



Storm

Bulletin

Developing God's Plan in Hearts and Minds

January 8, 2009

From the desk of Principal Mark Luckey

Wednesday I tried to give blood at the PCHS blood drive. Tuesday evening I almost gave blood while driving. In both cases, not a drop was shed. Wednesday I was disappointed; Tuesday I was relieved. I guess that has something to do with how the blood would have been shed.

At our blood drive, I would have gladly given a pint of my blood so that others could have the blood they so desperately need. Despite the fact that my blood is worthy of such sacrifice (at least in my humble opinion), the Red Cross did not see it that way, and told me to come back in 18 months, when there would be enough time between blood donation and my former life in Africa. I have to admit that it is a little sad to really *want* to give blood but be refused. I was not alone in this rejection, as I saw other fine people also being turned away.

Tuesday night, I was in a car accident on M-120 when another driver pulled out in front of me and I couldn't stop. The front end of my poor little Fusion was demolished, but my seat belt and air bag protected me well, and I went home with just a few scratches and bruises. The other driver was only slightly more injured, having a few cuts on his head, which is somewhat miraculous considering I hit him almost directly on the driver's side door. I did, in all honesty, ask the question "*is this the end*" in the 1.73 seconds between realization of impending impact and the actual collision. At the same time, I felt a strange sense of peace, knowing that I could be very close to seeing Jesus. But it clearly was not my time, and I'm grateful to have the continued opportunity to serve Jesus right where I am. That's because He made the ultimate blood donation, the one that paid the price for you and for me, and that gives us all the incentive we should ever need to serve others.

When we donate blood at a blood drive, it is an act of service to those in need. When Jesus donated his blood on the cross, it was the one act of service that gives meaning to all the others.

Exam Schedule

Monday, Jan. 18

8:00-12:00 - Optional study time. Students are not required to be in school. All teachers will be available to answer questions.

12:30-2:30 - First period exam.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

8:00-10:00 - Second period exam.

10:30-12:30 - Third period exam

Wednesday, Jan. 20

8:00-10:00 - Fourth period exam

10:30-12:30 - Fifth period exam

Thursday, Jan. 21

8:00-10:00 - Sixth period exam

10:30-12:30 - Seventh period exam

Chapel Highlights

In Tuesday's chapel, we had a guest speaker, Tony Westrate. He is a 3rd year seminary student at Calvin Seminary. He spoke to us on our theme verse for the year, Isaiah 6:8. "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" He gave us some insight into Isaiah's response to God. God wasn't even really asking Isaiah specifically to do anything. Isaiah simply volunteered. This is quite the contrast to other Old Testament figures such as Moses or Jonah. In both of their stories, God calls them to do something, and they are quite reluctant. Isaiah, on the other hand, is willing to go for God without even being asked. Tony challenged us to go for God like Isaiah did. Isaiah proclaimed God's message to bring the people of Israel back to God. We, too, should be willing to proclaim the Gospel to bring those around us back to God, whether they are friends, family, neighbors, or strangers in a distant land. We, too, should be willing to say to God, "Here am I. Send me!"

Seven Day Forecast

Fri. 8	Sat. 9	Sun. 10	Mon. 11	Tues. 12	Wed. 13	Thu. 14
	Girls' BBall Away			Girls' BBall Home		
19		26	18		30	34

Long Range Forecast

- January 18-21** Exams (19-21 Half Days)
- January 21** Financial Aid Workshop 7:00 p.m.
- January 22** No School Teachers Records Day
- January 25** Beginning of Second Semester
- January 28** Mobile Food Pantry
- February 1-5** Homecoming Week

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Sports Schedule

- Jan. 9** Girls' Basketball vs. Western Michigan Christian Away noon.
- Jan. 11** Boys' Basketball vs. Newaygo Away 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 12 Girls' Basketball vs. Muskegon Catholic Home 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 15 Girls' Basketball vs. Lee High School Home 5:30 p.m.

Score Board

PCHS Varsity Girls' Basketball

Dec. 18

PCHS 51, Tri Unity 19

Jan. 5

PCHS 54, MCE 52

Jan. 7

PCHS 47, Hesperia 9

PCHS J.V. Girls' Basketball

Jan. 7 PCHS 37, Shoreline Breakers 36

Quiz Bowl

Congratulations to quiz bowl members Kira Visser, Michael Pell, C.J. Miller, Matt Hale, and Amy Knuver for being ranked 3rd in the United States in the small-school division in the latest national quiz bowl ratings.

