



# Storm



# Bulletin

Developing God's Plan in Hearts and Minds

December 18, 2009

### From the desk of Principal Mark Luckey

I have now officially become a man of the 21st century. I attended a fashion show. Don't get too excited though – I still refuse to wear pink or carry a "man" purse.

How in the world did I end up at a fashion show? It was Adelynn's fault, to be honest! See, our youngest daughter has spent quite a bit of time at DeVos Children's Hospital over the past nine months, so when the hospital held its annual fashion show benefit, they asked if Adelynn and six other patients could model kid's clothing during part of the program. Well, that sounded kind of exciting to us, but since neither Stacy nor I had actually ever been to a fashion show, we had no idea what we were getting into! Needless to say, we felt a little out of place. Affluent benefactors strutting around, drink in one hand, appetizer in the other – not exactly our cup of tea! And speaking of appetizers, for the most part I had absolutely no idea what I was eating. I did recognize the pizza, and the mushrooms looked vaguely familiar. I have traveled far to experience different cultures. Who would think that I could feel so out of place in Grand Rapids!

I wonder if Jesus felt out of place as he became a man and entered our world. I wonder if the food tasted funny or the clothes looked ridiculous. I wonder if he silently laughed at our many strange customs. Perhaps not, for he knew (and knows) his creation intimately. He was not surprised by what he experienced. In fact, he came knowing full well what he was doing. Yet he came. **HE CAME!!** How we often take his coming for granted! We speak and sing of his birth but often fail to see the wonder in God becoming man and coming to our world. This Christmas, remember the energizing splendor of those two words: *He came! He came for you, for me, for all people. He came to save! He came to die! He came to live again!* **HE CAME!**

Merry Christmas from all of us at Providence Christian High School. During this Christmas season, may you feel the presence of the One who left his throne of glory and came to earth for us.

### Chapel Highlights

Last Friday our chapel small groups worked together on a variety of service projects. We had groups doing cleaning projects at 2nd Avenue Thrift Store, Fremont Christian School, and Camp Henry. Another group helped with the distribution of toys at NCCS. Two groups did projects at the nursing homes. Another two groups made

cookies, brought them to the nursing homes, and then joined the other groups in singing Christmas carols for the residents.

On Tuesday, we celebrated our fourth Advent chapel. Mrs. Bart read an Advent monologue describing Advent, and Christmas from the perspective of Mary the mother of Jesus. During that first Advent Mary awaited his birth, but now during Advent she awaits his return. We, too, await Christ's return during Advent. A group of girls from the choir ended our chapel for us by singing "We Await You."

### Seven Day Forecast

Fri. 18	Sat. 19	Sun. 20	Mon. 21	Tues. 22	Wed. 23	Thu. 24
Girls' BBall Home			Christmas Break	No School	No School	No School
	32	28	Winter			

### Long Range Forecast

<i>Dec. 21-Jan. 1</i>	<i>No School – Christmas Break</i>
<i>Jan. 4</i>	<i>School Resumes</i>
<i>January 6</i>	<i>Blood Drive at PCHS 9:30-3:15 PM</i>
<i>January 18-21</i>	<i>Exams (19-21 Half Days)</i>
<i>January 21</i>	<i>Financial Aid Workshop 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>January 22</i>	<i>No School Teachers Records Day</i>
<i>January 25</i>	<i>Beginning of Second Semester</i>

### Storm Tracker

#### Sports Schedule

- Dec. 18** Girls' Basketball vs. Tri-Unity Christian Home 5:30
- Dec. 28** J.V. Boys' Basketball Christmas Tourney @ Orchard View 2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 28** Varsity Boys' Basketball Christmas Tourney @ Orchard View 6:00 p.m.  
*(All games are at Muskegon Orchard View High School 16 North Quarterline, Muskegon, MI 49442 Apple Ave. Exit to Sheridan Dr. North to OVHS. Ticket Price \$5 per day for all games.)*
- Dec. 29** Boys' Basketball Christmas Tourney @ Orchard View TBA.
- Jan. 5** Girls' Basketball vs. Mason County Eastern Away 6:00 p.m.

