



Storm

Bulletin

Developing God's Plan in Hearts and Minds

February 5, 2009

From the desk of Principal Mark Luckey

Last night one of our students, a freshman named Kyle, was hit by a car while crossing M-82 just east of the school on his snowmobile. The car was traveling an estimated 55 miles per hour, hitting Kyle's snowmobile directly on its right side. Kyle was thrown from the snowmobile, hit the windshield (smashing it completely), and was thrown 15 feet into the ditch. Miraculously, Kyle had absolutely no serious injuries and may even return to school this afternoon. When the accident happened, there were many students still in the building. As you can imagine, tension was high as students waited for word on his condition. They prayed and they cried as they waited, and, like all of us, sighed with relief and gave thanks to God when they heard that he was going to be fine. Later in the evening, their Facebook posts indicated not only their thankfulness to God, but their sure and unwavering belief that it was God who protected Kyle. How could someone doubt the existence of God after hearing of God's obvious protection of Kyle? They are right, for God's saving of Kyle's life was certainly miraculous. But what if God had *not* protected Kyle? Would God's existence have then been doubted? Would his goodness have been questioned?

This morning a substitute teacher at our school told the heart wrenching story of her mother's battle with cancer. She told of the pain and the heart ache, the physical and emotional anguish that the entire family went through, and the ultimate loss of her mother's life. Her testimony of how God worked in her life through her mother's illness was at the same time encouraging and heartbreaking. Why did God allow this to happen? Why did he choose *not* to heal? Is he really there? Is he still good?

God is good all the time, and all the time God is good. Fifteen years ago we used to say that a lot in church and in other Christian "circles." Though it is no longer a common expression, we know it is still true. **God is good...** sometimes he gives us everything we hoped for; **All the time...** sometimes the pain in our lives is almost too much to bear. **All the time...** sometimes he miraculously protects; **God is good...** while other times we are not spared from injury. **God is good...** sometimes he heals; **All the time...** and sometimes - dare I say often - he lets the disease take hold and bring death. I have no deep theologically sound explanation for why this is. I just know that it is. But I also know that God is good all the time, and that my gratitude to him is not and cannot be dependent upon my circumstances. If it were, my life would be a yo-yo, moving with monotonous rhythm as each passing event yanks me up, then down, then up, then down. I refuse to live like that. Instead, I will be radical in my gratitude, giving thanks to God in all circumstances, for he alone is good, and he alone is God. Today I give thanks to the God who saved Kyle's life *and* the God who allowed cancer to take the life of Carissa's mom. I thank him not for these events, but for the fact that he was in control of these events, and that he is in control of all events. *Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* (I Thes.

5: 16-18). *The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.* (Job 1:21b)








Chapel Highlights

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40

On Tuesday, we heard from two of our own Providence students about what they are doing/have done in order to advance the kingdom of God and help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Senior Eva Berndt is currently working on a project for her Girl Scout Gold Award. She explained to us how orphans in the Ukraine have so very little. They may have two outfits of clothing to get by, no school supplies, no athletic equipment. Eva has a heart to help these children. She is collecting backpacks, school supplies, and sporting equipment to send to these children. Eva told us her greatest need right now is backpacks (new or gently used). Please help her if you can and drop off items in the PCHS office. Zach Van Dyke also shared with us about his mission trip to Appalachia Reach Out in Inez, Kentucky. This is one of the poorest regions in the United States, and there is much help that is needed. The group that Zach was with assisted these people in making their homes better, safer places to live. They were also able to pray for and interact with the people they helped.

In our singing chapels, we continue to look at how we communicate with our Lord. This week we looked at the question "Why"? This is a common question we ask God, especially when we feel that things haven't gone the way they are suppose to. We cry out in lament to our God. We know that even though we have sorrows in our heart we need to come to God ready and joyful to worship him. "When there's pain in the offering, BLESSED BE YOUR NAME."

Seven Day Forecast

Fri. 5	Sat. 6	Sun. 7	Mon. 8	Tues. 9	Wed. 10	Thu. 11
Boys' BBall Home	Italian Feast		Baby Shower For Rebekah Grace Poppen 2:28-3:10 p.m.	Girls' BBall Away		
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Long Range Forecast

- February 6 *Italian Feast 4:00-7:00 p.m.*
- February 8 *Baby Shower for Mr. and Mrs. Poppen and Rebekah Grace in the Commons 2:28-3:10 p.m.*
- February 12 *No School WMCTA Conference*
- February 14 *College Goal Sunday 1-4 p.m. at the NCRESA*
- February 15 *No School Mid Winter Break*

February 18 Future Family Work Shop 6:30 p.m. *(Please note the time change)*
February 19 NHS Induction Ceremony
February 25 Parent Teacher Conferences TBA

College Visits

February 22 Muskegon Community College will be here during lunch.

