

# Academy News

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## Re-registration 2012-2013

Re-registration forms went home yesterday for the 2012-2013 School Year. Please return the forms 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!

## Academy of St. Priscilla at Divine Savior



## Upcoming Events:

Jan. 12	Spirit Day
Jan. 13	Pizza Lunch
Jan. 16	No School Martin Luther King, Jr.
Jan. 19	Parent Focus Group Meeting 6:30pm
Jan. 20	Special Lunch
Jan. 23	FSA Meeting 6:30pm
Jan. 29	Catholic Schools Week Mass 9:30am Open House 10:30am

## 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.

## Pizza Lunch – January 13

We will be having Pizza Lunch from Home Run Inn on Friday, January 13. Order forms are being sent home today. Be sure to return the forms NO LATER than Wednesday, January 11. We need to place the order at least one day in advance.



## Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sibick



It seems as if there is something in the water at The Academy...haha! It gives me great pleasure to share with you all that Mrs. Sibick, our multi-age teacher, is also expecting! Mrs. Sibick is also due this summer. Both of us planned things perfectly, didn't we? Please pass along your kind words of congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sibick as you have already extended to me.

## 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. We will have a variety of activities planned throughout the week for the students to promote the theme, and also to learn about giving back to the community. As the activities are planned they will be sent home for you in our newsletter.

## 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.



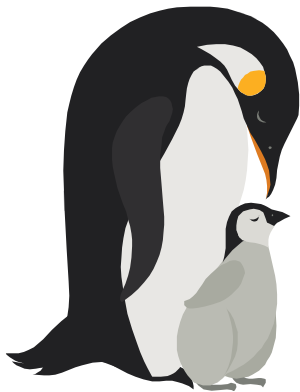
## Update

Many of you have asked about the extra classroom space on the main level for our students. Thank you for your patience in this matter. Right before Christmas vacation, Mrs. Hodge met with Sr. Mary Paul McCaughey, O.P., Superintendent of Catholic Schools and Father LoBianco. It was a very beneficial meeting, and we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Father is working on getting the items cleared out of the classroom with his Parish groups, and as soon as we have the go ahead, we will need some volunteers to get the room set-up. We will let you know as soon as that happens!

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

### Ms. Margaret's Pre-School

This week in Ms. Margaret's class the children returned from Christmas Vacation and shared their stories. They reviewed the letters from Aa to Ii, learned about penguins, compared heights with penguins, and matched numbers to penguins.



### Ms. Nancy's Pre-Kindergarten

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break and the extra time with family and friends. I am excited to be back and look forward to some fun and exciting things that I have planned for our classroom; First, I would like to welcome Miss Paulina. Miss Paulina will be student teaching in our classroom until the end of April. Please help me welcome Miss Paulina.

Today, we made our 2012 resolutions. We talked about what a resolution is and added ours to a new year's bell. The next couple of weeks, I will be assessing the children. I can already see the growth from the last assessment in September.

Looking Ahead.....

- Snowmen in the night and day
- J is for Jesus and K is for key
- Solar System in Science

### Ms. Kim's Kindergarten

The kindergarteners listened to a poem called "Ladybug, Ladybug" and learned the difference between the words do and dew. Be sure to ask your child what the ladybug in the poem was suppose to do. We also began the next Superkid book, Icky. The students found out that Icky likes to pretend to be on TV shows and they had fun making a TV that shows Icky's favorite programs using their Superkid book. In math the kindergarteners are working on comparing numbers and will be using a number line to put numbers in order.

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

Welcome back everyone. This short week has been busy. First graders have started Unit 6 in Superkids. They are applying the spelling rules to know when a word has a short or long vowel. They learned when a word has only one vowel and ends in one or more consonants, the vowel is usually short. They have been writing the symbols for a long or short vowel sounds over words! On Friday the students will read The Foolish Giant. Second grade students are learning cursive. The cursive letter of this week is lowercase i and next week will be lowercase t. Second grade has been practicing the spelling rule with -er ending. If the base word ends in e, take off the e and add er. Ask your child about the story Stop-Gabbing Gixmo. Second graders are completing tricky fact families! Also, they are working on tricks to add using the hundred chart. First graders are working on adding doubles. They enjoyed drawing pictures of 4 pizza's and 4 more to solve the problem on the Smartboard. Kindergarten students learned that they are a part of the Catholic Church through Baptism. First graders are learning that God made us to be good and holy. They also learned about Elizabeth Ann Seton. She read the bible, prayed to Jesus, and created the Sister Charity. It's been a great week!