



ELEMENTARY EXPRESS

Nov. 25 – Dec. 6, 2019



Please join us for our All-School Thanksgiving Chapel on Wednesday, November 27, at 10 am in the CBC Auditorium. This all-school chapel is a wonderful time to gather as a school family and prepare our hearts for our time of Thanksgiving. This year we welcome Adam Schultz, Oakpointe Church Sozo (Young Adults) Pastor.

During this chapel, we will highlight our joint Christmas service project with Calvary Baptist for Central Detroit Christian. This service project will allow us to collect donated items for Central Detroit Christian's Pride for Parents Christmas Store. This special store allows families served by CDC to purchase Christmas gifts and winter wear items at a significantly reduced rate. We are hoping to collect 450 items campus-wide. Following the chapel, PCA families will have the opportunity to take a gift tag off the lobby Christmas tree. Can't make it to the Thanksgiving chapel? Feel free to take a tag off the tree at any time; no sign-out needed! The gifts need to be returned to CBC by December 15 for delivery to the Parent Store at Central Detroit Christian.

**LETTER
FROM THE
PRINCIPAL**

**SCHOOL
NEWSBITES**

**A LOOK
AHEAD**

On Wednesday, November 27, we will be having our annual Thanksgiving Breakfast. This year PCA Food Services will provide the breakfast. We will be serving pancakes, fruit, bacon, along with water and milk.



We will have two breakfast times. The first group to eat will be kindergarten and first grade from 8:15 to 8:40. The second group to eat will be second and third grade from 8:50 to 9:15.

The all-school chapel will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, November 27. Parents are welcome to attend Chapel with their student. There will be a half day of school on Wednesday, and all elementary and secondary students will be dismissed at 11:15 am. There will be no school on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29.

PTF Spirit Wear Store Now Open

Interested in ordering some online spirit wear for the kids this Christmas through the PTF store? The store is now open and taking orders through December 3rd! <https://pcaspiritwear2019.itemorder.com/sale>



[Plymouth Christian Academy Spiritwear 2019](https://pcaspiritwear2019.itemorder.com/sale)

Online ordering for Plymouth Christian Academy Spiritwear 2019 ends on Tuesday December 3rd, 2019 (11:59pm EST)

pcaspiritwear2019.itemorder.com

Festive Fridays

Festive Fridays are here! December 6, 13 & 20. Your students may wear jeans along with a festive (red, green, and/or white) sweatshirt/sweater to help us celebrate this joyous season. If your student does not have festive apparel, he/she can celebrate by wearing a red, green, or white dress-code shirt. Of course, regular dress code attire is acceptable. Remember that shirts are to be tucked in and belts must be worn.

Popcorn Fridays

Thanks to all who purchased popcorn this week for our 1st Popcorn Friday! Mark your calendar for the rest of the Popcorn Fridays this year:

December 13

January 10

January 31

February 21

March 13

April 3

April 24

May 15

May 29

The Christmas Concert is coming up on Friday, December 6 at 6:30 pm

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Be sure to come early for a good seat. Elementary Christmas Concert letters have gone home. Please check the front page for important details about the concert. Please sign and return the second page to your child's teacher. Thanks so much!

4th-6th Grade Parents

This year we are again sponsoring the Cookie Sale after the elementary concert. We ask that each family in the 4th-6th grade donate two dozen, homemade, decorated cookies for us to sell. The cookies will be packaged by our National Honor Art Students and be for sale after the Elementary Christmas Concert. Please have your cookies delivered Tuesday morning, December 3rd to the boxes located near the reception desk. The Fine Arts Booster Board is sponsoring the sale and the proceeds goes back into the arts program. Thank you for your help!

Art Exhibit Help

Mrs. Kincer, our elementary art teacher, is looking for a few parent volunteers to help set up the elementary art exhibition Tuesday, December 3. Drop in for an hour or two, or stay for the day. Please contact Mrs. Kincer at tina.kincer@plymouthchristian.org to volunteer.

Christmas Floral Sale

The PCA Fine Arts Booster Board is thrilled to introduce Andreea Oswald floral designs for the 2019 Christmas floral sale. Andreea is a PCA parent and is married to a PCA alumnus, Nick Oswald, Class of 2002. The pictured designs (page 4) are the selections for sale this year.

