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ITBS and CogAT



Students in first through eighth grade will be taking their Iowa Test of Basic Skills Achievement tests Tuesday-Friday, February 28th - March 2nd. Students will perform better if they are well rested and nourished. Please make sure your children get plenty of rest and a good breakfast to start the day so they are alert and ready to perform to the best of their abilities.

Students in first, third, fifth and seventh grades will also be given the Cognitive Aptitude Tests the week of Feb. 21st-24th. Results of the tests will be shared with parents later in the Spring.

Re-Enrollment Update

We had a great response to our "Early Bird" enrollment! Thank you to everyone who re-enrolled early. Things have gone smoothly with all of the new changes and we appreciate your patience with that. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Please see page 4 for Financial Aid and Smart Tuition deadlines for students entering grades K-8.

If you have a student going into PS or PK next year, please be advised that we are now accepting new students. Classes are very close to being full already. If you plan to return to Pilgrim next year, please return your re-enrollment information as soon as possible. We are taking new students on a first come first serve basis.

A reminder notice will be sent home prior to February 29th to those who paid the initial fee in 2 halves.

President's Day February 20, 2012



There will be no school for K-8th grade on Monday, February 20, 2012, in observance of President's Day. There will be childcare available for all grades, Toddler - 8th grade. If you will need childcare, please sign up with the after school care teachers.

The cafeteria will be closed. If your child will be attending childcare that day, please plan to send a cold lunch.



Under God's Construction

Calendar of Events

February 8
Progress Reports
1st-8th Grade

February 13
Early dismissal 2:30pm
K-8th grade only

February 15
Progress Reports
1st-8th Grade

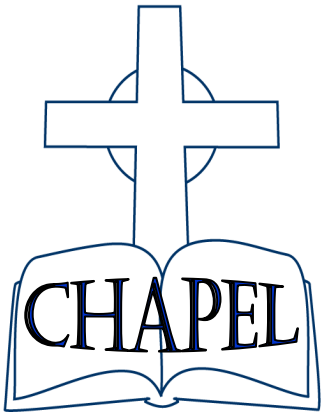
February 17
Progress Reports
PS & PK

February 17-19
Varsity Basketball
Tournament in Austin

February 20
President's Day
No School - Childcare Only

February 28-March 2
ITBS Grades 1st - 8th

February 4-10
Lutheran Schools
Week



Wednesday, February 8, 2012

All School Chapel in the Gymnasium
Toddler - 8th Grade

Chapel will be led by Mrs. Lunsford and the 3rd grade.
Special music by the 3rd grade.

Parents are welcome to attend!

Yearbook Schedule

Thurs., Feb. 9

Snack - Katie

Thurs., Feb. 16

Snack - Ealee

Thurs., Feb. 23

Snack - Stephanie

Thurs., March 1

Snack - Andrew

COMPUTER CLUB

Wednesday, Feb. 15th

Tuesday, Feb. 21st

Tuesday, Feb. 28th

Wednesday, March 7th



HOOPS

Basketball Game Schedule

2/7 - HCYA JV Girls @
Pilgrim @ 4:00pm

2/8 - Varsity Boys Practice 3:30-5:00

2/9 - HLAC Playoffs @ Salem
Pilgrim Varsity Boys @ 7pm

2/11 - HLAC Finals @ Salem
(time will depend on win/loss on 2/9)

2/17 - 2/19 LMST State @ Austin
Varsity Boys

Crumpled Classics Auditions
3:45 – 4:30 for 5th – 8th graders

*We need 10 Actors willing to put on some
of the greatest shows of all time!*

Romeo & Juliet

Frankenstein

Phantom of the Opera

Sherlock Holmes

And

The Legend of King Arthur

*Auditions will be held in the Church.
Please attend both auditions.*



Volunteers Needed !

We are in the process of sprucing things up around campus! We are looking for Handyman and Handywoman to help with small projects such as: Painting, Prepping, Scraping, Caulking, Trim work, Leaf cleaning, Carpentry, Planting, Weeding, Drapery, Clerical, and Cost analysis.



If you are interested in working on your child's classroom as well as other areas, arrangements can be made for that too. Hours are flexible.



See Rick Fritz or Steve Mulvehill for details.

Plans are underway for Pilgrim's 20th Annual and Final Spring Auction!

Please help make our last auction a special one! Mark your calendars. There has been a change in the date that is on the school calendar. The new date is Saturday, April 28th. The auction is always a fun social event with great food and plenty of items to bid on for everyone! Whether your budget is small or big, we have an item for you!

