

# Academy News

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Academy of St. Priscilla  
at Divine Savior



**Remember to send  
your child to school  
with boots and snow  
pants! And don't  
forget to pack a pair  
of shoes!**

## Upcoming Events:

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| Jan. 13 | Pizza Lunch  |
| Jan. 16 | <b>No School</b><br>Martin Luther King,<br>Jr.             |
| Jan. 19 | Parent Focus Group<br>Meeting 6:30pm                       |
| Jan. 20 | Special Lunch  |
| Jan. 23 | FSA Meeting 6:30pm   |
| Jan. 29 | Catholic Schools<br>Week Mass 9:30am<br>Open House 10:30am |

**NO SCHOOL  
MONDAY,  
JANUARY 16**

Martin Luther King Jr.  
Jan. 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968



## Re-registration 2012-2013

Re-registration forms went home yesterday for the 2012-2013 School Year. **The forms must be returned by January 20 with the \$75 non-refundable registration fee.** We need the forms to be returned for both setting tuition for the coming year, as well as classroom planning. Please secure your spot...don't wait! Thank you for your prompt responses in registering for the coming school year. We look forward to having everyone return to The Academy. Teachers will have special incentives for their classrooms to return the forms ASAP. When the forms are returned to the office, your child will also receive an out of uniform pass!

## Pizza Lunch – January 13



We will be having Pizza Lunch from Home Run Inn on Friday, January 13. All Half Day students are invited to stay until 12:30pm.

## Summer Program

It's hard to believe we are already planning for our Summer Program. Our program filled up beyond our capacity last year, and we hope to do the same this year. We have selected new themes for this summer as well! Many of our school families took advantage of the program last year, and we hope you have you back again! The program is both fun and educational. These spots also fill up quickly, so don't hesitate to return your forms.

## Catholic Schools Week



Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 29. We will celebrate together as a school community by attending the 9:30am Mass. Immediately following Mass, you are all invited to come up for an Open House for our school families. At 11:00am, we are extending the invitation of the Open House to prospective families. We will also be hosting two other Open Houses during the week for prospective families. Each day during Catholic Schools Week, we will be focusing on Faith, Academics, and Service.

### Catholic Schools Week Schedule:

#### Sunday, January 29

- ALL families attend the 9:30am Mass - the students will be participating in the Mass. Students will receive Out of Uniform Passes for coming to Mass.
- Open House begins at 10:30am

#### Monday, January 30

- Get Well Cards will be made for parishioners on the Sick List

#### Tuesday, January 31

- The students will be writing stories about a "Day at The Academy." The older students will be buddies with the younger students.

#### Wednesday, February 1

- Teacher Swap Day

#### Thursday, February 2

- Crazy Sock Day and Open Houses for Prospective Families

#### Friday, February 3

- Prayer service - All families are invited to join us in Church at 8:30am.

## Parent Focus Group

We will be hosting a focus group meeting for all of our parents to attend on Thursday, January 19 at 6:30pm. We need your input for the continued growth and expansion of the school. Bring your best marketing ideas for recruiting students in First Grade and up. Our goal for next year is to reach 75 students! This can be done as we have grown about 20 students per year, but we NEED your help! We can do this together! We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

## Box Tops

Thank you for bringing in all of your Box Tops. From the many Box Tops we have collected, we received a check for \$80.00 in the mail. Please continue to send in your Box Tops because we will be sending in another batch before the summer months.



## Check out what's happening in our classrooms...

### Ms. Margaret's Pre-School

This week in the 3-year-olds preschool class, the children began learning and working with the letter J.

The stories this week are Penguin Peter and Little Tim by Marcus Pfster, If You Were a Penguin by Wendell and Florence Minor, Baby Penguin Slips and Slides by Michael Teitelbaum, and Penguins by Deborah Nuzzolo.

For Science, the children will make observations about ice and water and a penguin's habitat.

In Math, the children will make estimation for each of the jars filled with snowflakes and match numbers with the correct number of disks.

### Ms. Nancy's Pre-Kindergarten

We have been very busy learning about space and the solar system. In science, we made constellations and observed planets, rockets, stars, and aliens. The students are having fun learning all about space and the solar system. On Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, we are going to Cernan Space Center at Triton College to see Our Place in Space. More information will be going out in the communication folders this week. In religion, we are talking about family and friends and how special they are to us. We are also getting ready for Catholic Schools Week which is coming up at the end of January.

#### Looking Ahead.....

- Kid's in the kitchen
- L is for light bulbs
- We are friends of Jesus

### Ms. Kim's Class

The kindergarteners are finishing up their Superkid book, Icky, and will then be starting the next book Tic, Tac, Toc. Students have worked on listening for the short vowel sound of 'I' at the beginning and in the middle of words. We also listened to a TV show about Golly acting like a gorilla. The students then reviewed the sequence of events using the pictures in their books. In math the kindergarteners used a number line to help order numbers and worked on adding one or two more. The second graders have been talking about creation in religion class as well as that the Bible contains the Word of God.

### Mrs. Sibick's Multi-age Classroom

The multi-age classroom gets smarter everyday. The first and second grader students read to the kindergarten students yesterday. We will be doing more "Buddy Reading," as the year goes on. The first graders will finish Superkids Unit 6 tomorrow. They cannot wait until they get their new booklet for Superkids. Ask them about the Foolish Giant story. The second grade is reading Henry and Mudge and the Careful Cousin. The story has students comparing and contrasting characters. Soon, these students will read the third Super Magazine! Cursive is fun to second graders. Second grade students are enjoying using a hundred chart to add and subtract. First graders are making 10 to help them add numbers like 7 + 8 or 9 + 4 with counters (math manipulative). In religion, the kindergarten students discussed how Jesus has apostles and the leader was Peter. First grade students learned how Jesus healed 10 people with leprosy. Have a great week!