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Bulletin

Developing God's Plan in Hearts and Minds

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From the Desk of Principal Mark Luckey

School athletic programs have a long history in the American educational system. The phenomenon is rather unique, however, as school systems in most countries do not sponsor athletic programs (athletic programs are instead handled by local "clubs.") Having experienced both sides of the coin, I can say unequivocally that there is great value in a school athletic program. Many of us, unfortunately, easily take it for granted, even those of us who participated in sports programs as students. Our recent winter sports banquet prompted me to think a bit about why we have an athletic program. There is more to it than just "doing what we've always done!"

There are at least six main philosophical reasons for having a well-developed competitive sports program at Providence.

The athletic program at PCHS promotes:

1. **Fitness.** What better way to stay in shape for a lifetime than to learn how to play a sport (or two)? Our goal is that PCHS graduates will maintain a lifestyle of physical fitness, thereby taking excellent care of the body God has given them.

Participating in sports can help instill in students a love of the game which will inspire them to keep playing for years to come.

2. **Healthy Competition.** We believe that competition is good for everyone, no matter their athletic abilities, as long as it is kept in the proper perspective. While we strive to win, it is our primary goal to compete to the best of our abilities, to give 100% every time we play. In doing so, we challenge ourselves to be the best we can be, and to use well the talents and abilities that God has blessed us with.

3. **Fairness.** We are committed to playing by the rules. This means that not only will we demand that our athletes play fairly, but that as an institution we will follow all the guidelines and rules that we are expected to follow, including all MHSAA rules.

Our coaches will never ask players to break rules, but will instead encourage them to respect those rules. As a Christian school, this respect is even more important, since we represent Christ wherever we go.

4. **Sportsmanship.** Not only will we play by the rules, but we will win with humility and lose with dignity. We will keep our emotions under control, even during the most stressful times, and will always respect our teammates and coaches, the opposing players, coaches, and fans, and the officials. We will expect our fans to do the same.

5. **Teamwork.** Life is about working together with others. Most of the time, those "others" are very different from who we

are – they have different skills, likes, interests, and desires. Yet, to succeed as a team, everyone must be included and everyone must work together. It is, in fact, those differences that make the team strong. After all, could a basketball team be successful with a roster of 5'3" point guards?

6. **Variety.** Though we are a small school, it is our goal to provide a wide variety of athletic options for our students, so that many students can participate, and so that athletically gifted students can thrive.

We believe that our athletic program is one of our best tools for teaching lessons about life. In fact, coaching is one of the very best ways to teach! Sports can teach life lessons about how to handle adversity and success, how to work hard to be the best you can be, how to lead, and how to effectively work together with others. Let's keep all of this in mind whenever we participate, as athletes, coaches, or fans, in sporting events at PCHS.








Chapel Highlights

This week Josh Brewer spoke to us in chapel. He is the youth pastor at Reeman Christian Reformed Church and an occasional substitute teacher for us here at Providence. He shared with us his testimony and a favorite verse: Jeremiah 29:11. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This verse has helped him allow God to shape him and make the plans for his life. He has been tempted to make his own plans and squeeze God into them, but he has learned that God's plans for him are always far greater. And God's plans are always far greater for us, too. We need to allow God to work in our lives rather than trying to control our lives ourselves.

Help Needed!

On the afternoon of Thursday, April 23 our chapel small groups will be doing service projects. Each group will do a different project. We will need help with transportation. If you are available to drive between noon and 3:10pm on that day, we would appreciate your help! Please email or call Mrs. Poppen if you can help us out. (mpoppen@pchsmi.org or 924-9780 ext. 17). Also, we are still setting up some of the projects. If you have any suggestions for individuals or organizations that could use the help of 9 or 10 students for an afternoon, please contact Mrs. Poppen.

Seven Day Forecast

Fri. 27	Sat. 28	Sun. 29	Mon. 30	Tues. 31	Wed. 1	Thu. 2
			Interim	Interim	Interim	Interim
49	48	45				

Long Range Forecast

Mar. 30-Apr. 2 Interim
 April 3-10 Spring Break
 April 19 Metropolitan Choir of Praise 4:00 p.m.