The new "activity fee" will take the place of all fundraisers, including the Spring Auction. The auction is a lot of fun, but it is also a lot of work! We are so thankful to all of our volunteers who work so hard year after year to pull this off. We hope you all will join us as we bring a close to a longtime Pilgrim tradition. Thank you for your support!



Every successful auction must have desirable items to bid on. Many of our donations come from outside sources, but we are always happy to receive donations from anyone and everyone willing to donate! If you have any new/unused items, perhaps something you got for Christmas that you don't want but haven't returned, please consider donating them to the auction.

Do you own your own business that provides a service? A great way to spread the word and expose your business to new customers is to donate items or services from your business or advertise in our program.

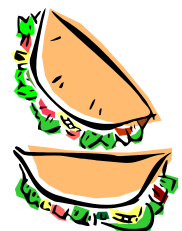
Each class also does a "class basket". This basket is special as it represents each class! Please check with your child's teacher for your class basket theme.



Pilgrim Night at Los Tios!


March 20, 2012

4:00pm to 10:00pm





Financial Aid

Families with students in K-8th grade are eligible to apply for financial aid. The need for financial aid is assessed by "FAST". Approval of financial assistance is based on family income and necessary expenses. To apply for financial aid, please go to our website, www.plshouston.org, and click on the "FAST" logo  under "Admissions". **All financial aid applications MUST be received by the dates listed below** in order to be considered for the 2012-2013 school year. "FAST" has provided special envelopes for tax records to be mailed in. These envelopes are available in the school office. "FAST" requires that you send a copy of your 2011 tax return and a copy of the W-2 form. Please do not fold or staple these copies. Your application is not considered complete until your tax return is received. Please mail all required documents immediately after applying online to ensure a quick response.

Dates for financial aid deadlines - No exceptions:

If you choose to pay tuition over **12 months**, your financial aid application, including tax return received by "FAST", must be complete by April 1, 2012.

If you choose to pay tuition over **10 months**, your financial aid application, including tax return received by "FAST", must be complete by June 1, 2012.

If you choose to pay tuition over **9 months**, your financial aid application, including tax return received by "FAST", must be complete by July 1, 2012.

If you choose to pay tuition over **8 months**, your financial aid application, including tax return received by "FAST", must be complete by August 1, 2012.

Tuition for Kindergarten - 8th grade

The annual tuition amount for K-8th grade is the total tuition due for the 2012-2013 school year. There are five options for paying tuition. Monthly payments will be made to **Smart Tuition**. Please see explanations for each option below.

- **Option #1** is to pay tuition in full. Your total annual tuition for educational programs will be reduced by 3% if paid in full by **June 1, 2012**. The 3% discount will not be applied after June 1, 2012.
- **Option #2** - Annual tuition is paid over **12 months**. A completed re-enrollment form, fee payment, **Smart Tuition** form and **FAST** financial aid application (if applying) must be turned in by April 1st. The first payment will be due May, 2012, and the last payment will be due April, 2013, on the due date you choose on the **Smart Tuition** form.
- **Option #3** - Annual tuition is paid over **10 months**. A completed re-enrollment form, fee payment, **Smart Tuition** form and **FAST** financial aid application (if applying) must be turned in by June 1st. The first payment will be due July, 2012, and the last payment will be due April, 2013, on the due date you choose on the **Smart Tuition** form.
- **Option #4** - Annual tuition is paid over **9 months**. A completed re-enrollment form, fee payment, **Smart Tuition** form and **FAST** financial aid application (if applying) must be turned in by July 1st. The first payment will be due August, 2012, and the last payment will be due April, 2013, on the due date you choose on the **Smart Tuition** form.
- **Option #5** - Annual tuition is paid over **8 months**. A completed re-enrollment form, fee payment, **Smart Tuition** form and **FAST** financial aid application (if applying) must be turned in by August 1st. The first payment will be due September, 2012, and the last payment will be due April, 2013, on the due date you choose on the **Smart Tuition** form.

If you have children in Summer Camp, please be advised that choosing the 12 month payment plan will result in double payments in June, July and 1/2 of August. Choosing the 10 month payment plan will result in double payments in July and 1/2 of August, and choosing the 9 month plan will result in an additional 1/2 month payment in August.

The yearly tuition amount is the same regardless of which payment plan you choose (with the exception of paying in full by June 1st). Tuition payments made over less months will result in higher payments.