**THURSDAY TIMES PRINCE OF PEACE MONTESSORI**

JUNE 12, 2020

I miss you ‘all! Pax tibi

We are in full swing of summer and as the days become longer and the temperature is rising, it reminds me of my days in West Africa and Central America. I had some wonderful experiences and it reminds me of the children always outside playing. I connect that to our children on the school play yard and I miss hearing and seeing them. I hope your summer is going well. I am going to try and send you a weekly update similar to the Thursday Times we have in school.

**We had some ceiling collapse in the attic recently.** We are currently taking bids from contractors for repair only. Restoration/Renovation is in the long term plan and will be expensive but worthwhile. We will have a plumbing contractor in to replace the water heater on the second floor and they will test the feasibility for heat and water systems in the attic once the repair is complete.

**We have formulated a waiver for the Covid-19.** We are awaiting Diocesan approval to release it to you with other school paperwork. We are also in the process in creating Covid-19 procedures for the upcoming school year. We are working with the other Catholic schools in the diocese as a task force to make the best possible plan. I welcome parent suggestions, ideas, solutions etc. Please forward me an email with the title COVID and I will review.

**The first day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2020** bearing any changes by the Diocese. The Homecoming Picnic is scheduled for August 9th from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at Devou Park Shelter House. This has been reserved for our school. Bring a covered dish and some music to share! The Parish will supply everything else for the fun day.

**Summer Office Hours:** Mr. Barkley will be in the office from 9-1:00 p.m.daily the email address is tbarkley@popcov.com. Mr. Barkley’s phone extension is #11. Mrs. Middendorf will have varied hours as she works through the summer but please leave messages at extension #10 and she can be reached at kmiddendorf@popcov.comshe does work from home and is available to make appointments in the office.

**Best Wishes to Ms. Becky Monahan and Ms. Amy Hamant as they move on to their next endeavor**. We wish them the very best and thank them for their contributions to POP! We will be posting our teacher opening on the diocesan website next week. Mr. Barkley has been interviewing and has found that recent graduates are impressive with their technology sense and how it enhances the classroom experience and how to transfer information remotely. We have wonderful candidates applying to Prince of Peace School and I look forward to choosing the best candidates to join our staff.

**School Gardens:** If anyone is interested in planting flowers, vegetables on school property, please call the school office and leave a message. We are forming a team to plant an assortment of flowers to be a feast for the eyes and nose!

**Transcripts are available upon a school’s request.** Tuition and fees need to be up to date. Please contact Mr. Barkley if you have any questions.

**Parent/Student Handbook** has been recently updated to include pandemic and NTI information. It will be posted on the website with the new school logo.

**Title Money:** Title money is granted for Reading, Comprehension, Math and Stem programs to schools who have students living in Covington, Kenton County, Boone and Campbell County. Distribution is based on free/reduced lunch recipients. Due to Covid-19 pandemic funds for mask, gloves, sanitization material and service personnel will be made available to participating schools requesting assistance.

**New News**: Prince of Peace is forming a Principal’s Advisory Group that will consist of numerous individuals who will help and support Mr. Bartley and staff. It will include Parents, Administrative staff, Teaching Staff, Fr. Greer, Diocese representatives and community representatives. They will look at all aspects of the school and give suggestions and recommendations concerning but not limited to: Academics/Instruction, Building Enhancement, Fund Raising, Priorities, Funding etc. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

**Mrs. Middendorf will be on vacation the week of June 14th** and will return to the office on Monday, June 22nd. Please feel free to leave any messages by email or voicemail.

**Have a great weekend and enjoy the beautiful weather!**

Mr. Tony Barkley

Principal