

PUSCH RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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

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Principal's Coffee

Thursday, Nov 18, 2010 @ 8:15 am -
9:15 am @ CFC Fireside Room

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.



Golf Marathon Cancelled

Due to a number of circumstances, the decision has been made to table the Golf Marathon that was slated for November 15. We hope to host a golf event in the spring, and we will be letting all our families know once a decision is made. Stay tuned!



From the Principal's Desk

PRCA CORE VALUES

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” Colossians 3:23

“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.” Philippians 2: 1-2

How important are values? Values govern how a person will behave in their organization – they drive the behavior of people. Additionally, values are nonnegotiable principles that define one's character. Fewer than 10 percent of organizations around the world have clear, written values. Pusch Ridge Christian Academy's (PRCA) stated core values are the following: Christ-centered environment, truth, excellence, virtue, community, stewardship, and service.

I met with many of the faculty and staff on September 3, to discuss our core values as a school system. Most companies and school systems that have stated values either have too many values or do not have rank-ordered values. PRCA has an excellent grouping of core values; the challenge for the faculty and staff is to select and rank-order four core values. Research shows that if you really want to impact behavior, you can't emphasize more than three or four values. People can't focus on more than those.

Why is it important to state and prioritize

our values as a school system? Because working together in an organization brings value conflicts. When these conflicts arise, people need to know the priority of values upon which they should focus. All of us need to be on the same page whenever a situation arises within the school system that could cause conflict in values. Without guidelines, people will create their own order of priority, and that may lead away from following the stated foundational values of an organization, as well as the desired organizational purpose and picture of the future.

As we develop our own value priorities, it is important to know and understand what Jesus set before us as His nonnegotiable priorities. The Pharisees sought to test Jesus with the following question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments” (Matthew 22: 36-40).

Notice that Jesus rank-ordered two values:

1. Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind.
2. Love your neighbor as yourself.



ALL SCHOOL NEWS

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
- Pie Order Form
- Prickly Pear Jelly Order 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 cont...

Walt Disney seemed to sense both value concerns when he prioritized and rank-ordered his organization's four operating values: safety, courtesy, the show, and efficiency. Most people, when they think about Disney, put courtesy as the number one value, followed by efficiency, because they think that making money would be next in importance. Then they usually put safety third and the show fourth.

Actually, Disney's first priority is safety. "Ahead of courtesy?" you ask. Yes. Walt Disney knew that he must put safety ahead of courtesy, the show, and efficiency, because if guests left the park on a stretcher, they would not have the same smile on their faces leaving the park as they had when entering the park. When you reflect on the fact that they are in the happiness business that rings true!

Why is it important to know that efficiency – running a profitable, well-run organization – is the fourth-ranked value? First of all, it indicates that efficiency is a value. But second, because it is ranked fourth, if Disney employees are following their company's values, they will do nothing to save money if it compromises safety, friendliness, or the show. These are all higher-ranked values.

As the faculty and staff of PRCA discuss and prioritize our core values, we realize it will take some time to come to agreement to rank-order

PRCA Needs

MS Praise Band

Is in need of an electric keyboard. Nearly any medium to full-size keyboard will do, but it must have two particular features.

- First, the keyboard needs to have its own internal speakers as well as a jack to connect it to a sound system.
- Second, it must have the ability to transpose keys.

If you have a keyboard you no longer have use for and it has these features (if you are not sure, please let us have a look and we can figure it out), and you are willing to donate it to PRCA for the middle school praise band, please contact Tyler Shepperd 520.235.7796 or Michael Rivers 520.904.8610.

Drama Department

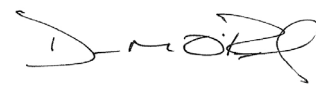
The Drama Department needs a cot for the fall show. One like you might find in a hotel not a camping cot.

Also, if you have time and tools we need a few good hands to help load in and re-construct our set at the Berger Theater on Monday, November 14, 2:00 pm-7:00 pm. Please call Mrs. Fodor if you can be there.

their importance. Even if they are rank-ordered, values will not drive the accomplishment of a purpose or picture of the future unless they are translated into behaviors. That's what Jesus did throughout his three-year public ministry. Clarifying how values are lived out in behavioral terms allows for accountability and measurement of progress.

Remember, Jesus lived His values of love of God and love of His neighbor all the way to the Cross: "Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

God bless,



Dennis M. O'Reilly

Principal

Source: *Lead like Jesus*, Ken Blanchard & Phil Hodges

PRCA Sibling Shadow Day

November 17 will be a special day at Pusch Ridge! We would like to extend an invitation to all siblings of current PRCA students who are considering applying to attend Pusch Ridge next year to participate in a special Sibling Shadow Day.

"Legacies" have always been a large and celebrated component of our new student group each year. We hope and pray there are many siblings who have their

sights set on PRCA as we welcome them wholeheartedly.

We have a fun day planned. The Shadows will be hosted by a student of the same gender in the grade level he/she will be going into next year during Periods 1-4. Then after lunch we'll have the Sibling Shadows meet up with their brother or sister in the gym and go to class with him or her for two periods...no matter the age difference.