Storm Tracker

Sports Schedule

February 5 Boys' Basketball vs. Shoreline Breakers Home 5:30 p.m.
February 6 Homecoming Games. J.V. Boys' Basketball vs. Lakeshore Baptist Home 3:00 p.m. J.V. Girls' Basketball vs. Freedom Baptist Home 4:30 p.m. Varsity Girls' Basketball vs. Freedom Baptist Home 6:00 p.m.
February 9 Girls' Basketball vs. Tri-Unity Christian Away 5:30 p.m.
February 9 Boys' Basketball Varsity Only vs. Zion Christian Away 7:00 p.m.
February 12 Boys' Basketball J.V. and Varsity **Location Change:** **This game is now Away** vs. Waypoint Academy at the Old Orchard View High School 5:30 p.m.

Score Board

PCHS Varsity Girls' Basketball

Feb. 1 PCHS 28, Muskegon Heights 39

PCHS J.V. Girls' Basketball

Feb. 1 PCHS 17, Muskegon Heights 44

PCHS Varsity Boys' Basketball

Feb. 2 PCHS 42, Creative Technology Academy 46 (In Overtime)

PCHS J.V. Boys' Basketball

Feb. 2 PCHS 22, Quad City Mustangs 36

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony Has Been Rescheduled

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony has been rescheduled to Feb. 19, 2010 here at school at 2:30 p.m. All parents and any supporters of Providence are invited to attend this induction ceremony. 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.

Ski Trip

The last two ski trips are set for February 12 and March 20. The rates for the year are still the same as last year. They are \$8 for lift tickets, \$8 for snowboard rental, and \$2 for ski rental. They are now offering helmet rentals for only \$3. This is great for beginners and for anyone on a snowboard.

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.



Invite Friends to Homecoming and an Italian Feast!

The winter weather getting you down? Come to Homecoming February 6. There will be an **Italian Feast dinner** from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 10 and under. The PCHS Boys' J.V. basketball game starts at 3:00 p.m., Girls' J.V. at 4:30 p.m., and Girls' Varsity at 6:00 p.m. The float parade and winner of Spirit Week will be announced at half time of the varsity game. There is a sign up in the office for anyone willing to donate items for the meal or work the night of the dinner. Any questions feel free to call Marcy in the office at 924-9780. Thank you.

Fremont to Ukraine School Collection

Help Wanted! Please help give Ukrainian orphans school necessities that they simply do not have. Senior PCHS student Eva Berndt has a goal to supply 150-200 orphaned children in Ukraine with school items including backpacks, school supplies, sporting equipment, and shoes. Donations may be dropped off in the school office by March 1, 2010. Look for an update in the Times Indicator regarding what your efforts have helped accomplish. For more information or to schedule a pick up of items please contact Eva Berndt at 924-0144. Thank you!

Order Your Yearbook Now!

Yearbooks are now on sale! Either order online at jostensyearbooks.com or bring in the yearbook order form with payment. Yearbooks will be on sale through April, the cost remains the same at \$25! Order your yearbook now and enjoy a lifetime of memories!

Parents of Seniors!!!

College Goal Sunday will be held on Sunday, February 14 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency (NCRESA), located at 4747 West 48th Street. If you were not able to attend the recent financial aid workshop held here last month, you will want to stop by NCRESA on the 14th. Visit any of the following websites for more information:

FAFSA Website: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Link to FAFSA Workbook:

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/before012.htm>

Michigan College Goal Sunday Website:

<http://www.micollegegoal.org/>

College Goal FAQ:

<http://www.micollegegoal.org/Volunteers/FAQ/tabid/1371/Default.aspx>

Fund Raising Opportunity for PCHS

If you are interested in organizing a trip this spring to Comerica Park to watch the Tigers AND you want to organize a fund raising activity for PCHS, we have a GREAT opportunity for you! Through the Tigers 2010 fund raising program, PCHS can earn between \$5 and \$10 for every ticket sold for a group of 50 or more. If you would like to "Take Charge" and make this event happen, please contact Marcy Stitt very soon!

Jostens Scholarship

Seniors have the chance to win a \$1,000.00 Scholarship to their choice of any U.S. higher institute of learning through Jostens. There are two more drawings this school year for the \$1,000.00 college scholarships in the Midwest area. These will be held on March 31, 2010 and May 30, 2010. All seniors need to do is visit <http://www.jostens.com/partners/collegesteps/index.asp> No essays or applications, simply a random drawing that any student can win.