

**November 10, 2009**

Fri., Nov. 13 Mass  
 1:15pm

Thurs., Nov. 19 APTA  
 Sponsors  
 Thanksgiving Feast

Fri., Nov. 20 Mass  
 1:15 pm

Sun., Nov. 22 1:00 pm  
 Dedication of Ketteler  
 Center for Arts and  
 Enrichment

Mon., Nov. 23 Photo  
 Retake Day

Wed., Nov 25 **NOON**  
**DISMISSAL**  
 for Thanksgiving Break

**Return to School**  
**Tues., Dec. 1**  
**NO INTRAMURALS**

**DECEMBER**

Return to School  
 Tues., Dec. 1  
 NO INTRAMURALS  
 Santa Sale

Wed., Dec., 2 Tree  
 Lighting at La Roche  
 K-3 Grades Singing  
 Begins at Noon

Fri., Dec. 4  
 Light Up Night  
 Cantor/Choir  
 Performing 7:00 pm



**The Alpha 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Soccer Team**  
 played last weekend in the Diocesan Tournament.  
 Alpha won the three morning games  
 and made it to the semifinals, but lost 2-1 in a very close game.  
 Congratulations to all the players and coaches for a great season!

Providence Heights Alpha School  
 Is proud and pleased to invite you to the  
 Formal dedication of the  
 Ketteler Center for Arts & Enrichment  
 Sunday, November 22, 2009  
 1:00 pm  
 Please RSVP by November 18 to  
 principal@alphaschool.org

# THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

**Student Council and Alpha's Service Club are co-sponsoring a food collection for the North Hills Food Bank between Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.**

As you may have seen in the newspaper, many of the area food banks are in desperate need of food. With the state budget impasse earlier this year, food banks were not receiving much needed funds to purchase food for their pantry shelves. Many are not expecting to receive these checks from the state before January of 2010.

**WE ARE ASKING STUDENTS TO DONATE A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM(S) BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>.** All homerooms will have boxes where food donations may be placed.

Any type of non-perishable food is welcome, but there is a particular need for items related to the Thanksgiving meal, such as instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mixes, canned cranberries, canned corn, canned beans, jars of gravy or gravy mixes, pie crust mixes, pumpkin pie filling, and apple pie filling.

**Thank You in advance for your generous donations!**

## **Sponsor a Child for the Holidays**

Each year, besides helping the children of Providence Family Support Center, we help local families who need our support during the holiday season. This is a special project targeting those families who do not have the resources to purchase gifts and many times food for their families.

Many Alpha parents have already asked to once again be included in this project. I have received the children's Christmas list and I can send you an item from the list or if you prefer the entire list. Some families choose grocery gift cards or food baskets to help with a holiday meal. All donations are appreciated.

Please email me at [lolivo@alphaschool.org](mailto:lolivo@alphaschool.org) for more information. Thank you,  
Miss Olivo

◆ **NO INTRAMURALS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1-PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**DAY CARE PICK-UP**

I am sure that you are all aware of the enforcement of the fire lanes around the Motherhouse. After speaking to Mrs. Lisa Mosser, the Facilities/Property Management Director of the Motherhouse Property, I have two options for parents picking up children from Alpha Day Care.

**Option #1:** Park your car in the Kearns lot. Walk to the building, gaining access with a key card or by calling the Alpha Day Care phone # (412-526-1199). Sign your child out of Day Care.

**Option #2:** Park your car in the Kearns lot. Call the Alpha Day Care phone # (412-526-1199). Mrs. Strawoet or one of the Day Care assistants will help your child pack up and one of them will escort your child to the door facing the playground.

You may then drive up to that door, pick up your child, and leave. Mrs. Strawoet will both mark the time of your pick up and note the person who picked up your child, whether it be yourself or someone else.

Alpha Day Care students will no longer be dismissed through the St. Anne's door for a car pick up, since there is no parking permitted there.

