

Blue Jay News

"God's Work ... Our Hands"



February 10, 2010

News For All



CALENDAR

<i>February 11</i>	LEST: NO SCHOOL PreK-8th Grade
<i>February 12</i>	LEST: NO SCHOOL PreK-8th Grade
<i>February 15</i>	Presidents Day NO SCHOOL PreK-12th grade
<i>February 17</i>	Ash Wednesday
<i>March 5</i>	Green School Summit NO SCHOOL PreK-12th grade
<i>March 8</i>	SIP Planning Day NO SCHOOL PreK-12th grade
<i>March 22-26</i>	Spring Vacation NO SCHOOL PreK-12th grade
<i>April 1</i>	End Quarter 3
<i>April 2</i>	Good Friday NO SCHOOL PreK-12th grade
<i>April 4</i>	Easter Sunday
<i>April 5</i>	Easter Monday NO SCHOOL PreK-12th grade
<i>April 8</i>	K-12 Parent Conferences, 9:00 to 8:00 NO SCHOOL K-12th grade
<i>April 9</i>	K-12 Parent Conferences, 8:00 to 12:00 NO SCHOOL K-12th grade

Work Day. There will be a SHARE work day on Saturday, March 6, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Dust off those gardening gloves, and clean out the paint brush! This work day will take place one week prior to the annual PLS auction. The focus for the day will be to prepare the grounds and facilities for the big event. If your skills and desires include cleaning flower beds and other assorted outdoor work, your time would be appreciated. If your skills include painting and/or cleaning, your efforts will be valued. Saturday work days are a good way to have fellowship with other PLS families and contribute SHARE hours at the same time. An RSVP would be appreciated, but is not necessary. Questions or comments should be directed to Sharon Nyberg at snyberg@portland-lutheran.org or 503-667-3199.



Book Fair. The book fair will be held March 1-4. Volunteers are needed to help!! If you can help in any way contact Mrs. Bishop at extension 306 or nbishop@portland-lutheran.org. Jobs for volunteers include set-up (Sunday, February 28, 1:00 to 3:00 pm), take-down (Thursday, March 4, 4:00 to 5:00 pm), help at the fair (every day from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm). Parents who volunteer get a free poster and SHARE hours. All jobs are fun and easy!!!!

Calendar Change. There will be no school for all grade levels on Friday, March 5 because of the Green School Summit, which will be held on the PLS campus. *The SIP Planning Day will be moved to Monday, March 8, and there will also be no school on that day for all grade levels.* Go to www.oregongreenschools.org/summits.cfm for more information on the Green School Summit.



Box Tops for Education. Keep collecting those Campbell soup labels. We will have a contest in April.





SCRIP. The next order date is Monday, February 22.

Mardi Gras Concert. “O when the saints ... O when the saints come marchin’ in . . .” Come one, come all saints to a Mardi Gras concert at Creator Lutheran Church on Tuesday, February 16, at 7:00 pm.



Professional musicians from the Portland area, including Gavin Bondy, a member of Pink Martini, will be on hand to perform New Orleans-style jazz with selections by Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong. Admission is free! A free-will offering will be accepted, with proceeds benefitting King’s Cupboard, an emergency food box service to needy families in the Milwaukie/Gladstone area. The concert lasts about an hour, so come join the fun for some or all of the time. Creator Lutheran Church is located at 13250 SE Sunnyside Road, in Clackamas. If you have any questions, contact Karin Maier at extension 336 for more information.



PLS Scholarship. The PLS Scholarship program was established by Doug McGuire, a PLS parent, several years ago, and has been financially supported by many donors over the past five years. The intent of the program is to provide a financial incentive for highly qualified families and students to attend PLS. It is a competitive process open to all incoming 1st and 9th graders.

First grade: The PLS Scholarship is a three-year award valued at \$3000. A highly qualified family is one that is committed to actively participate in their child’s school. Three scholarships are awarded each year.

Ninth grade: The PLS Scholarship is a four-year scholarship valued at \$6000. A student who earns this scholarship has demonstrated excellent academic potential and is active in a variety of ways outside of the classroom. Five scholarships are awarded each year.

Stop by or contact Mrs. Merritt in the admissions office for a scholarship application packet.

Coach of the Year. The Coach of the Year award, sponsored by the Trail Blazers and Northwest



Ford stores, is designed to recognize coaches, mentors, teachers, advisors, leaders, and role models for the commitment, dedication, and inspiration they provide to their organizations. If you are interested in nominating a coach, teacher, or advisor from PLS, you can get a nomination form from the elementary or high school office or go to the contest page at trailblazers.com.



Evening in the Orient

March 13, 2010 5:30 pm

Roy Ahlschwede Christian Center

Auction. The Auction is right around the corner. You should be hearing soon from the class parent in charge of organizing your class basket. I have heard there are some really great ideas floating around and always look forward to the creative ways we can have our kids involved in the school’s largest fundraiser. Have you thought about what your family might be able to donate to the auction this year? We are always in need of gift cards for baskets -- SCRIP is great for that! Wine baskets, beer baskets, and baking baskets are great, but if you don’t want to put together an entire basket, single items can be put together to make some really cool baskets. I encourage you to think about people you come in contact with on a daily basis; perhaps there is someone who would be willing to donate a haircut, a gift card, dinner from your favorite restaurant, etc. If we don’t ask, we will never know. With your help we can work to make this auction a success even in these tough economic times. I look forward to seeing what creative ideas we as a school can come up with. See you on March 13!

-- Rory Rush

Elementary School News



100 Days. Can you believe we will have been in school for 100 days on February 18?! Lots of celebrations will be happening in the classrooms.

High School News

Spelling Bee. Our students will be participating in the Scripps Spelling Bee on Tuesday, February 16, to determine our school representative. We will do this at 12:15 pm in the cafetorium.



