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PONCA CITY  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



## On the Homefront

### Frontline

*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power." Ephesians 6:10*

Dear PCCA Family,

Please read the article on the value of a Christian education included in this newsletter. I have heard so many personal testimonies over the years from students and parents alike at how they were so grateful that they made the decision to stay the course with a Christian education. My husband and I agree that it was one of the best gifts we gave our children. And now we see them making the same decisions for their children. They are raising up the next generation to bring glory and honor to Him.

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Sheryl Murray

### Is Christian Education really worth the sacrifice?

Are you wondering if your investment in a Christian education will pay off in the end? What type of graduates do Christian schools really produce? A recently published study, the Cardus Education Survey, offers some light on the subject. The study surveyed graduates ages 24-29 from Protestant Christian schools, Catholic schools, public schools, and nonreligious private schools. Their findings confirm what those of us in Christian education have long observed.

Compared to their peers in other settings, graduates from Christian schools like PCCA donate money significantly more, despite lower household incomes, are more generous with their volunteer time, harbor distinct hope and optimism about the future, have the tools to engage in healthy relationships, are more thankful, and have notably lower divorce rates. Spiritually, they pray more together as couples, read the Bible far more frequently, attend church, and more believe that the Bible is an infallible guide for personal faith and behavior.

**The conclusion is obvious: Christian schools are extremely successful in their goal to produce servant leaders with a Biblical worldview.** For a brief snapshot of some of the survey results see the September 2011 issue of *Christianity Today*. You can download the entire study free at [www.carduseducationsurvey.com](http://www.carduseducationsurvey.com).

### What's Happening...

#### GREAT EXPECTATIONS CELEBRATION

Thu 2/23 9:00 am  
PCCA Cafeteria

#### NO SCHOOL

2/20 Presidents' Day  
3/19-23 Spring Break

#### ENROLLMENT

2/27 for PCCA families  
3/5 Opens for all

#### BOARD MEETING

Mon 3/12, 6:00 pm  
PCCA Cafeteria

#### ENROLLMENT OPEN HOUSE

Tue 3/6 5:30-7:30

#### TESTING WEEK

April 24-26 - mornings

#### SNOW MAKE UP DAY

Fri 5/4

#### PCCA

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Ponca City, OK 74604  
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### Prayer Concerns:

**NEW BOARD MEMBER** - Someone to replace an outgoing member of our school board.

**BBO BASH** - We need volunteers to help in many areas: publicity, tickets, food, seating.

**PCCA DISCOUNT CARD** - Much success in selling our discount cards this spring. Remember that more than 80% of the money collected is profit that will benefit our school directly.

**ILLNESS** - We have had several students out sick over the past couple of weeks. Pray for healing!

### Praise

\* We had a wonderful trip to Renaissance Living Center on Wednesday. We got to share valentines with some of the residents.

\* Mrs. Klein did a fantastic job leading our students in the performances!

\* We appreciate all our wonderful prayer partners.

\* Thank you to the Middle School girls who have helped set up and take down the Pre-K 4 cots while Mrs. Elliott has been gone.



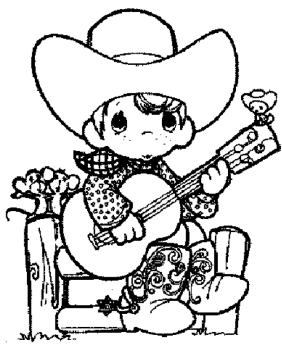
### BBQ BASH

This year's BBQ Bash...

(Saturday, April 14)

will include the 3rd Annual Knee Slappin' Toe Tappin' Talent Show. If you would like to participate, now is the time to start preparing. Auditions will be held after Spring Break. Students of all ages are welcome to participate. Vocal or instrumental pieces or some other form of talent are all encouraged! We've had magic acts, hula hoops, etc. in previous years. All acts that are well-prepared and appropriate will be included as time permits. If you have questions or need an accompanist, talk to Mrs. Klein.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE** all music students will be performing with their classes as well as both show choirs.



### Events...

#### PLASTIC

Ms. Bales is no longer collecting plastic. Please do not bring any more plastic to the school. We appreciate all your efforts in this earth-friendly fundraising opportunity.

#### FIELD TRIPS

**Fri 3/16** 12:30 4th - 5th  
Sooner Flight Academy's Ticket to Tomorrow

**Thu 5/17** all day 4th - 5th  
Edmond - Old Time School House

#### BOX TOPS

The deadline for turning in box tops is **next Friday, February 24th!** Please be sure to collect your box tops in a bag or envelope marked with your name and grade.

### Enrollment

**Pre-enrollment packets will be coming home NEXT FRIDAY.**

You will find some changes for the upcoming school year. Please be sure to review the packets thoroughly. Complete and return the packet to the office as soon as possible. We will be opening enrollment to everyone else on March 5th. *Open House will be on March 6th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.*

Some things to look forward to in 2012-13: Deeper discounts for larger families; no curriculum fee; simple payment plan, fewer forms to complete.

Take time to read the entire enrollment form, as it contains all inclusive permissions for various items such as field trips, internet use, photos/videos for publication, handbook receipt, etc.

### 8th Grade Information

**2/25 Saturday 7:00-11:00 pm** **Pepperette Dance** at Hutchins Auditorium \$10. Sponsored by Po Hi Pepperettes. T-shirts \$15. Purchase tickets and t-shirts by calling Mary Beth Subramaniam at 767-1483.

**3/8 Thursday 5:30 - 7:00 pm** **Freshman Pre-enrollment Orientation** at PCCA Cafeteria Mrs. Cash, Po Hi Freshman Counselor, will be here to talk with parents and students about the transition to the high school next year.

### Reminders...

#### BBQ BASH SILENT AUCTION

If you or someone you know has a home-based business and would like to donate items for our silent auction fundraiser, please bring your items to the school office. All donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt from the school.

**Event Date: April 14th**

#### Yearbook Pictures

Mrs. Blakeburn is eager to get started on the 2011-2012 PCCA yearbooks. You can help her by bringing or emailing your photos to the school. If you would like to help, or have any questions, call us at the school office or email Mrs. Blakeburn at the following address:

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#### 1 John 4:10 NIV

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.