**THURSDAY TIMES**

 **PRINCE OF PEACE MONTESSORI**

**A Note from Our Principal…**

**Hello, Prince of Peace Community! We are off to a WONDERFUL start this year! I cannot wait to post some photos I’ve already taken. Your children are in such good hands, thanks to God’s indefatigable grace and selfless work through you and my amazing staff. The children’s enthusiasm, kindness, wonder, and respectful obedience make my day and inspire me every day. Several of you have emailed me or told me that your child has deemed Prince of Peace Catholic Montessori “the best school in the world!” May we all live up to their hopes and continue to help them live up to their vocations as future Saints! Thank you all so much for the kind and supportive messages you have sent me thus far. I am so grateful for this priceless role as principal (or as “the Princess of Peace,” as some of our littlest students her have decided to call me), and I am so profoundly aware of God’s help through my staff and you. I ask for your continued prayers for me and our entire school community and assure you of mine.**

**In the Heart of Our Prince of Peace with you,**

**Claire Therese**

**NEWS/REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SOCIAL MEDIA NEWS: Ms. Cathy Cool is our Technology expert at the school and Cathy is currently seeking recommendations for the school website. What would you like to see? How can we inform you better? What are we missing? Now, is the time to share your ideas. Please email Cathy @** **ccool@popcov.com****. All suggestions are welcome.**

**The weekly newsletter will continue to be delivered to you on paper but it will also be posted on the school website by early Friday morning of each week. \*This is a new feature!**

**Did you know the Parent Association has a Facebook page? Please ask to join and one of our administrators will approve you. This is a private group and the purpose of this page is to post school events, reminders, pictures and special events. Come join us! \*This is a different page than the school Facebook page you will view on the website.**

**SPIRITWEAR ORDERS ARE DUE BY NEXT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND! After this date, you will need to wait until the next order date! Get those sweatshirts now!! Please send orders into school and items will be distributed as soon as they are delivered to school. We want to thank our parent, Emily Blunt for all her help and taking on this task.**

**DID YOU KNOW THAT PRINCE OF PEACE HAS A SCHOOL BASED COUNSELING PROGRAM?? The School Based Counseling Program offers direct counseling at school. The school counselor, Ms. Donna Moreland works with the teachers and school personnel to make your child’s school environment as supportive as possible for their emotional health. This is done through Individual Counseling, Classroom Guidance, Small Groups and Reach & Teach our after-school Tutor/Mentoring Program. The service is open to any students in our participating schools and is a free service to your student. Some of the areas that children may need help with are Lack of Confidence, Temper Management, Fighting with Siblings, Academic Difficulties, Relationship Problems, Bullying and Grief Loss. Donna has been with Prince of Peace Montessori for several years. She can be reached at** **dmoreland@popcov.com** **Referrals are made by a child’s parent or guardian, an individual child, teacher or school staff member. Students are welcome to talk to the counselor anytime, however anything beyond a first meeting requires parent/guardian permission and consent. Donna can also be reached at dmoreland@covingtoncharitiesorg or 859-581-8974 ext. 103.**

**MASK MANDATE CONTINUES AT PRINCE OF PEACE. We are highly encouraging all children and staff to continue to wear your mask to school. This is supported by our Diocese office and superintendent, Kendra McGuire. The spread of the virus is still a top priority for all educators and we want our children safe and healthy. If you have any personal concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Claire Therese at your convenience.**

**HOMECOMING EVENT IS THIS FRIDAY!! Come join the fun with all the POP families. We will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs and serving some refreshments as well. We ask for a family donation of $5.00 to help cover the costs. Payable at the door! Please bring a dessert to share. Games for they children and a cupcake decorating booth with our principal!! Set up will begin at 5:00 in the front lot. Parking for the event is under the expressway over path off of the 12th Street exit. The event is from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Volunteers are still needed!**

**VIRTUS TRAINING IS ENCOURAGED FOR ALL PARENTS!Please visit the Virtus Webpage and create a profile. Choose an upcoming class to attend. Please apply for a background check (information found on website) The cost of the background check is $25.00. This is a one-time fee. You will then request 2 forms from the school office. These must be filled out and returned. Once all the steps are completed, you will begin receiving monthly bulletins by email to read and take a one question quiz. Stay current and the process is complete. POP loves volunteers!!**

**CALENDAR REMINDER: School is closed on Monday, September 6th for Labor Day and Friday, October 8th for a Professional Development Day. Plan your calendars accordingly.**

**DISMISSAL IN THE AFTERNOON IS VERY IMPORTANT! Please do not leave the parking lot until everyone is dismissed by staff and our crossing guard. If you must leave earlier, you will need to park outside of the lot. This is for the safety of everyone.**