

December 2, 2009

Fri., Dec. 4
Light Up Night
Cantor/Choir
Performing 7:00 pm
Auditorium

Tues., Dec. 8 Pizza Hut
Night
Conception Mass 1:15

Fri., Dec. 11
NO MASS
Reconciliation 1pm
Grades 3, 4, 5

Fri., Dec. 18
NO MASS
Reconciliation 1pm
Grades 6, 7, 8

Wed., Dec. 23 Jesus'
Birthday Party
NOON DISMISSAL

Return MON., JAN. 4



Social Studies Happenings
by Mrs. Warda

Everyone was excited to hear about my China experience, so I created a slide show from the schools and sites that I experienced during my recent visit and shared it with the students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. It was especially interesting to share educational methods and goals with my Chinese counterparts. There was also time to experience: The Great Wall, Terra Cotta Warriors, The Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, morning exercise and Shanghai traffic jams.

This week grade 6 studied tourism in Europe through a giant choropleth map. A choropleth map has several layers of information used to analyze and compare related information. We started by putting together a 7'X10' map of Europe using 112 map tiles (see picture). Then we colored the countries based on the number of tourists visiting in 2005. Next we placed symbols to represent the amount of Euros spent in the countries for tourism. Finally we placed a symbol in each country to represent the number of World Heritage sites located there. We speculated on why people choose to visit one country over another and the impact of that decision on the country's economy.

In seventh grade we put together a Revolutionary War newspaper complete with interviews, battle news, weapons, and the always favorite food section. Kaetlyn Conner even brought a tasting sample of her recipes.

Eighth grade is honing their drama skills by dramatizing radio interviews with people from the early 1900s who were important in the new age of American Imperialism. We now know all about the Hawaiian annexation, the Open Door Policy with China, our dealings with Japan, and the Cuban Revolution.

Volunteers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

◆ Please remember that **ALL** volunteers need to provide Sr. Rochelle with their Child Abuse and Criminal clearances, Pastoral Code of Conduct (request from office), Reporting of Child Abuse and Child Protective Services Law of Pennsylvania (request from office), Protecting God's Children certificate, and all volunteers must be entered into the Diocesan Database. Please direct your questions to principal@alphaschool.org.

Student Council News

Sunday, December 6 is the feast of Saint Nicholas. **We are going to celebrate this feast on Friday, December 4. Please make sure that your son/daughter (all grades) brings an extra shoe to school December 4. The shoes will be placed in the hall to receive a special treat.**

On Monday, December 14, we are sponsoring a carnival for the children in Santo Domingo. The Sisters of Divine Providence minister to the people of the area and could use our monetary support. The sixth, seventh, and eighth graders will provide games for the rest of the school. The carnival will begin at 12:30 in the gym. Checks should be made out to Providence Heights Alpha School. Thank you for your generous donations and support.

Members of the Student Council

Mrs. Warda

Ms. Koss



November's Provident People

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Tessa McMichalel K, Theo McLemore 1st, Chip Strano 2nd (absent),
Kirsten Bileck 3rd, Joey Schurer 4th, Morgan Seiff 5th, Ryan Barker 6th,
Mike El-Kadi 7th, Mackenzye Santos 8th

Providence Heights

Alpha School

Fund Raiser Event

**Present this flyer
Dine-in or take-out**

Tuesday, December 8, 2009



**Come to the
PIZZA HUT
on Route 19**

**In the Wexford Shopping Plaza,
724-935-5400**

**20% of all proceeds from customers who present this flyer will go to
the
Providence Heights Alpha School.**

From the Alpha Cafeteria:

It is time for enrollment for the A-2 Lunch Plan. If you wish to enroll your child in the Lunch Plan for the rest of the year, beginning on January 25 and ending on the last full day of school, please fill out the enrollment form. Send it in an envelope marked with your child's name and grade and the words "Lunch Plan" on the front.

