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Developing God's Plan in Hearts and Minds

December 9, 2011

On My Radar...Executive Director Dr. Steven Witter

Last week we considered the Christmas Hymn O Holy Night and were reminded of who Jesus was and is. *It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.* The next line provides another great reminder. *Long lay the world in sin and error pining...*this is really the crux of the issue. What is a Savior? Simply defined a savior is "one who saves". Who needs saving? We do! Do you remember what the angel said to Joseph? *And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is HE who will save His people from their sins.* [Matthew 1:21]

This means that Jesus came because we were doomed. The Bible is clear that ALL have sinned. [Romans 6:23] Many people will try to kid themselves into thinking that they are, or that they can be, good enough to merit God's favor and forgiveness. They compare themselves with others and evaluate themselves as "good" compared to everyone else. But being good is relative. It depends upon the standard of measurement. Many years ago, I taught 6th grade. I enjoyed recess almost more than the students did. I LOVED the days that we played basketball on the playground. We played on less than half court—I could easily dunk on the 8 foot rims, the students were all shorter than me—thus I was by far the BEST basketball player on the playground! I was picked FIRST everyday!! Some days, however, the high school team would ask me to come to the gym to scrimmage with them. A FULL court, 10 foot rims....and some of those high school players were taller than me! I found out that they only asked me to come play after they had exhausted their list....I wasn't all that good in their opinion. WHAT!?!? I was the BEST basketball player on the playground! On the playground yes....but when the standard of measurement changed....so did my goodness.

The standard that God uses to measure righteousness is His Son, Jesus. He and He alone is perfect. If we measure ourselves by other people, it is quite possible that you end up looking quite "good". But when we measure ourselves against the holiness of God.....that is a different story. And since we could never measure up....God sent Jesus to us for just one reason. To save us from our sin! Thank God for His grace.....and for His Son.

Chapel Highlights

In chapel last Friday, we continued our advent season by focusing our chapel on making room in our hearts for Jesus. We lit our second candle and sang songs that focused on waiting for Jesus and his second coming. We talked about how we need to be just as excited for his second coming as we are for his first, and that as we remember the holiday season we also need to remember that no one knows the day or the hour of his second coming. We prayed asking Jesus to help us forget all the commercialism of Christmas and focus on the real meaning of the season and how excited we are for him to come again. We sang songs like "Everlasting God" focusing on how we are waiting for God and that his love is everlasting.

In Tuesday's advent chapel, we had several students perform a dramatic reading. The reading was based on the Heidelberg Catechism's first question and answer. What is your only comfort in life and in death? They started out by naming all the things that bring them comfort. The answers consisted of music, video games, fashion, and even books. These things may be nice, but they don't really last. For lasting comfort, we need something strong, something that is timeless, and something that will never change. Our only true comfort comes from belonging to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ. Belonging to Christ means that we are not our own. That gives us some good news and some bad news. The good news is that God is always there for us. The hard part is that we need to surrender ourselves to God. We need to let part of our selves go to receive the part of us God wants us to have. Then we had three students share what this comfort means to each of them. So as we wait in this fallen world for the coming Christ, we need to remember that our comfort comes from our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Seven Day Forecast

Fri. 9	Sat. 10	Sun. 11	Mon. 12	Tues. 13	Wed. 14	Thurs. 15
Girls' BBall Boys' BBall		PCHS Music Concert		Boys' BBall		
	28		38		39	42

Long Range Forecast

- Dec. 11 Christmas Music Concert – 3:00 p.m.
- Dec. 19-Jan. 2 Christmas Break – No School
- Jan. 3 School Resumes
- Jan. 23-26 Exams
- Jan. 27 Records Day – No School
- Jan. 30 - Begin Second Semester
- Jan. 30-Feb. 3 Homecoming Week

Storm Tracker

Sports Schedule

- Dec. 9 Girls' Basketball vs. Muskegon Catholic Away 4:00 p.m.
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- Dec. 13 Boys' J.V. Basketball vs. Pentwater Away 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 19 Girls' Varsity Basketball vs. Northern Michigan Christian 7:00 p.m. J.V. TBD 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 20 Boys' Basketball vs. Algoma Christian Away 6:00 p.m.

Scoreboard

PCHS Girls' Varsity Basketball

Dec. 2 PCHS 24, Mason County Eastern 48
Bri DeKryger, Christine Michael, and Lizzie Wolffis each had 5 points.

Dec. 6 PCHS 23, North Muskegon 42
Bri DeKryger had 8 points.

PCHS Girls' J.V. Basketball

Dec. 2 PCHS 24, Mason County Eastern 27

Dec. 6 PCHS 18, North Nuskegon 44

PCHS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Dec. 6 PCHS 47, White Cloud 62
Luke VanBoxel had 18 points followed by Daniel Geeting with 12

Pre-season Meeting For Girls Interested In Spring Soccer

There will be a pre-season meeting for those interested in playing girls soccer this spring at 3:15 pm on Wednesday, December 14th in the board room at PCHS. Any questions, see Coach Sokolowski or Mr. Stariha.

