

# 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:

Jan. 23	FSA Meeting 6:30pm
Jan. 27	Special Lunch
Jan. 29	Catholic Schools Week Mass 9:30am Open House 10:30am
Feb. 2	Open House 9:00am - 11:00am and 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Feb. 3	Prayer Service at 8:30am
Feb. 4	Spaghetti Dinner/Trivia Night

## Re-registration 2012-2013

Re-registration forms have been sent home for the 2012-2013 School Year. Please return the forms 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. Without the forms we run the risk of having to raise the tuition, which is something we are hoping NOT to do. These forms with registration fee must be returned NO LATER than Wednesday, January 25. If your registration form and payment are not returned by Wednesday, the office will assume your child will be returning for the 2012-2013 school year.

Thank you for your prompt responses in registering for the coming school year. We look forward to having everyone return to The Academy, and celebrating all of the wonderful additions to The Academy this coming school year.

## Year-round Pre-school Option

Possibly beginning this summer, we are looking to open a year-round pre-school program. The hours, curriculum, etc. will remain the same during the summer months. Our current school year would be extended by nine weeks, and we would have three weeks off in August, as we need to get ready for the new school year. An additional cost of about \$1,000 would be added onto the current tuition for the extension of the school year. We will be offering the same day schedule, either five full days, five half days, or three full days. We will need at least 10 students to run the program. If you or someone you know would be interested please contact Mrs. Hodge via email [jhodge@academysp.org](mailto:jhodge@academysp.org) or by phone: 708-452-0323.

## 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.

## 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.



## 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.

## Taxes Information

All of our Pre-school and Pre-Kindergarten parents will be receiving Tuition Payment information for your tax purposes. On the form you will receive a total of the amount you have paid for tuition and extended care. The forms will be sent home no later than January 31.

## Smart Tuition

Families currently enrolled with Smart Tuition will be automatically enrolled for the coming school year. ALL families will need to enroll for the 2012-2013 school year, but if you prefer, you are more than welcome to pay the school. We will then let Smart know you are making payments here. The Archdiocese has asked that we do this for best practices of tuition management and tracking.

## Uniforms

We have noticed more and more students are coming to school out of uniform. In order for a student to be out of uniform, he/she must have an out of uniform slip from either Ms. Angie or Mrs. Hodge. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, the students must wear the Academy collared shirt with a logo and Khaki or Navy pants, etc. Wednesdays and Fridays are P.E. days and the students must wear their blue Spirit Wear shirts. The uniform policy can be found in the Family Handbook (opposite the month of May). For the P.E. uniform, the policy can be found under the "Specials" section of the Handbook (opposite the month of January). Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

## 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 working on the letter Kk. The stories this week are Snowball by Nina Crews, Frozen Noses by Jan Carr, When Winter Comes by Nancy Van Laan, and First Snow by Emily Arnold McCully.

For Science the children will make observations about crushed ice, ice, and discuss the weather changes.

In math the children will make organize snow by size, count and identity shapes and colors in the room.

### Ms. Nancy's Pre-Kindergarten

This week we are continuing our unit on Space and the Solar System. Today, the student's sorted planets and we talked about and looked at constellations. The students found out what constellation lies in their birth month. In math, we counted snowballs (mini-marshmallows) and put the correct amount of snowballs to the appropriate snowman. Joslyn was the scientist of the week and she made slime for us. The children enjoyed feeling it. I was pleasantly surprised on how many actually wanted to touch it. On Friday, we have our field trip to the Cernan Space Center. Please make sure to send your child with a disposable snack and drink. We will be eating lunch at school when we get back.

Looking Ahead.....

- Kid's in the kitchen-We will be making winter trees
- K is for keys
- Monday morning journal

### Ms. Kim's Class

This week we met the next Superkids, Tic, Tac, and Toc. The students are also working on writing sentences, remembering that a sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with a period. They are doing a great job! In math students are working with the numbers 11-20 and will be making a yarn number book. For this book students have to glue yarn onto each number and then draw a picture to represent the number. Gluing the yarn onto the number will reinforce the shape of the numbers. The second graders read the story The Farmer and the Good Soil and will begin talking about the Liturgy of the Word and what happens during this part of the mass.

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

This week the students started discussing Martin Luther King Jr. Then, they wrote about a dream they had. Donovan presented his science experiment this week. He explained how a mold terrarium works. He put pieces of food in a jar and waited for the mold to grow. Great job Donovan! First grade has begun Unit 7. The students are reading words with long vowel sounds, as oppose to words with only short vowel sounds in books. Second grade is doing great with cursive. Students are also practicing answering questions about a chapter book in a book talk. They have been focusing on writing a topic sentence, details to support, and a conclusion sentence. First graders are learning how to solve word problems with three addends. They are working hard to add! Second graders are learning different ways to subtract 50-30=? They can use a hundred chart, tens and ones, draw a picture, or use mental math. Stay warm and have a great week!