Lunch enrollment for grades K-4 is \$268; enrollment for grades 5-8 is \$290.

PAYMENT IS DUE BY MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010.

Please contact Mrs. Strawoet at cstrawoet@alphaschool.org with questions.

**ALPHA LUNCH PLAN ENROLLMENT FORM
OPTION A-2/ PART 2 (1/25/2010 to last full day of school for 2010)**

Please enroll the following student(s) for the discounted lunch plan:

1. Student name _____ Grade _____

2. Student name _____ Grade _____

3. Student name _____ Grade _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Phone # _____

K-4th grade (\$245) X _____ (# of students) = _____ (amount due)

5th – 8th grade (\$258) X _____ (# of students) = _____ (amount due)

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED _____

Check and enrollment form due on **Monday, January 4, 2010**. Please make checks payable to Providence Heights Alpha School. Note on the Memo Line "For Lunch Plan".

Please note that no credit is given for missed school days due to illness or vacation. However, the discounted price will still save money over the cost of tickets or cash lunches.

BABY JESUS PARTY

Dear Parents,

This year the Baby Jesus Christmas Party will be devoted towards helping various service organizations. The children will be working on eight different projects over the course of the morning. One of the rooms will be dedicated to making care packages for deployed soldiers from the Pennsylvania.

To help with compiling the care packages we are asking each grade to bring in the item or items listed below by 12/18. There will be drop boxes in each classroom. We ask that you please send in at least one of the items listed for your grade or grades. If you are able to send more that would also be appreciated. All contributions are voluntary.

Kindergarten (both homerooms) - Cold drink mixes, Gatorade, Crystal Light, Kool-Aid or the individual flavor tubes you add to bottled water.

First grade (both homerooms) – Power bars, cereal bars, trail mix, granola bars and healthy snacks

Second grade (both homerooms) – Slim Jims, beef or turkey jerky packs

Third grade (Mrs. Thimons /Mr.Bileck homerooms) – Sunflower seeds, nuts, Individual snacks, chips, crackers, cookies, cheese and crackers, peanut butter and cheese crackers

Fourth grade (both homerooms) – Peanut butter and jelly, SMALL, PLASTIC sizes

Fifth grade (both homerooms) – sunscreen and insect repellent

Sixth grade (both homerooms) – Body wash, deodorant and shampoo, men's and women's SMALL travel sizes

Seventh grade (both homerooms) - Foot powder and foot cream for athlete's foot, hand sanitizers small size bottles

Eighth and Third grade (Mrs. Farina) Hand and foot warmers, thermal gloves and glove liners, men and or ladies socks, calf high or boot in black or white.

Please send in all donations by December 18, 2009.



Thanks in advance!

Merry Christmas!!



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thanks so much to all who so generously donated to the recent food collection co -sponsored by the Alpha Service Club and Student Council. The response for much needed food for the North Hills area was overwhelming. We were able to completely fill a van and station wagon with your generous donations. The North Hills food bank was so appreciative of the much needed food items!!

A special thank you to the following people who helped on Tuesday, November 17th after school in sorting food, getting the food to the loading/delivery area of the building, and helping to load the food into the vehicles. The food bank was very appreciative that Thanksgiving related foods were already sorted. Thanks so much for giving your time and energy to this project!

Mr. Bill David	Carena Allen	Alyssa Bileck
Kirsten Bileck	Gabrielle Corcoran	David Foody
Sarah Foody	Andrew Heiles	Anna Niggemyer
Katelyn Niggemyer	Michael Niggemyer	David Strano
Hannah Schupansky	Aidan Thomson	Gavin Thomson
Hailea Whiting	Mrs. Nancy Allen	
	Mrs. Virginia Corcoran	

SANTA SALE

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the Santa Sale a success. Amy Heiles did a wonderful job again this year arranging for merchandise and making sure everything went smoothly. The students always enjoy choosing presents for their family and the choices were great! Our sincere appreciation to the APTA for sponsoring this event.