2:00 - 4:00 pm	(M-F) 4:30-6:30 pm
Swim	Practice (M-F) 4:00-5:30 pm at PRCA	(M-F) 3:15-5:00 pm @ pool
Cross Country	Coaches will get with the runners on how much they should be running	(M-F) 3:00-5:45 pm
Middle School	Aug 2-6 (Voluntary)	Aug 9 Through End of Season
Tackle Football (4, 5 & 6th gr)	M & F 7-9 am Clinic (T, W & Th) 6-8 pm	(Th 4-6 pm & Sat. 8-10 am) until end of August (T & Th) 4-6 pm Sept through end of season
Tackle Football (7 & 8th gr)	(M & F) 7-9 am Clinic also (T,W & Th) 6-8 pm	(M, W & Th) 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Volleyball	none	Starts Aug 16 (M-F) 3:45 - 5:00 pm
Tennis Co-ed	none	Starts Aug 16 (M-F) 3:45 - 5:00 pm

High School Retreat

August 25-27, our high school student body will participate in our annual high school retreat. Our seniors and juniors will be traveling to Camp Pine Rock in Prescott, Arizona and our sophomores and freshman will travel to Pine Summit, also in Prescott, Arizona, to share in spiritual and team building retreats. Both camps will have break out sessions for individual grade levels and then meet corporately for worship and speakers. The purpose of this retreat is to build Christian unity and community that will continue throughout the school year. It is required that all high school students attend. A retreat fee will be collected at Registration.

Football Players and Parents

There will be a football parent meeting on August 10, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the PRCA cafeteria. A light supper will be provided for the players and coaches. Information will be handed out on game schedules, parent volunteers, meal and snacks for players, spirit wear orders, and picture

orders.

I am also in dire need of help for the following positions:

- J.V. Meal Coordinator
- Away Snack Coordinator for J.V. & Varsity
- Varsity Game Day Coordinator
- J.V. Game Day Coordinator
- Treasurer for Booster Club
- Picture Day Coordinator
- Events Coordinator

- Carlina Persons/Booster Club President
520.250.6565, carlinapersons@gmail.com

Pusch Ridge Football Booster Club

Is putting together the Game Day Football Program for the 2010 PRCA Football teams, only this year it will reach a larger audience as we're adding the Middle School Team! The program is a high quality publication that will feature team photos, rosters, student athlete and coaches' biographies, season schedules,

cheerleader features, marching band features, parent blessings and game day roster inserts. The funds raised by this program help support the Football program and athletics in general at PRCA, all while helping our boys truly become Godly student athletes. If you would like information on advertising your business or know someone who might like to advertise, please email Thom Dwan at tdwan@comcast.net or call him at 520.240.3707.

High School Volleyball Tryouts

The first day of tryouts is Monday, August 2, 2010. Please be at the gym at 1:45 pm changed and ready to go. You must have your Gold Card in hand the first day of practice to participate, please get information on the PRCA website, or visit the front office. Practice that week will officially be 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. See you there!

- Coach Carey



HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Important Dates from the Guidance Center

AIMS testing schedule (Juniors may take both sittings and will not be able to take them after this spring. Sophomores may start AIMS testing in the Spring):

To sign up, contact your tax-assigned high school. Please make sure you bring us a copy of the results because we don't get a copy automatically.

Fall: Oct 26 (Writing) - Oct 27 (Reading) - Oct 28 (Math)

Spring: Mar 1 (Writing) - Mar 2 (Reading) - (Math)

SAT Prep information is available on the the school's website. A link is provided for you on page 2.

SAT Test Dates:

registration is online: www.collegeboard.com

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
Sept 11, 2010*	Aug 6, 2010	Aug 7 - 20, 2010
Oct 23, 2010	Sept 17, 2010	Sept 18 - Oct 1, 2010
Dec 11, 2010	Nov 5, 2010	Nov 6 - 19, 2010
Feb 12, 2011**	Jan 7, 2011	Jan 8 - 21, 2011
April 9, 2011	Mar 4, 2011	Mar 5 - 18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7 - 20, 2011

ACT Test Dates:

Registration is online: www.actstudent.org

SAT REGISTRATION DEADLINES	
2010-11 Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline (postmark/submit by)
Oct 9, 2010	Sept 10, 2010
Nov 6, 2010	Oct 8, 2010
Dec 4, 2010	Nov 5, 2010
January 22, 2011	December 23, 2010
March 12, 2011	February 11, 2011
May 7, 2011	April 8, 2011

Sixth Grade Parents and Students

We welcome all sixth grade parents and students to attend the 6th Grade Student/Parent/Staff Get Acquainted Dessert Night on Friday, August 13, starting at 6:30 pm.

It will be an evening of fellowship for families to meet each other, for the kids to have some fun games, and for the teachers and staff to share with parents about the upcoming year. Additional Information will be sent home via email or with the students during the first week of school. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

July

Ensemble Camp

Tuesday, July 27, 2010 - Friday, July 30, 2010

High School Band Camp

Saturday, July 31, 2010

August

First Day of School - PRCA

Monday, Aug 9, 2010 @ PRCA Campus

High School Cheerleading Clinics

Tuesday, Aug 10, 2010 - Wednesday, Aug 11, 2010

6th Grade Dessert Night

Friday, Aug 13, 2010 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Back to School Night & Teacher Dedication

Tuesday, Aug 17, 2010 @ 6:30 pm

School Pictures

Tuesday, Aug 17, 2010

High School Retreat

Wednesday, Aug 25, 2010 - Friday, Aug 27, 2010

September

No School - Labor Day

Monday, Sept 6, 2010

Half Day for Students - Progress Reports Emailed

Friday, Sept 10, 2010

SAT Registration Deadline

Friday, Sept 10, 2010 for test held October 9, 2010

ACT Test

Saturday, Sept 11, 2010

ACT Registration Deadline for Test Held October, 23, 2010

Friday, Sept 17, 2010

School Picture Re-Takes

Monday, Sept 20, 2010

Half Day - Teacher In-Service

Friday, Sept 24, 2010