



# THE FORUM

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**BEATITUDE OF THE MONTH:**

"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied." MATTHEW 5:6

**SAINT OF THE MONTH:**

Saint John Neumann

Dear Families,

PCA has more exciting news! Congratulations to May Alexander, Ethan Clark, Thomas Mooney, and former PCA students Evie Yoshimura and Stephen Powell, who went undefeated and took 1<sup>st</sup> place at last weekend's RC Challenge for their division. We are proud of your tremendous accomplishment. I also want to congratulate our 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball team who once again were victorious last weekend against Our Lady of Lourdes.

All families should have received their 2012-2013 re-enrollment forms. Thank you to the families who have already turned them in. Early re-enrollment discounts for current PCA families will end Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are parishioners' of St. Thomas or Holy Redeemer you must contact their Parish offices to obtain the Parish subsidy forms. Please be aware of the deadlines to apply for tuition assistance through your Parish, Fulcrum Foundation and T.A.D.S. Each has strict deadlines so I encourage you to complete the forms as soon as possible. Open en-enrollment will begin Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. After February 7<sup>th</sup> seats are not guaranteed for any grades including preschool.

This Sunday officially marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. I am encouraging all students to please wear your uniforms to Mass to begin our week of celebration. This year's theme is *Faith Academics Service*. Mrs. Jackson and Miss Hall have done a wonderful job planning a fun and meaningful week for our students. A schedule of the week's events is outlined in your Friday folder. Please be sure to review the schedule to ensure that your children do not miss out on any of the fun. We are truly blessed to have our school, teachers, students and their families. PCA is truly a unique community whose spirit is strong! I thank God every day for the opportunity to come to work and give glory to God by serving this wonderful community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marcy, our business manager and Andrea, our marketing director for stepping up and taking on additional office duties and for putting forth an extraordinary effort in helping our administrative office in the absence of Dawna. There are many duties that Dawna performs on a daily basis that are taken for granted. Both of these ladies have truly been a blessing and Dawna and I truly appreciate their selfless acts of kindness and support. Many of our families have also stepped forward in helping in the office and making meals for Al and Dawna. I graciously thank you as well. In particular I want to thank Heather Deringer for arranging office coverage and Claire Houlding for helping arrange meals for Al and Dawn.

I am proud to be part of such a loving and giving community. PCA is truly living out the apostolic works in being the hands and feet for Jesus. May God bless you all!

Have a wonderful weekend.

In Christ,

Mrs. Parker

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PARENTS CLUB FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**JANUARY 27, 2012**

**PCA Open House** Tuesday February 7th is our PCA Open House. This is an opportunity to show off our amazing school to prospective families who are looking for a school for their families. Mrs. Parker, the teachers and the rest of our administration do a wonderful job providing information to visitors, however it is also very helpful to have parents and students on hand to talk about their experiences and answer questions that visiting families may have. I will be there representing Parents Club and will be available to answer questions. We are also hoping to have a family or parent in each classroom with the teacher to be available if parents have questions. It would also be very helpful to have some of our older students in grades 6-8 there as tour guides and to also help answer questions about the school. We'd love to have you there to help represent PCA, so if you can be of assistance with this, please contact Jeanette Rafferty as soon as possible. [jeanette@theraffertys.net](mailto:jeanette@theraffertys.net)

**Mardi Gras** Another fun and upcoming event is our annual Mardi Gras celebration. On Tuesday, February 21st the PCA Student Council along with teacher chairs Lorri Dunn and Meghan Little, will be putting on a carnival for the rest of the school. Planning has begun and we are looking for parent volunteers to help the day of. We need approximately 8 people to help either with set up or to help with carnival booths. We also need 12 or so dozen cookies for the cookie/cake walk. Please contact Hillary Brotherton if you are interested in helping with this fun school event. [hillarybrotherton@gmail.com](mailto:hillarybrotherton@gmail.com)

**Gala 101** Many new families have asked, "what is the Gala?" Here is, in a nut shell, the annual PCA Gala! The PCA Annual Gala is a much anticipated night. You will dine on fine cuisine, be entertained by surprises inspired by the theme, and partake in silent and live auctions and some serious fun!

This is our 13th annual auction and will be a night to be remembered! It is a fabulous night out that couples will be looking forward to and talking about long after. You will want to buy a table and invite fun couples from work or any friends. You will be so proud to have hosted them to a great night out!! This is *the* event to not miss!

All the money raised at the auction directly supports the school's mission to provide faith-filled education to our students. As the school's principal fundraiser, and in order to be successful we need everyone's support and participation. Many hands make light work, and the reality of the situation is that it takes upwards of 100 volunteers to make this night happen. This is *your* Gala, so let's work together to make it a smashing success!

**What Can You Do To Help** The Pacific Crest Academy Annual Gala and Auction is a wonderful and fun way for PCA parents, their families, benefactors, and friends to support the school's operating budget. The Gala also provides the opportunity to invest in the longevity of our school. This is our biggest fundraiser! We need everyone's support! ***We ask that all families participate in some way and procure or donate items for the auction.*** You can also participate by committing to a sponsorship or by advertising in the Gala catalog. Please see below and consider all areas that you are willing to help with. If you have questions or to let us know what you'd like to sign up for, please contact Jeanette Rafferty or Christina Holmes, our Gala Chair. [jeanette@theraffertys.net](mailto:jeanette@theraffertys.net) [calarussa@gmail.com](mailto:calarussa@gmail.com)

Procurements	Auction Runners	Buy-Ins
Invitations(packaging, addressing, mailing)	Auction Item Packaging	Catalog Writer
Ticket Sales & Seating	Decorations	Event Favors (calling all crafters!)
Slideshows (create av presentation to be played the night of)	Gift Card Central (following up and/or working on display)	Wall of Wine (wrapping and/or selling at the auction)
Check in/Check out at the Gala	Database Management	Day of set up crew -or- Cleanup crew

Thank you to all of our wonderful families and volunteers for all that you do. We hope that you have a fantastic weekend. As always if you have any questions, concerns or comments please contact any one of your PCA Parents Club Board members at any time.

Many Blessings,

Jeanette Rafferty