How to order your Christmas Florals:

- You can order at the Elementary Christmas Concert on December 6 or the Secondary Christmas Concert on December 12 where you will have the opportunity to see Andreea's work on display.
- Or online at this link at any time: <https://cbcjoy.infellowship.com/Forms/431505>

Deadline for orders: Wreaths: December 2, Florals: December 13
Delivery Date: December 19

A Night of Musical Celebration of the Christmas Story

Join us at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium on Sunday, December 15, as our combined CBC and PCA family comes together for a special evening of reflection and worship through music and Scripture from our Calvary Worship Ministry and our PCA Fine Arts Department. Together we'll remember Jesus' miraculous entry into humanity and celebrate God's plan of redemption. **Rejoice** through him. Coffee and cookies will be available in the Lobby beginning at 6:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

As part of the Rejoice! concert event, we'll be receiving donated items for Central Detroit Christian's Pride for Parents Christmas Store. This special store allows families served by CDC to purchase Christmas gifts and winter wear items at a significantly reduced rate. We are hoping to collect 450 items campus-wide before our Rejoice! concert event. Stop by the Rejoice! Christmas Tree in the Lobby to pick up a gift tag (or a few!) for items to purchase for our friends in Detroit.

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\$25

A simple yet elegant design as the smallest of the options it stands at just over 18" tall. With a variety of carnations, miniature daisy pomp's, and mixed with greenery. It's perfect for teachers, co-workers, work space, island or coffee table decor, hostess gift and more!



\$40

22 inch outer diameter wreath embellished with greens and pinecones
\$40



\$45

A upscale design sure to wow your crowd, this arrangement stands at just over 17" tall. Mixed with a variety of flowers including orchids, carnations, hypericum, alstroemeria, thistle, mums, and various greens. Created as a design that can be used as a centerpiece, entrance table decor, hostess gift, gift for your employer, and more



\$65

When your hosting this holiday season our centerpiece will be a must on your decor list. This item can be used as a centerpiece for all your gatherings or on a fireplace mantle. We include the candles you bring the warmth! At 28" long it will be a showstopper. We have a mix of lush greens, carnations, alstroemeria, hypericum 2 candles and 2 bows



\$75

As the holiday to-do list grows, be sure to add our unique centerpiece to the list! When hosting the holidays, a lush greens, carnations, hypericum, alstroemeria, and 2 candles centerpiece will have everyone feeling the holiday spirit. As our longest centerpiece to choose from it's just over 32" long.

"We Need Your Reviews!"

Reviews are an extremely important way that all of us decide to make a purchase. We all read those Amazon reviews before we buy an item! The same holds true for families deciding on a school for their children. Your online reviews will help when a family is researching PCA.

Each week we will include instructions for you to write an online review for PCA. This week we are featuring Google reviews. We currently have 14 Google reviews and we'd love to double that by the end of this month! Just 14 more reviews needed to reach that goal.

How to do a google review...

search for Plymouth Christian Academy

When you see our map and info on the right, scroll down to the spot that says, "Write a Review". It's that simple! Thanks in advance for taking a moment to help us in this important way!

The image is a screenshot of a Google Maps listing for Plymouth Christian Academy. At the top left, there is a photo of a sign with the text: "Let it be known to those who enter that Christ is the heart and soul of all we do Col. 1:18". A red arrow points from this photo down towards the bottom right. To the right of the sign is a map showing the location of the school in Canton, Michigan, with a red pin and a red arrow pointing to it. Below the map, the listing title "Plymouth Christian Academy" is displayed, followed by buttons for "Website", "Directions", and "Saved". The listing includes the address "43065 Joy Rd, Canton, MI 48187", phone number "(734) 459-3505", and hours "Open · Closes 4PM". There are also links for "Edit your business information", "Add missing information", and "Add appointment link". A section titled "Reviews from the web" shows ratings from Facebook (4.8/5, 52 votes), Niche (3.9/5, 84 reviews), and GreatSchools (5/5, 38 votes). Below this, there are options to "Send to your phone" and "Starred places". At the bottom, there are social media links for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, and a "Write a review" button which is highlighted with a large red arrow.

Ready, Set, SPELL!

Check out this week's Spelling Bee Strategies to help you prepare for your classroom spell-downs. As you work through your lists, be sure to isolate words you don't know on the list. Keeping these words separate from the ones that you do know will give you an idea of how much studying you need to do. Another great tip is to write words into the palm of your hand (not with a real pen – just pretend). This technique will create a muscle memory for words that are more difficult to memorize. Just as you write words on paper, writing them in your hand can be a useful trigger to recall spelling when you are confronted with them during a competition. This technique is especially useful because you are allowed to spell words into your hand while onstage at an actual spelling bee (idea from: [wikihow.com/Study-for-a-Spelling-Bee](http://www.wikihow.com/Study-for-a-Spelling-Bee)). Be sure to set aside some time EVERY night to study a few words.

Spelling Strategies for the ACSI Spelling Bee

Here are some additional strategies that will help you prepare for the Spelling Bee. Remember that a Spelling Bee is similar to a performance. You're standing in front of other people spelling, right? So be sure to practice, practice, practice. Find a friend or family member who can pronounce the words for you. Pretend like you're in front of a microphone and SAY, SPELL, SAY your words – just like a real Spelling Bee.