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Back in November, NHS Advisor Mr. Poppen wrote about the selection and application process for the National Honor Society. Students in 11th and 12th grade who met a minimum grade point average were invited to apply for the National Honor Society. They were given 2 weeks to fill out an application which was then given to all of the faculty. Each student was rated based on 3 areas: service, character, and leadership. The teachers rated the students and final averages were turned in. Based on these averages, 3 of our 11th and 12th graders were selected for the National Honor Society. It takes a little bit of time to organize a proper Induction Ceremony. We have finally got it organized, and the 3 nominees will be officially inducted into the National Honor Society on January 27, 2010 here at school at 2:30 p.m. All parents and any supporters of Providence are invited to attend this induction ceremony. Once concluded there will be cake and punch served after the ceremony. Please come out to honor these students who have excelled in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The students we will be honoring are the following: Kira Visser, Eva Berndt, Tyler Wayner.

Jason Otter Basketball Camp

Come and train with World Class Trainer, Jason Otter, January 16th from 8am-1p.m! The 5 hr. one day camp is designed for players 7th-12th grades. This is an intense fundamental camp for serious players. The cost is \$65.00. REGISTER: @ WWW.OTTERBASKETBALL.COM or call 1-866-357-2966.

PCHS Basketball Clinic

A basketball clinic for girls in grades 3 – 8 will be held five Saturday mornings from 9-11 a.m. at Providence starting January 30 and ending February 27. The PCHS Varsity Girls' team, led by coach Holly Patenge, will work with the girls on the basics of defense, ball handling, and shooting. Each session will conclude with a ½ hour of game play. The cost will be \$35.00 and will include a t-shirt and a pass for free admission to all PCHS girls' basketball home games.

Item Needed

PCHS is in need of a stereo amplifier to run the bell sounds. If you or anyone you know has an old or new one laying around that you would like to donate, please call the office at 924-9780.

Storm Wear Coming Soon!

Are you ready to show your school spirit? PCHS is in the process of designing new "Storm Wear" that will be available in the school office soon.

Blood Drive

On Wednesday, January 6 we held our first ever blood drive with the Red Cross. The day went very well and we exceeded our goal of 25 pints of blood, finishing with a total of 31! Thank you to all those who donated and those who volunteered their time to help make this blood drive a success! Mark your calendar for Thursday, March 4, when we will hold our second drive. Spread the word so that we can surpass our total from this week!

Ski Trip

The next ski trip is scheduled for Friday, Jan 15th. If you would like to go, please sign up in the office on or before January 13th.

Mobile Food Pantry

PCHS will be having a mobile food pantry January 28th from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. We are looking for student, parent, and staff volunteers to help out. If you would like to volunteer to work, please sign up in the office with Mrs. Stitt.

Attention High School Seniors

The Gerber Foundation would like to notify all graduating seniors that scholarships are available through the Foundation for seniors graduating from a Newaygo County high school. Applications and information are available on the Foundation website at www.gerberfoundation.org. Click on the scholarship page. The deadline for the scholarship is February 28th. Students must have a GPA of 2.0 or above to apply.

Financial Aid Workshop

Parents of high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend a financial aid workshop at PCHS on January 21 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this seminar is to discuss the various options and programs available to help pay for college education. You will also receive guidance on completing the free application for Federal Student Aid. If you know of others who would benefit from this workshop, feel free to invite them as well. It is not necessary to RSVP.

Online Safety Guideline For Parents

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Chairman Jon Leibowitz, and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Julius Genachowski visited Jefferson Middle School in Washington, D.C. to introduce *Net Cetera: Chatting with Kids About Being Online*. The booklet is a guide for parents on talking to their children about how to navigate the online world safely and responsibly. *Net Cetera* is published by OnGuardOnline, a public-private coalition consisting of more than a dozen federal agencies, including the FCC, the FTC, and the Department of Education. The guide covers a wide range of topics, including social networking, cyberbullying, sexting, using mobile phones safely, and protecting the family computer. *Net Cetera* fills a critical need for parents. In many cases, the use of new technologies by children is outpacing the ability of parents to understand these innovations, much less teach their children how to use them wisely. This guide can help parents understand the latest trends and learn practical tips for communicating with their children. *Net Cetera* is available online at www.onguardonline.gov and on the FCC's site, Parents' Place, at www.fcc.gov/parents/. The booklet can also be ordered at www.ftc.gov/bulkorder. Paper copies have been distributed to schools, law enforcement agencies, and community groups around the country.