PCHS Christmas Concert

You may just now be getting into the Christmas spirit and beginning to listen to the beautiful melodies of the Season, but for the music students at PCHS, Christmas music has been echoing in their minds for several months now. We are all excited to share it with you! So please, mark your calendar and plan to join us on Sunday, December 11th, at 3:00 PM for the PCHS Christmas Concert in the PCHS gym.

We are all very excited to perform some traditional and not-so-traditional music that only gets to come out once a year! The choir, instrumental ensemble, and several instrumentalists will be taking part. There will be a time of fellowship and cookies following the concert. Please make plans to bring your friends and family for an enjoyable afternoon of Christmas music.

Donation Lunch

Thank you to all who participated in the donation meal for Steve and Tonya Dewitt. A special thank you to Gloria Miller, Donna Knuver, Wendy Witter, Les and Patti VanDyke, Julie Gagnon, and Linda Bont for providing the meal. With your help, we were able to send them a check for \$1,000.00.

A Special Thank You

On Wednesday, several students helped Mrs. Stitt send out a large Christmas mailing. This was not a small task by any means, but many hands made light work. Students helped stuff, seal, and stamp over 800 envelopes in a two hour time span. A special Thank you to Kendall Ouwinga, Keegan Tanis, Jordan Oosting, Chance Ouwinga, Tom Sturrus, Zack Wolford, Allen Hooker, Lizzie Wolffis, and Michael Clapp.

Inclement Weather School Closings

As the weather starts changing to winter, we want to remind you of our school closing policy. School will always follow inclement weather decisions of Fremont Public Schools. In addition, Providence will also close if any two schools in our county close due to inclement weather. (Hesperia, White Cloud, Grant, or Newaygo). School closings will be on WZZM 13 and WOOD TV 8.

Host Family Needed

We are still looking for a family who would be willing to serve as a host home for Jae Yoon Moon. Jae Yoon is currently with another welcome family for the holidays but needs a permanent home

for the rest of the school year. He is a great guy, so if you have questions, or are willing to help, give the office a call a 924-9780.

CS and PCHS Ski club 2011-12 season

Ski season is almost upon us. The dates for this season are Dec.16, Jan.13, 20, Feb 10. and 24. Also Saturday March 17th will be the Winter Carnival (more details on that when it gets closer). **The deadline for signing up for the first ski trip is Wednesday Dec. 14th at 8:00 a.m. Sign ups are located in the office.** Late sign ups are not accepted. Any questions call Dan and Jane Visser--231-924-1242-home, 616-340-4743-cell-Jane, 231-519-4547-cell-Dan. See you on the slopes!

National Honor Society Induction

National Honor Society is a society created over 80 years ago to recognize students who excel in four areas: academics, service, leadership and character. Students are expected to meet a minimum grade point average to be considered eligible and then must go through an application process which involves a selection process by a Faculty Committee. Students must show that they are involved in their community and in their school, as well as showing leadership and character in and out of the classroom. Students who are inducted will continue to show these characteristics by being held up to high standards and being required to give community service hours. This week at school we were able to formally induct the new members of this year's National Honor Society. We should all congratulate these fine young men and women on their achievements. Along with our current members, Amy Knuver, Kaitlyn Vander Kooi, and Kaylee Wayner, the following students have been selected and now inducted to be a part of this year's National Honor Society:

Juniors: Mackenzie Burt, Tim Eggleston, Matt Hale, Rachel Thompson, Nick Vanderkooi, Dylana VanderMeulen, Jory VanDyke, and Dani Visser. Seniors: Trisha Griswold, Christine Michael, Justin Tinkham, Katelyn Volz, and Lizzie Wolffis.



Spiritual Emphasis Committee Invitation

Merry Christmas from the Spiritual Emphasis Committee!! We are looking for a few more people willing to join us as we work to spiritually support the school, students, staff and parents of PCHS. We meet monthly to pray and discuss how we can best support with a spiritual emphasis things such as POP week, homecoming, interim, sports teams, etc. When we are done, we pray some more! We serve an awesome God and have a great school. Come pray with us and help us make an impact for our kids, our staff, our school, and our Lord. Our next meeting is Jan 16th, 7PM at PCHS. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Tinkham, 652-7697, mark_tinkham@yahoo.com.

Birthdays

Robert Wang - Dec. 13
Michael Clapp - Dec. 14
Katey Temple - Dec. 20
Allen Hooker - Dec. 25
Anna Grasley - Dec. 29
Jordan Oosting - Dec. 31