Storm Tracker

April 13 College Visits
 MCC during lunch

Sports Schedule

Mar. 28 Girls' Soccer vs. Chippewa Hills Home 10:00 a.m.
 April 13 Boys' Golf vs. Hesperia at Village Green Golf Course 4:00 p.m.
 April 14 Girls' Soccer vs. Grant Home 4:30 p.m.
 April 14 Junior Varsity Softball vs. Hart Away 4:00 p.m.
 April 14 Varsity Softball vs. Hart at White Cloud 4:00 p.m.
 April 16 Junior Varsity Softball vs. Shelby at White Cloud 4:00 p.m.
 April 16 Varsity Softball vs. Shelby Away 4:00 p.m.
 April 17 Girls' Soccer vs. Holton Home 4:00 p.m.
 April 17 Boys' Golf vs. Northern Michigan Christian at Village Green Golf Course 4:30 p.m.

PCHS Score Board

Girls' Soccer

Mar. 26
 PCHS 1, Calvary Christian 2

Winter Sports Banquet

The Winter Sports Banquet was held at PCHS commons. Thank you for all that attended. Congratulations to all of our Winter Sport Athletes. Seniors: Nicole Dummer, Morgan Oosting, Ashlyn Volz, Josh Luchies, Gabe Luckey and Trevor Sherman; we will miss you all and good luck!

Congratulations to Kathleen McDonald. She was selected as a 1st Team All Area Basketball player through the Muskegon Chronicle. Great job, Kathleen.

Girls Soccer is underway. Girls traveled to Fruitport Calvary Christian on Thursday, March 26th. Their first Storm home game of the season is this Saturday, March 28 @ 10am. Good luck, ladies! 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 Storm!!!

Tuition Program for 2009-2010

All current PCHS students, with the exception of Seniors, and prospective students should have received a 2009/2010 enrollment information packet in the mail. The Board of PCHS has approved some significant incentives for early enrollment for next year, and we want to encourage all of you to please get your contract and deposit in by March 31 to take advantage of the discounts that are available. These incentives apply to **anyone** who enrolls their child in PCHS next year, including those who participate in their church's education fund. In that case, the discount is passed on through the church. Also, if you know of someone who is considering sending their child to PCHS and you would like us to send them a packet of information, let us know who they are and how to contact them.

If you do not receive your packet or if you have any questions regarding enrollment, please contact Marcy in the office at 231-924-9780 or email msttit@pchsmi.org.

Bowl for Kids' Sake "Bowlapalooza"

Attention ALL students and staff! Have you ever wondered what Mr. Visser would look like without his beard? Have you ever wondered what is actually underneath those whiskers? Now is your chance to find out! PCHS will be participating in the annual Bowl for Kids Sake "Bowlapalooza" sponsored by NCCS. Our goal is to send EVERY Providence student to the bowling alley on the afternoon of April 28. Here is a list of the incentives:

Get just one pledge of any size, and you will be able to attend. You will get to bowl two games for free, and shoe rental is included! For every \$30 you raise, you'll get a raffle ticket for some really neat prizes. Raise \$90 and get a cool Bowlapalooza t-shirt. Free pizza and pop for everyone who attends! If all 63 PCHS students and all the teachers and staff get at least one pledge AND we raise at least \$2000, Mr. Visser will shave his beard right there at the bowling alley! The five students with the highest pledge amounts will get to help cut off Mr. Visser's beard!

This is a great opportunity to help out a worthwhile program, Big Brothers Big Sisters, have lots of fun, and see what so few have ever seen: Mr. Visser's chin!

Before...



After...????

Pledge sheets will be coming out soon. Let's make some noise in our community!

NCCS Music Scholarship Contest

This past week two of our students participated in the NCCS Music Scholarship Contest. Congratulations to Rebekah Eggleston, piano student of Thea Hoekman, and Kira Visser, violin student of Mrs. Poppen, for their fine performances.

It is such a privilege to see our students develop as musicians and use their skills to glorify God!

Summer Camp

If any students are interested in Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp or Calvin College Knollcrest Music Camp, see Mrs. Pell for information.

Metropolitan Choir of Praise – Benefit Concert

You are cordially invited to attend a concert of celebration and praise presented by the Metropolitan Choir of Praise Sunday, April 19, 2009 4:00 p.m. at Fremont Wesleyan Church. Ticket prices are \$8.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. **All proceeds will benefit Providence Christian High School.**

Christ in the Passover

What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' last supper have in common? Andrew Barron, with Jews for Jesus, will answer that question as he presents "Christ in the Passover" at the First Congregational Church of Fremont, 714 Hillcrest on Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. You'll gain wonderful insights on how the pieces of God's plan of salvation fit together, and you'll remember this visual display of the Passover pageantry for years to come. Join us for Christ in the Passover from Egypt to Calvary to what it means for us today. The Christ in the Passover presentation takes approximately 45 minutes and will include hymns on the atonement, the cross and the Lamb of God.