1. Learn the basic rules for spelling with plural nouns so that you know whether to use *s* or *es* and how to make plurals of nouns that end in *y* or *f*.
2. Remember all the rules which apply to the spelling of the words. For example *i* before *e*, except after *c* or when sounded like "ay" as in *neighbor* and *weigh*. Here are some words that follow the rule: *ie* words: *believe, field, relief*; *ei* words: *ceiling, deceit, receive*; *ei* words: *freight, reign, sleigh*; Some exceptions: *either, foreign, height, leisure, protein, weird*. "CIEN words" are another exception to the rule. These include *ancient, efficient, and science*.
3. Another spelling rule is: "Silent *e* helps a vowel say its name." This means that when a word ends with a vowel followed by a consonant and then silent *e*, the vowel has a long sound. That's the difference between *rate* and *rat*, *hide* and *hid*, and *cube* and *cub*.
4. One more spelling rule that applies to words with two continuous vowels is: "When two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking?" This means that when there are two vowels in a row, the first usually has a long sound and the second is silent. That's why it's *team*, not *taem*; *coat*, not *caot*; and *wait*, not *wiat*. Remembering this rule will help you to put vowels in the right order.
5. A good way to understand a word is to break it into syllables. Look out for prefixes, suffixes, and roots.
6. Start keeping lists of patterns. One of the easiest places to start noticing patterns is in Greek and Latin "roots". What's a "root"? It's a word or part of a word that is used to make new words. Notice that telephone starts with tele... The Greek root tele- means "far." When the telephone was invented, it needed a name. So the inventor took a couple of Greek roots and made up a name for it out of tele- "at a distance, far" + phone "voice." Many of the most difficult words in English are made up out of Greek and Latin roots. Look also for similar sounds, such as those in television, telegraph and telephone. Now, suppose you are at the spelling bee and you get the word *telekinesis*. Even if you've never seen or heard of that word before, you at least know it's a good guess that it starts with tele-.
7. Mnemonics are memory tricks that help you remember everything from the order of the planets to your grocery list. For example, to remember how to spell principal, look at the last three letters: the principal is your pal. Principle, in contrast, ends in le, like rule (which is what principle means).. Another kind of memory aid is to make up a sentence in which the first letter of each word can be used to make the spelling word. The sillier the better—goofy sentences may be easier to remember. For example chili: cats have interesting little ideas.
8. Make sure that you are pronouncing words correctly. This can help you to avoid some common spelling errors, such as *canidate* instead of *candidate*, *jewelery* instead of *jewelry*, and *libary* instead of *library*.
9. Visualize. Think about how the word is spelled; get a clear mental picture of the word. This will help you remember the word and spell it correctly in the future.
10. Try air writing to check the spelling of a word or to learn the spelling of an unfamiliar word, try writing it in the air.



Elementary Lunch Menu November/December



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				Nov 1
				Pancakes Bacon Fruit Milk \$4.00
Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8
Bosco Sticks Fruit Milk Dessert \$4.00	Pizza Fruit Veggies Milk Dessert \$4.00	Crispy Chicken Salad Fruit Milk Dessert \$4.00	Subway Chips Milk \$4.00	Mac & Cheese Fruit Milk Dessert \$4.00
Nov 11	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15
Baked Potato Fruit Milk Dessert \$4.00	Pizza Fruit Veggies Milk Dessert \$4.00	Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Fruit Milk Dessert \$4.00	Lasagna Garlic Bread Fruit Milk Dessert \$4.00	Chicken Noodle Soup Roll Fruit Milk Dessert \$4.00
Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22
Hamburger Fries Fruit Milk Dessert \$4.00	Pizza Fruit Veggies Milk Dessert \$4.00	Pancakes Bacon Fruit Milk \$4.00	Subway Chips Milk \$4.00	Mac & Cheese Fruit Milk Dessert \$4.00
Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29
Spaghetti Garlic Bread Fruit Milk Dessert \$4.00	Pizza Fruit Veggies Milk Dessert \$4.00	1/2 Day - No Lunch		No School
Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6
Hot Dog Baked Beans Fruit Milk Dessert \$4.00	Pizza Fruit Veggies Milk Dessert \$4.00	French Toast Bacon Fruit Milk \$4.00	Chicken Sandwich Chips Fruit Milk Dessert \$4.00	Bosco Sticks Fruit Milk Dessert \$4.00

** THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE **



Milk	\$ 0.50	Fruit	\$ 0.75
Juice Box (100%)	\$ 0.50	Salad	\$ 1.00
Water	\$ 0.50	PB & J (Uncrustable)	\$ 1.00
Snacks	\$ 0.50	Yogurt	\$ 0.50

