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November 18, 2009

Thurs., Nov. 19 APTA
Sponsors Thanksgiving
Feast

Fri., Nov. 20 Mass 1:15 pm

Sun., Nov. 22 1:00 pm
Dedication of Ketteler
Center for Arts and
Enrichment

Mon., Nov. 23 Photo
Retake Day

Wed., Nov 25 **EARLY
DISMISSAL (See traffic
instructions)**
for Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

Return to School Tues.,
Dec. 1
NO INTRAMURALS
Santa Sale

Wed., Dec., 2 Tree Lighting
at La Roche
K-3 Grades Singing
Begins at Noon

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

SciTech Festival

Mrs. Cessar's 6th, 7th and 8th grade students enjoyed the SciTech Festival at the Carnegie Science Center last week. They were able to visit exhibits from several area companies including the American Respiratory Alliance, the Allegheny County Health Department and Michael Baker Corporation. Representatives from Carnegie Mellon, University of Pittsburgh and Indiana University of Pennsylvania also had booths with interesting displays. In addition, the 7th and 8th grade students were victorious against Hopewell Township Middle School students in a Jeopardy! game based on Green Initiatives. (The 6th graders had a lively match as well!) All in all a great day for everyone.

SCIENCE ALERT! Grades 4th & 5th

"Fry" are being born daily! We should have "baby" snails soon as well!

Grades 4 & 5 have created terrariums and aquariums. These ecosystems help students understand the web of relationships that links organisms to one another and to their natural environment. Thanks!
Mrs. Ott

ADVENT 2009

Advent is almost upon us. This is a beautiful season of preparation to celebrate once again the birth of Jesus, our Savior. Some of our preparation here at school is our Advent Wreath celebration together every morning in the cafeteria. This year, in addition, we want to remember in our thoughts and prayers all of you in a special way. And so each morning we will be announcing 12 or 13 families who will be remembered that day in our prayers. Your child or children will have the opportunity to place an ornament with your name on it on a tree which will be in the cafeteria. By the end of Advent our tree will be fully decorated with ornaments and each of your families will have been remembered in our prayers. May our hearts be filled with hope and love as we prepare to celebrate the birthday of Jesus.

Sr. Rochelle

Jean Day a Success

Providence Family Support Center was thrilled to learn that Alpha raised \$2,600 for their center. The money will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for children as well as hats and gloves. Thank you to all who contributed.

Sponsor a Child for the Holidays

Each year, besides helping the children of Providence Family Support Center, we help local families who need our support during the holiday season. This is a special project targeting those families who do not have the resources to purchase gifts and many times food for their families.

Many Alpha parents have already asked to once again be included in this project. I have received the children's Christmas list and I can send you an item from the list or if you prefer the entire list. Some families choose grocery gift cards or food baskets to help with a holiday meal. All donations are appreciated.

Please email me at lolivo@alphaschool.org for more information. Thank you, Miss Olivo

◆ **NO INTRAMURALS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1-PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

◆ **Christina Ervin, Alpha's bookkeeper, had a 9 pound 11 ounce baby boy Friday, November 13. His name is Kane. Both mom and son are fine.**

SCRIP

No out-of-stock orders will be taken next week due to the holiday, but you will be able to order the following week. Remember to order cards early for Christmas gifts.

School Photo Retakes

School picture retake day is Monday, November 23. The pictures taken in October will be sent home with your child this week allowing you time to decide if you want to retake the pictures. If you do decide to have them retaken please remember to bring in the original packet. If you missed the first session you will need to bring the photo envelope with your check and selection. Students can wear their Sunday Best -**NO** jeans, shorts, tennis shoes, short skirts or tops, high heels, sandals, or flip-flops.

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.

TRAFFIC ALERT

There is a change in the noon dismissal procedure for Wednesday, November 25. Please read the following instructions:

Dismissal will be staggered due to the number of parents who will be in the walker line and the lack of bus service for every school district. The times will be 11:20 and then again at 11:40. If your last name begins with the letters **M-Z your child(ren) will be dismissed at 11:20**. Those with a last name that begins with **A-L will be dismissed at 11:40** PLEASE, do not come earlier than your stated time as your child will not be outside. Bus dismissal will be at 12:00.

Please remember that not all school districts furnish transportation on half days. If you are unsure, please contact your school district.

We feel this will alleviate many of the problems with traffic congestion. Your cooperation and patience is appreciated. **If you have any questions, please contact Miss Olivo at lolivo@alphaschool.org.**

WANTED

Items needed for Baby Jesus Birthday Party:

JoAnn coupons

Chapstick or Blistex

Please send items to the Alpha Office marked Baby Jesus Birthday Party.

Thank you!



You're Invited!

**Providence Heights Alpha School
Is proud and pleased to invite you to the
Formal dedication of the
Ketteler Center for Arts & Enrichment
Sunday, November 22, 2009
1:00 pm**

Please RSVP by November 18 to principal@alphaschool.org