### Score Board

#### PCHS Varsity Boys' Basketball

Dec. 11 PCHS 17, Northern Michigan Christian 61

Dec. 15 PCHS 33, WayPoint 44

#### PCHS J.V. Boys' Basketball

Dec. 11 PCHS 33, Northern Michigan Christian 64

Dec. 15 PCHS 29, WayPoint 33

### Big Thanks!

A big thanks to all who attended and contributed to the Junior Class Soup Super Fund Raiser. It was a success! What a great community of support God has blessed us with! Be watching for our next one in January or early February.

### Can You Help?

We are looking for a parent volunteer to help develop and organize an alumni mailing list and send out an initial mailing sometime in early January. If you would like to help us develop this database, please contact Mrs. Stitt or Mr. Luckey.

### We Are Interested In What You Think!

You can help our school by taking a few moments of your time to complete the Pride Factor Survey. Go to [pridefactor.jostens.com](http://pridefactor.jostens.com) or find the link on our website. This anonymous survey will allow us to gather helpful information for improving our school. We will be able to divide survey takers into four groups – students, staff, parents, and community – so we can more accurately evaluate the responses. We hope to hear from you soon!

**Passwords: Parents – ZXLLJVV8Q  
Community - EZ6008IA**

### PCHS Blood Drive

PCHS will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive January 6, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. Students who are at least 17 years old and meet height and weight requirements (at least 110 pounds based on height) and are in general good health may be eligible to donate blood. Red Cross donor card or positive ID is required.

### Attention High School Seniors

The Gerber Foundation would like to notify all graduating seniors that scholarships are available through the Foundation for seniors graduating from a Newaygo County high school. Applications and information are available on the Foundation website at [www.gerberfoundation.org](http://www.gerberfoundation.org). Click on the scholarship page. The deadline for the scholarship is February 28th. Students must have a GPA of 2.0 or above to apply.

The application is an online process, however, application forms may be requested from the Foundation office at 231.924.3175 should you prefer to complete a paper copy.

### Financial Aid Workshop

Parents of high school juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend a financial aid workshop at PCHS on January 21 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this seminar is to discuss the various options and programs available to help pay

for college education. You will also receive guidance on completing the free application for Federal Student Aid. If you know of others who would benefit from this workshop, feel free to invite them as well. It is not necessary to RSVP.

### Interim 2010 (March 29 – April 1)

We are very excited to be able to offer four great interim opportunities this year:

1. Freshmen Interim - The freshman class will once again be involved in service projects, mostly in the Newaygo County area. This interim will be led by Mr. Poppen and Mr. VanderJagt.
2. Sophomore/Junior Interim\* (choose one)
  - Toronto, Canada - Experience one of the world's most fascinating cities, Toronto! This interim will focus on the culture of the city, including food, customs, and language. If you hope to go on this trip and do not already have a passport, please apply soon! Mrs. Bart and Mrs. George will lead this interim.
  - Civil War Interim - This trip will take you to Gettysburg and Antietam National Parks. Experience civil war battlefields, explore museums, and learn from knowledgeable park rangers. Mr. Visser and Mr. Luckey will lead this interim.
3. Senior Interim – The senior class will once again be going to Washington DC. All costs are covered for this trip, except for food. Mr. and Mrs. Tyink will be leading this trip. Make note this trip will take place from March 27 – March 31.

\*In January we will be asking sophomores and juniors to choose between the two choices listed. Both trips are likely to require a small payment on the part of each student (less than \$50), plus food costs. More details to follow in January.

### Fremont to Ukraine School Collection

Help Wanted! Please help give Ukrainian orphans school necessities that they simply do not have. Senior PCHS student Eva Berndt has a goal to supply 150-200 orphaned children in Ukraine with school items including clothing, backpacks, school supplies, and shoes. Donations may be dropped off in the school office by February 1, 2010. Look for an update in the Times Indicator regarding what your efforts have helped accomplish. For more information, or to schedule a pick up of items please contact Eva Berndt at 924-0144. Thank you!

### Ski Trip

The next ski trip is scheduled for Friday, Jan 15th. If you would like to go, please sign up in the office on or before January 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Office during Christmas Break

The PCHS School Office will be closed December 21 – January 1. However, we will be checking voice mails and emails periodically. If you need to contact us, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Have a Safe and Blessed Christmas. We are praying your Christmas will be filled with God's many blessings.

**Merry Christmas**