The Shadows will then all meet with student leaders and administrators during Period 7 to learn more about the many aspects of our school, as well as to ask questions. High school shadows will end their school day at 2:55 pm and middle school shadows at 3:35 pm. All Shadows will attend Chapel with their hosts in the morning.

Sibling shadows are asked to follow our dress code, and either bring a lunch or \$4.00 to purchase lunch in the cafeteria.

If you would like to sign up your child for this special Sibling Shadow Day, please call Glen Shepherd at 520.797.0107 ext. 502, or email him at glen.shepherd@prca-tucson.org

Math Tutoring Available

Math tutoring is available every Wednesday.

High School Students

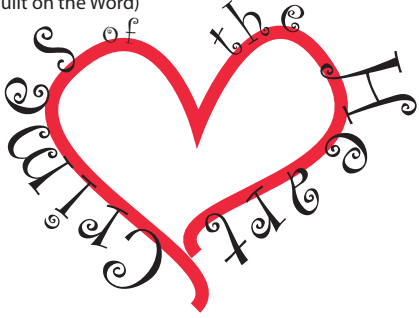
Mrs. Schultz' and Mr. Seymour's students will meet



ALL SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Pusch Ridge Christian Academy

The B. O. W. Company Presents:
(Built on the Word)



November 19, 20, & 21, 2010

At the Berger Performing Arts Center

♥ 7:00 pm Friday and Saturday
(doors open 6:30 pm)

♥ 2:00 pm Sunday Matinee
(doors open at 1:30 pm)

♥ Produced with special arrangement
by Dramatist Play Services

♥ \$10.00

Tickets on sale in the
PRCA front office.

Why produce a play like this?

It is precisely because I know the question will be asked that I have decided to write this pre-emptive strike. We are producing this play because it speaks directly to the heart of the need for redemption and Christ's atoning blood working His will for and through us in all circumstances.

This play is beautifully written and dramatically solid in its character and plot development. It is simple yet complex, humorous and devastatingly painful. We have three sisters each having committed a crime of the heart. Each sister bearing the consequences of their choices and each burdened with the generational sin that has been laid on them from their parents actions. Lenny-running away from life and love because of fear of rejection, Meg-running from the home town that did not understand her and winding up broken in a mental institution in California and Babe, the youngest McGrath sister, who runs to the arms of another man to avoid her abusive husband. The chain of events in their lives was set in motion years before when they were abandoned by their father and then left to be raised by aging grandparents after the suicide of their mother. Into this tragedy come the outrageous circumstances and characters that balance the show with humor. The un-mistakable bonds of love reunite this family and draw them together to heal past hurts and take on the challenges brought on by the crimes of their hearts. Through laughter and shared memories they begin to heal. By forgiving each other they can move forward. As a fallen sinner saved by grace I can walk along side these women and I am filled with such love and gratitude for my Savior. I am reminded by their troubles how God daily lifts my own onto His shoulders. It is by reading and experiencing their love, laughter and heartbreak that I can, in some slight way, better understand my own troubles and the troubles of those I love around me. It is by experiencing their need of grace that my soul shouts out with joy at what has been given me. Is there value in shows that point us here, to the foot of the cross? Yes, and Beth Henley has done this in her Pulitzer Prize winning play with truth, humor and love.

from 3:00-4:00 pm.

Mrs. Linaman's and Mrs. Wahl's students will meet from 3:00-3:45 pm.

Middle School Students

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

Great COOKIE Swap

December 9, is a great opportunity for fellowship and community outreach.

The Cafeteria is sponsoring the Great COOKIE Swap on Thursday, December 9, immediately after school.

Here is what you have to do:

- Bring 1 recipe (3 dozen) of your favorite baked cookie to the cafeteria on a disposable tray.
- Label with your name and grade.
- Provide a recipe, if you would like.

The cookies will be divided for the enjoyment of our students and the Gospel Rescue Mission.

Marie Callendar Pies

The Tennis team is once again selling Marie Callendar pies as their fundraiser. Last year they sold 125, and this year's goal is 150. The pies cost \$14 and can be picked up at the school on November 23. The deadline for ordering is November 18. This is a great way to support the tennis team, and make your

Thanksgiving holiday a little easier. Order forms are on the website. A link is on page 2.

PRCA Marching Band

On Saturday, October 16, the PRCA Marching Band travelled to Thatcher, AZ for the "Eastern Arizona College Band Day" competition. God truly poured out His blessing as the Band earned a score of "Superior" at the competition (the highest score available). Also winning the "Drum Major Captain Award" for Drum Major was Brandon Salaz and his assistant, Jonathan Armstrong. The band worked hard in preparation and God supplied the increase!

Washington DC Trip

We currently have 55 people signed up for the trip on January 29 – February 5, 2011 to Williamsburg, Washington DC, Gettysburg, Philadelphia, and New York City. It is not too late to sign up for the trip.

MS Shakespeare Fall Scene Night

An Evening with William Shakespeare.

