

Academy News

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Academy of St. Priscilla
at Divine Savior



**See you Sunday at
9:30am Mass!! Our
students must wear
their blue Spirit
Wear shirts. They
will be singing!!!**

Upcoming Events:

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 McDonald's Special Lunch
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 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.

Peacemakers

Teacher's Name: Ms. Nancy

Room: Room 101

Peacemaker Winner: Evan Jovic

Evan is our Peacemaker of the Week because he has shown some very kind acts toward his classmates. When someone is sad he goes over to make that person feel better. He is also very helpful to younger students in helping them get their jackets on for recess.

Evan does these all on his own. These are the makings of being a really great kind person!

Congratulations Evan!



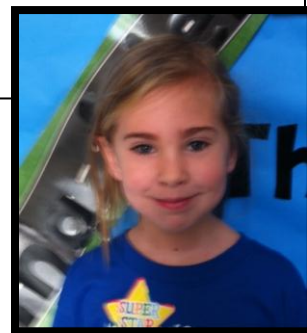
Teacher's Name: Mrs. Sibick/Ms. Kim

Room: Room 201

Peacemaker Winner: Mary Grace Guidi

Mary Grace is the peace maker this week. She will tell the truth. She will bring things to Ms. Angie. She will share her crayons with her classmates. She will help someone read an unfamiliar word. She participates during math. She raises her hand and waits to be called on. She says kind things to her neighbor.

Great job Mary Grace!



Teacher's Name: Mrs. Sibick/Ms. Kim

Room: Room 201

Peacemaker Winner: Maddie Robbe

Maddie is the peace maker this week. She is always smiling. She will pass out papers to her classmates. She will bring things to Ms. Angie. She puts away all her supplies when she is finished with them. She will read during S.S.R (self-selected reading) time. She listens to directions from teachers and follows them well. She raises her hand when she knows the answer to a question.

Great job Maddie!



Teacher's Name: Ms. Margaret

Room: Room 100

Peacemaker Winner: Anthony Lepore

Anthony is very polite and respectful to his teacher and to the other children in class. Anthony is always happy and smiling. His smile is contagious. He is a good team player. Anthony takes turns and shares toys with all the children in class. Anthony always includes other children when he is playing. Congratulations Anthony!



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 Ll. The stories this week are Snow on Snow on Snow by Cheryl Chapman, Polar Bear in Danger by Helen Orme, Welcome to the Ice House by Jane Yolen, and Puffins Climb Penguins Rhyme by Bruce McMillan. For Science the children will discuss the qualities of snow, how they are different from and similar to polar bears and they animals that live in the Arctic. In math the children will review numbers 1 to 8, put them in order from 1 to 8, and match them with the correct number of objects.

Ms. Nancy's Pre-Kindergarten

This week we are continuing our unit on Space and the Solar System and working on the letter L. Today, we painted with lemon and limes and everyone tasted a lemon and lime. We made a chart on how they tasted. We also made our own class solar system and hung it in our classroom. L is for Lincoln and on Friday we will talk about all the wonderful things Abraham Lincoln did for our country. Looking Ahead.....

- Kid's in the kitchen-We will be making winter trees (This week we made snowballs)
- M is for mittens
- Science Explorations-Curious Cotton Ball Behavior!



Ms. Kim's Class

This week students echo read a story in our Superkids book called, "Tag". They also played a game called Tic, Tac, Toc, it is played similar to Tic Tac Toe. Make sure to ask your child about the story "Tac, Toc, and Turtles," that ended our current Superkids book. We will be starting our next Superkids book, Frits. The kindergarteners also used a number line to help answer number riddles, such as "If you start on 15 and move two forward, you land on me. What number am I?" The students did an excellent job finding the answers. The second graders are learning about the parts of the Liturgy of the Word and looked at the Nicene Creed to find what we believe in as Catholics.

Mrs. Sibick's Multi-age Classroom

The students started off the week revisiting our Snowfall Predictions Bar Graph. On Friday, every student predicted how many inches of snow would fall. The National Weather Service recorded O'hare had 5.4 inches. Numerous students guessed 5 or 6 inches. First graders are busy reading stories to each other and the kindergarten students. They even created a flip book to identify the beginning, middle, and end to a story. Second grade students are learning how to write h and l in cursive this week. In the SUPER magazine, they learned about the Festival of Lights in Thailand. First grade students are practicing subtraction with counters (circles that are red on one side and yellow on the other). Second graders are using tens and ones to carry a ten over or regroup. Students understand to carry the one over in math problems ($17 + 8 = 25$). I am very proud of the students' ability to grasp difficult concepts so quickly. In Religion, the kindergarten students are learning to recite The Lord's Prayer. The first graders are learning how God gave us the greatest gift of all, his son. This Wednesday Christina presented her science experiment. We enjoyed it! Have a great week!