**THURSDAY TIMES**

**PRINCE OF PEACE MONTESSORI SCHOOL**

**Dear Parents,**

**We know this week has been a very trying week with the new outbreak of COVID and all the emails and communication we have sent to you. We are trying to make our communication simple and give you the facts that you need to know to keep your child/children healthy and your family safe and healthy as well. We had numerous phone calls, emails and questions this week regarding all the guidelines set forth in the Diocese for our schools. We are sending home the extensive communication that was sent to you by email earlier this week in paper form in the red folder for your convenience. Please keep this as a quick reference and guide. Please note, this could change tomorrow. The last page is a question and answer sheet that we think you will find informative and helpful in your decision making. On a good note, we are finding that most of the cases within our school community have been mild to almost no symptoms at all. Masking is still required for the entire day with the children with the exception of lunch and outdoor activities. Please continue to work with your children regarding mask wearing. It is so vital to the spread of germs and keeping everyone healthy. We appreciate all your efforts and support as we continue to navigate during these uncertain times.**

**CARNEGIE IS BACK WITH THE NEXT AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM! BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND IS THEATRE CLASS! The theme for this class is “Casting Color!” Class will start on Wednesday, January 26th and last until March 2nd. This is for Kindergarten age children through 8th grade. The fee is $38.00 per student. Please make checks payable to Prince of Peace School or cash is accepted. Additional sign up sheets are in the office for your convenience. Hurry…. spots are going fast!**

**LOST AND FOUND ITEMSare growing in abundance. With the onset of winter and more sweatshirts, gloves, hats etc. we are finding more items throughout the school. Please mark your item for convenience purposes. Most teachers have a lost and found in their classrooms but we have one large one at the top of the stairs that staff use when items are lost. Please feel free to check it out at your convenience.**

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OR EMAILwhen your child is going to be absent or tardy. We need these numbers for several reasons including diocese reports, lunch counts and guidance for work missed. We are still reporting COVID numbers to the diocese as well. You can reach Mrs. Middendorf****@kmiddendorf@popcov.com** **or call the school line @ 859-431-5153 ext. #751.**

**TAX STATEMENTS ARE IN THE RED FOLDERfor all students who are in the Extended Day and the After- Care program. If you were enrolled last year in these programs, your totals were added in to the lump sum amount. If you have any questions, please call the school office.**

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR WILL START IN EARLY FEBRUARY. PARENTS WHO WILL BE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIP/FINANCIAL AID WILL BE PERMITTED TO SUBMIT AS OF FEBRUARY 1ST. Remember this program is for Kindergarten – 8th grade. We are highly suggesting to complete your taxes earlier than later as this year will have a deadline. You should be receiving an email from FACTS stating when the system is ready to accept applications. If you are a parishioner in the Diocese of Covington, you will be asked to identify your parish. This information will be verified this year. \*All families are required to pay the $200.00 registration fee that will be credited to your August 2022 tuition. For more questions, please contact Mrs. Middendorf in the school office.**

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY! Enjoy the long weekend! Our next scheduled off day in Monday, February 21st for President’s Day. Please mark your calendars.**