Mrs. Carolyn Strawoet

**TRAFFIC ALERT**

There is a change in the noon dismissal procedure for Wednesday, November 25. Please read the following instructions:

Dismissal will be staggered due to the number of parents who will be in the walker line and the lack of bus service for every school district. The times will be 11:20 and then again at 11:40. If your last name begins with the letters **M-Z your child(ren) will be dismissed at 11:20**. Those with a last name that begins with **A-L will be dismissed at 11:40**. PLEASE, do not come earlier than your stated time as your child will not be outside. Bus dismissal will be at 12:00.

Please remember that not all school districts furnish transportation on half days. If you are unsure, please contact your school district.

We feel this will alleviate many of the problems with traffic congestion. Your cooperation and patience is appreciated. **If you have any questions, please contact Miss Olivo at lolivo@alphaschool.org.**

◆Through the generosity of an Alpha parent, students have an additional tool to keep their hands clean. Each classroom as well as other school areas have Smart San Spray Dispensers providing easy access for cleaning hands.

◆Please remember that **ALL** volunteers need to provide Sr. Rochelle with their Child Abuse and Criminal clearances, Pastoral Code of Conduct (request from office) Reporting of Child Abuse and Child Protective Services Law of Pennsylvania (request from office), Protecting God's Children certificate, and all volunteers must be entered into the Diocesan Database. Please direct your questions to [principal@alphaschool.org](mailto:principal@alphaschool.org).

◆**Annie Junior form is due Friday, November 13** with your choice of performance date. Please remember attendance is mandatory and a date will be assigned to those who do not turn in their forms by Friday. Miss Olivo [lolivo@alphaschool.org](mailto:lolivo@alphaschool.org)

## Service Club

Service Club will meet on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. This is our first meeting of the year, as we have been unable to visit the Sisters in the Annex area due to the H1N1 flu and other virus around this fall season. The Sisters are extremely susceptible to illness, and our students must be healthy in order for us to visit. While we are unable to visit the Sisters in the Annex at this time, we are attempting to find other service activities that can be done after school.

We will meet in Mr. Bileck's room (the primary grades Science room) following school on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be separating and organizing food from the Thanksgiving Food drive, which was cosponsored by Service Club and Student Council.

Children may be picked up in the school at 3:45 p.m. If your child needs to go to daycare following Service Club, please note that on the electronic dismissal system in addition to their Service Club attendance.

This Service Club meeting can be attended by students in grades K through 8.

Service Club is open to all students in grades K through 8 and you are not required to make every monthly meeting in order to attend. Certificates will be provided at the end of the year with your number of Service hours. Any questions, please call Jewel Whiting at (724)-935-8529.

## She's a Winner!!!!!!!

First grader **Elizabeth Groetsch** is the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in the Annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest for Allegheny County. Lizzy and her parents will attend an awards ceremony on Saturday, November 21 where she will receive her prize of \$75.00.

Way to go Lizzy! Enjoy the ceremony! Take Pictures!

## 5th Annual Alpha Chess Tournament a Success

We had 50 students (twentytwo of them were from Alpha) from various schools participate in the 5th Annual Alpha Chess Tournament, held on Saturday, November 7th. Before the tournament began, William Surlow, a chess master, a former State and National Champion, and the son of John Surlow (Alpha chess instructor and Tournament Director), began a simul with 10 students, where he played them all at the same time. Listed below are the trophy winners for the event.

**Mikey El-Kadi**, 1st place Varsity Section    **Ian Tilton**, 2nd place JV Tier B Section  
**Arijay Mehta**, 2nd place JV Tier C section    **Aaron Tilton**, 1st place Rated Novice section F

**Matthew DiMarsio**, 2nd place Rated Novice Section F    **Zachary Rovee**, 2nd place Rated Novice Section H

**Anirudh Ramprasad**, 2nd place Novice Section    Also participating in the tournament from Alpha were **Greg Kaniecki**, **Tyler Shick**, **Thomas Nash**, **Joshua Borosky**, **Xander Paski**, **Nathan Smith**, **Joey Paski**, **Nicholas Sawicki**, **Michael Paul DiMarisco**, **Sean McCarthy**, **Samuel Farls**, **Nitesh Ramanathan**, **Luke Doblick**, **Max Belt**, and **Christian Farls**.

**Congratulations!!**