Senior Yearbook Portraits.

The yearbook staff would like a photo of seniors looking their finest for this year's yearbook senior pictures. Photos should be emailed directly from the photographer to Ms. Zelinka (kzelinka@portland-lutheran.org) or brought in on a CD or flashdrive, and all photos must be submitted at a high enough resolution for printing. It is preferred that photos show the student from the waist up, but no size specifications are necessary with our new all-digital format. The deadline is April 1; if no new photo is submitted, the photo taken during orientation at the beginning of the school year will be used.



The representatives are:

- 8th grade* Reba Garrett, Nicole Nguyen, Olivia Nyberg
- 7th grade* Daniel Barnes, Danica Roady, Gabi Rush
- 6th grade* Natalie Bergdolt, Brenden McNassar, Maggie Wahlers
- 5th grade* Rachel O'Brien, Alexa Sprengle, John Stafford
- 3rd / 4th grade* Samuel Nguyen, Stephen Nguyen, Hannah Bergdolt



LEST. The time has come for our 5th – 8th grade students to converge on Concordia University's campus to compete in so many activities. An updated schedule of events is attached. Wear

your blue and white and come support our students. There is a cost to get in to the basketball games. GO BLUE JAYS!!!!

Chapel Offering. Our third quarter chapel offering will be going to help the children in Haiti. We will be collecting socks, flip-flops, and underwear. There are baskets in each classroom for collections. Target and Old Navy have some wonderful prices on these items right now. You can also use SCRIP to purchase them.



Shakespeare Debate. The AP English classes have been researching the great literary mystery of who "really" wrote the Shakespearean plays. A healthy debate ensued as students formed camps behind Edward de Vere, Sir Francis Bacon, Christopher Marlowe, and the traditional Shakspeare of Stratford-upon-

Avon. Ultimately, though, many students felt that the authorship issue was not as important as understanding and appreciating the poetry of the words in the plays and sonnets themselves. Curious about the debate's main arguments? Check out www.shakespeareauthorship.org or www.authorshipstudies.org

National Assessment of Educational Progress

THE NATION'S REPORT CARD



NAEP 2010 is Coming! The National Assessment of Educational Progress, also known as NAEP, is the only ongoing, nationally representative measure of student achievement. The results of NAEP are released in The Nation's Report Card and they help the President, Congress, private schools, and all of our educators make decisions about how to improve our educational system. Our PLS seniors will be taking the NAEP in Civics on March 1, 2010. Additional information is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>.

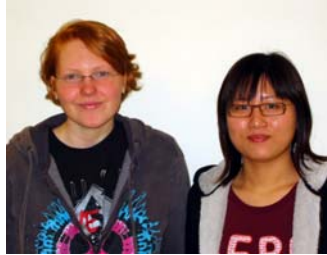


Special People. Grandparents/ Special Friends Day is right around the corner on Monday, March 1. A special invitation will be going home the week of February 15. We will begin the day with a chapel service.

Grandparents/Special Friends can go to the classrooms and walk over to the Christian Center for chapel. We look forward to having all these special people visit our campus.



Student of the Month.
Congratulations to November's Students of the Month, juniors Mihretu Dessalegne and Emily Bonazzola. December's Students of the Month are juniors Ellie Lin and Karissa Raney.



jumping team we can be. The coaches feel that we began something special last year and we would like to see it become a tradition, but that takes a lot of effort on everyone's part. Join us in becoming part of that tradition.



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS



Track and Field. The 2010 Track and Field Season begins in earnest on February 22, and PLS has a shot at repeating the magical finish to 2009 when it won its first boys District Championship in Track and Field and then went on to win the OSAA State Championship.

This year's squad has many returning members from that team, led by junior Elliott Noonan, who took second at state with a school record high jump of 6'3". Elliott is joined by sophomore Andre Martin and junior Shelby Grubb, who placed in the 200 and 100, respectively. They also make up 3/4 of last year's 4x100 relay team that set a school record at the district championships. Junior Silas Lortz is looking to return to state in the 800 or 1500 and hopefully with another 4x400 relay team. With points in the long jump, hurdles, and middle distance up for grabs, the boys have a good shot at staying on the podium at this year's meet.

The 2009 Lady Jays also sent two runners to state, Ali Brauer in the 1500 and 3000 and Lindsay LeBrun in the 100 and 200. We expect them to be joined by a few more ladies this year and move up the podium from their 9th place finish to possibly 5th or 6th. Senior Ingrid Bergman in the pole vault and sophomores Morgan Grubb and Tricia Stein could add points in the long jump, triple jump, 100, 200, 400, 800 or hurdles.

To accomplish this feat we need as many athletes as possible to push, encourage and aid each other to become the fastest, strongest, longest and highest

Girls Basketball. The 2009/2010 high school girls basketball season has been a great success. Although it hasn't been reflected by the number of wins (3 thus far), the girls have received plenty of playing time and are improving each game. As members of a young team the girls are all picking up valuable experience that should help for the next few years.

The team has been led in scoring by sophomore Lindsay LeBrun at 9 points per game. Freshman Denisse Cruz broke the single game record for blocks with 11 against OSD. She continues to record blocks at a torrid pace, with 77 total for the season with 2 games yet to play. She now holds the single season and career record in this category. Denisse also leads the team in rebounds and steals. Sophomore Morgan Grubb leads the team in assists with 55.

A big highlight for the team was their trip to Condon for the Christmas tournament. Because of a snowstorm that came in, the girls got to stay an unexpected extra night in Condon. Many enjoyed getting to know the town a little more intimately, but were finally happy to make it through the gorge and home. Some even commented that they wanted to come back next year.

With one game left in the season, the girls hope to finish strong and maybe pick up another win along the way.