- When: Friday December, 10, 2010
- Where: PRCA Amphitheater
- Time: 7:00 pm-8:00 pm show

Come to a Christmas celebration of the works of the Bard of Stratford-Upon-Avon.

Come enjoy the special pre-show music at 6:30 pm.

Prickly Pear Jelly

Prickly pear jelly is on sale now. Contact Holly Munro or Nikki Simpson with any questions. 520.797.0107 ext. 131 (Mrs. Munro) and 132 (Ms. Simpson).

A huge THANK YOU to Miles Label CO. Inc for the generous donation of jelly and syrup labels to the 6th grade Prickly Pear fundraiser. We appreciate you!

Congratulations to Daniel McLeod, Zach Johnson, and Maddy Cooney who have been named National Merit Commended Scholars. About 34,000 students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Scholars place among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competition.

New Eagle Scout

On Thursday October 21, at approximately 6:50 pm, Scott Standley successfully completed his Eagle Board of Review and became Troop 270's newest Eagle Scout.

Congratulations Scott! We are proud of you.

ALL SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MS SOFTBALL & SOCCER

Middle School girl's softball and coed soccer seasons will be starting Monday, November 1.

Practice will be Monday through Friday from 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm.

Please make sure you have picked up your GOLD CARD packet in the front office and turn it in to your coach on Monday, November 1. Know that you will not be able to practice until your gold card is turned in.

It is our desire for all students wanting to participate in our sports programs to be able to do so. However, due to the limited availability of our facility and the limited number of games we can schedule in conference, we will not always be able to accommodate all students wanting to participate. Unfortunately, some students may have to be cut from any overcrowded team. Please take the time to discuss this possibility with your

child and encourage him or her to seek out these opportunities. This winter we will have two coed soccer teams and one softball team depending on the conference teams and schedules.

We are excited for another great season and look forward to seeing you November 1.

There will be a parents meeting on Tuesday, November 9, at 5:30 pm in the cafeteria. It is very important that all parents attend.

MS Tennis

The middle school tennis team took home the Runner-Up trophy at the end-of-the-year tournament. Congratulations to all tennis team members for a very successful season. The following players made it all the way to the finals of the tournament: Mikayla Rossi, Rachel Romero, and Jared Bristol. Way to go Lion Netters!

Our Faculty Doesn't Take The Summer Off!

Private Christian education is a commitment for families and faculty alike. How our teachers spend their summer often translates into greater enrichment in their classrooms during the school year. Here is a sampling of how some of our faculty spent the Summer of 2010.

"This summer I took an Undergraduate Statistics course at Pima Community College."

-Elaine McKenzie, High School Science

"This past summer I have been working on my master's in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis on technology. I felt I needed more education in creating student-oriented lessons using science technology. The classes I have taken lately are: Multimedia Instructional Strategies (using computers in the classroom), Instructional Techniques (based on brain research), and Designing Print Media (developing creative lab sheets and smart board presentations). Every class I have taken has helped me learn to be a better science teacher. It is wonderful to have technology to share with the students!"

-Julie Myers, Middle School Science

"I attended biotechnology training to prepare teachers to work in research

labs; a training for teachers about heart disease, cancer, asthma and diabetes, and current research in these fields; and a graduate level microbiology course for my master's degree. I conducted research for my master's thesis (the effect of temperature change on mosquito development rate) and I presented a 2-day workshop on how to teach about cancer and genetic diseases using biotechnology and case studies."

-Beth Karasz, High School Science

"I did the GK-12 Water and Energy systems workshops through the University of Arizona Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering for a week. I also went to Denver and completed training to be an academic coach."

-Nikki Simpson, Sixth Grade Core

Upcoming Events

November

No School - ACSI Convention

Thursday, Nov 4, 2010 & Friday, Nov 5, 2010

ACT Registration Deadline

Friday, Nov 5, 2010

SAT Registration Deadline

Friday, Nov 5, 2010

SAT Test

Saturday, Nov 6, 2010

Half Day - for Students - Progress Reports Emailed

Friday, Nov 12, 2010

PRCA Sibling Shadow Day

Wednesday, Nov 17

Principal's Coffee - CCA

Thursday, Nov 18, 2010 @ 8:15 am - 9:15 am @ CFC Fireside Room

Fall Drama Performance (PRCA B.O.W. Company)

Friday, Nov 19, 20 & 21 2010 @ Berger Theater Fall Drama Performance

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, Nov 24, 2010 - Friday, Nov 26, 2010

December

Principal's Coffee - PRCA

Thursday, Dec 2, 2010 @ 8:15 am - 9:15 am @ Library

Band/Orchestra Concert and Art Show

Monday, Dec 6, 2010 @ 7:00 pm @ Catalina Foothills Church

PRCA Shakespeare Performance

Friday, Dec 10, 2010 @ 7:00 pm @ PRCA Amphitheater

Christmas Choir Concert @ CFC

Dec 14 @ 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Semester Finals - PRCA

Tuesday, Dec 14, 2010 - Friday, Dec 17, 2010

No School - Christmas Break

Monday, Dec 20, 2010 - Friday, Dec 31, 2010