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Bulletin

Developing God's Plan in Hearts and Minds

February 26, 2009

From the desk of Principal Mark Luckey

My wife and one of my daughters are left-handed, meaning that exactly 25% of my family writes with their left hand. This is almost double the percentage in the general population, which is around 13%. If it is true that left handed people are the only one's in their right minds, then I guess my family has been doubly blessed. But most of the time my wife does not consider it a blessing to be left handed in a right handed world (despite the fact that she can celebrate with her left handed friends on August 13, International Left Handers Day). While 13% of the population might be left handed, 99.9% of the world is designed for right handed people. I found this out when I hurt by right thumb a couple weeks ago. Try starting your car with your left hand! You have to be a contortionist just to reach around the steering wheel. The doctor who stitched up my cut was left handed but was trying to cut the stitches with a right handed scissors. It is not easy being left handed at school either. How about adapting to a right handed desk, a right handed pencil sharpener, and even a right handed mouse. For Pete's sake, even potato peelers are right handed.

We may not have very many left handed students in our school, but we do have some who often *feel* like they are left handed in a right handed world. What seem like simple learning tasks to most of us just don't come easily to them. It isn't any easier for them to do the math or read the story than it is for a left handed person to write with their right hand. They try to cope, but every day is a struggle. What can we do to help?

That's a tough question. Here's something we should *not* do. There was a time, not so long ago, when left handed people were forced to be right handed. Left handedness was actually seen as a disease that needed curing! Struggling in school is not a disease, either! So, don't treat it as one by trying to fix it with a miracle cure. In all likelihood it will take considerable time and effort, just as it would for me to learn to write with my left hand. I believe that given enough time I could learn, but if you judged my first attempts and compared them with others who were writing with their dominant hand, you would first laugh and then you might give up on me!

PCHS is not here to turn left handed students into right handed ones. We are here to help students develop the gifts God has given them and use those gifts in service to him. So, here's to left handedness and the uniqueness God gives to each one of us!

Chapel Highlights

This week Matt Nash joined us for chapel. Matt is familiar to Providence because he was our 2008 POP Week speaker. This week Matt spoke to us about grace. Matt told us the story about how some stranger once paid for his and all his friends' meal. He didn't know how to respond to this "gift". The stranger didn't need to pay it, and Matt couldn't do anything about it: he couldn't pay the stranger back, he couldn't pay for the meal twice. It was done – finished! This is analogous to the gift that God gave us through his son, Jesus. Our sins are paid for by his sacrifice. It is not because we deserve it; we can't repay it; we just have to accept it for the wonderful gift that it is. Even though we can't repay the gift given to us by God, we can show our gratitude for this gift through service to others. In our singing chapel this week, we focused on the question "What Can I Do?" What can I do, Lord, to show that I am thankful for the gift of salvation that you have given me? As pointed out by author Max Lucado, "Without service and actions, our faith is not real. But if our faith is real and alive and we truly love our God, we will want to follow Him and serve Him." This is a great idea to remember through this season of Lent.

Seven Day Forecast

Fri. 26	Sat. 27	Sun. 28	Mon. 1	Tues. 2	Wed. 3	Thu. 4
Boys' BBall Home 5:30 p.m.			Jostens Senior Caps and Gowns Class rings	Half Day Students PD Staff BBall Home 5:00 p.m.	Girls' BBall Districts Away	Red Cross Blood Drive 10:30-4:15 Jostens Senior Cap and Gown Orders
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Long Range Forecast

March 9-11
 March 16
 March 17&18
 March 26
 March 29-April 1
 April 2-9
 April 12

Michigan Merit Exam
 Winter Athletic Banquet
 Chronicle Showcase
 End of Third Quarter
 Interim
 Spring Break
 School Resumes

Storm Tracker

Sports Schedule

February 26	Boys' Basketball vs. Algoma Christian Home 5:30 p.m.
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March 2	Boys' Basketball J.V. vs. Quad City Mustangs Home 5:00 p.m. Varsity vs. Black River Public Home 6:30 p.m.
March 3	Girls' Basketball Districts 6:00 p.m. vs. Walkerville @ Mason County Eastern.
March 4	Boys' Basketball vs. Calvary Christian Home 5:30 p.m.
March 8	Boys' Basketball Districts 7:00 p.m. @ PCHS vs. Mason County Eastern.

Score Board

PCHS Varsity Girls' Basketball

Feb. 20	PCHS 25,	Ravenna 39
Feb. 23	PCHS 51,	West Michigan Lutheran 36

PCHS J.V. Girls' Basketball

Feb. 20	PCHS 15,	Ravenna 40
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PCHS Varsity Boys' Basketball

Feb. 19	PCHS 34,	Holland Calvary 49
Feb. 23	PCHS 33,	West Michigan Lutheran 42

PCHS J.V. Boys' Basketball

Feb. 19	PCHS 48,	Holland Calvary 50 (Double Overtime)
Feb. 23	PCHS 36,	West Michigan Lutheran 24

Ski Trip

The last ski trip is set for 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.

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!

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.

2010 ACT Workshop Schedule

If your student is thinking of taking the ACT test coming up in March as a part of the MME or given at traditional test centers this February 6, April 10, or June 12th, they maybe interested in one of the ACT Workshops. For more information or a detailed list of dates and times please see Mrs. Stitt.

Council for Educational Travel in the USA

Ever wanted to broaden your worldly knowledge or considered opening your hearts and homes to an exchange student? Join the CETUSA (Council for Educational Travel in the USA) host family network. Students are being placed for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact Pam Mull local Fremont Community Coordinator at 231-349-3759.

2010-2011 Admissions Program

2010/2011 Tuition fees will be \$6360.00
PCHS is offering the following incentives for early enrollment:

- ❖ 5% discount if your student or students are enrolled at Providence for 2010/2011 by March 31, 2010.
- ❖ 2.5% discount if your student or students are enrolled between April 1, 2010 and May 31, 2010.

To take advantage of any of these discounts you must complete and return the Application for Admission and/or enrollment contract included in this packet, along with your \$100.00 deposit.

If you have any questions, please contact Marcy in the school office at 231-924-9780 or email mstitt@pchsmi.org.

Right To Life Oratory Contest

There will be a speech competition on March 20th here at Providence sponsored by the Right To Life. Presentations must be 5-7 minutes long. Subjects include abortion, infanticide, human cloning, euthanasia, stem cell research. The deadline for entry is March 13. Anyone interested please call the school office at 924-9780.

ACT Reminder

Students planning to take the ACT on April 10, must register by March 5.

No Bus Transportation March 9