

SoulTalk

a monthly newsletter to parents

Director's Teapot

How can we give thanks if things do not seem to be going well? How can we give thanks if the Covid-19 is still around, and we do not know what the future holds? How can we give thanks if someone you care about is very sick? How can we give thanks if all the ready-to-harvest crops have been damaged by typhoons? How can we give thanks if we lost a loved one to the raging waters? Have you struggled with giving thanks when calamities or tragedies hit you?

For preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ while in Philippi, Paul and Silas were arrested and put into prison. Surprisingly, about midnight they were praying and singing hymns to God (Acts 16:25). Their action surprises me; how can they be singing hymns while in prison? Was it a coping mechanism? Perhaps so. Nonetheless, it was an unusual coping mechanism.

Job, a righteous and upright man, lost everything in one day. Moments after losing all his livestock, he learns about the simultaneous death of his ten children. Indeed, his losses were deep and many. His grief was so profound that "Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:20-21, ESV). His actions (rising, tearing his robe, and shaving his head) all speak of someone in great anguish; but his reaction is totally mind-boggling - he fell to the ground and worshiped. Worship is usually accompanied by praise and prayer. And when he opened his mouth - the words that came out confirmed his heart attitude - all praises and blessings to his God. What an amazing coping mechanism to heart-breaking calamities and tragedies!

In some seasons of life, giving thanks is just plain hard. We find ourselves overwhelmed with circumstances. Honestly, with aching hearts and confused minds, it goes against our nature to give thanks. But that's exactly what God wants us to do "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NLT). As difficult as that may sound, there is good reason why we can embrace a spirit of thankfulness. Our thankfulness is based not on the circumstances but in the truth that our God is good, and his love endures forever (Psalm 118:1). We often hear or may also have uttered this Christian cliché, "God is good all the time; all the time, God is good!" This is a true saying, very sound doctrine. But do we really believe this statement? God is not only good, but he also loves us, and He promised never to leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). Whatever we are going through these days, let us choose to give thanks. As the saying goes, "life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we react to it." Choose thanksgiving not only this November, but all the days of our lives - let our thanksgiving become thanksgiving!

RELEASE OF SHIRTS, CERTIFICATES, ETC.

Due to the sudden closure of schools because of the lock down last March 13, we were not able to give out certificates & medals to students with honors, grad pictures, recital shirts for high school, Bible week shirts for preschool and elementary, etc. The release of these stuff will be by family and by level scheduled as follows:

- High School (November 25 - 27)
- Elementary (December 1 & 2)
- Preschool (December 3 & 4)

The distribution by family is based on the level of the eldest in school. Please call the school nurse (Ms. Sheba or Ms. Honey, 254-6817 local 126 or 136) for appointment (date and time). If pick up is by a guardian or driver, please write an authorization letter and have your representative bring an ID.

SPECIAL ONLINE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We are inviting you to watch our pre-recorded Christmas program on Friday, December 18, 2020. The pre-recorded program will be uploaded for your viewing at 10:00 a.m. Together, let us celebrate the birth of the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS BREAK & REPORT CARDS (DECEMBER 19 - JANUARY 10, 2021)

Second semester classes will start on Monday, January 11, 2021. Classes will still be online distance learning (synchronous and/or asynchronous) as scheduled. Progress Report cards will be emailed to you on Friday, January 15, 2021.

OPERATION ULYSSES

Typhoon Ulysses had rendered many families without shelter, food, clothing - totally helpless and devastated. PCGS family in response to the need is accepting donations (preferably cash, and/or in kind).

- If cash, please email the business manager hazel.timosa@pcgs.edu.ph
- If donating in kind, the following items are preferred: water, canned goods, instant noodles, rice and hygiene kits. Used clothing is NOT allowed according to a DOH advisory. Please drop your donation in school (Junquera Gate).

All donations should be received on or before December 4, 2020. Thank you for your kind heart and generous donations.

IMPORTANT ADVISORY

In case the City of Cebu will revert to an "ECQ" or "MECQ" status, please be advised that online distance learning (ODL) will not be disrupted. Synchronous and asynchronous classes will proceed as usual. Second quarter assessments will also continue under the new schedule (December 14 - 17, 2020).

2ND QUARTER ASSESSMENT (SYNCHRONOUS)

PRESCHOOL

NO written exams for nursery, pre-kinder, and kindergarten. The performance task output that the child will do and submit on December 4 will serve as the second quarter assessment.

ELEMENTARY | LEVEL 1

TIME	DEC. 14 (Mon)	DEC. 15 (Tue)	DEC. 16 (Wed)	DEC. 17 (Thu)
7:50AM - 8:00AM	Settle Down & Checking of Attendance			
8:00AM - 9:00AM	Chinese (Hazel, Cedar, Almond), AP (Pine), Reading (Olive), Language (Palm)	Chinese (Hazel, Cedar, Almond), Bible (Pine), Filipino (Olive), Math (Palm)	Language (Hazel), Math (Cedar), Filipino (Almond), AP (Palm), Science (Olive), Reading (Pine)	Math (Hazel), AP (Cedar), Reading (Almond), Filipino (Pine), Language (Olive), Science (Palm)
9:00AM - 9:15AM	Recess			
9:15AM - 10:15AM	AP (Hazel), Reading (Cedar), Language (Almond), Chinese (Pine, Olive, Palm),	Bible (Hazel), Filipino (Cedar) Math (Almond), Chinese (Pine, Olive, Palm)	Reading (Hazel), Science (Cedar), AP (Almond), Language (Pine), Math (Olive), Filipino (Palm)	Filipino (Hazel), Language (Cedar), Science (Almond), Math (Pine), AP (Olive), Reading (Palm)
10:15AM - 11:00AM	Bible (Cedar, Almond, Olive, Palm)	---	---	---

ELEMENTARY | LEVEL 2

TIME	DEC. 14 (Mon)	DEC. 15 (Tue)	DEC. 16 (Wed)	DEC. 17 (Thu)
7:50AM - 8:00AM	Settle Down & Checking of Attendance			
8:00AM - 9:00AM	Language (Chestnut, Myrtle), Filipino (Cypress, Mulberry), Reading (Fig), Science (Sycamore)	Math (Chestnut, Mulberry), AP (Cypress, Myrtle), Science (Fig), Language (Sycamore)	Chinese (Chestnut, Cypress, Mulberry), AP (Fig), Math (Sycamore), Science (Myrtle)	Chinese (Chestnut, Cypress, Mulberry), Filipino (Fig), Reading (Sycamore, Myrtle)
9:00AM - 9:15AM	Recess			
9:15AM - 10:15AM	Reading (Chestnut), Science (Cypress), Language (Mulberry, Fig), Filipino (Sycamore, Myrtle)	Science (Chestnut), Language (Cypress), AP (Mulberry, Sycamore), Math (Fig, Myrtle)	AP (Chestnut), Math (Cypress), Science (Mulberry), Chinese (Fig, Sycamore, Myrtle)	Filipino (Chestnut), Reading (Cypress, Mulberry), Chinese (Fig, Sycamore, Myrtle)
10:15AM - 11:00AM	---	---	Bible (Chestnut, Fig, Cypress, Sycamore, Mulberry, Myrtle)	---

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MW Batch Shirt | TTH PE Shirt

TIME	DEC. 14 (Mon)	DEC. 15 (Tue)	DEC. 16 (Wed)	DEC. 17 (Thu)
10:30AM - 11:30AM	Chinese (Faith, Joy, Courage, Loyalty)	Chinese (Faith, Joy, Courage, Loyalty)	Chinese (Hope, Peace, Victory, Wisdom)	Chinese (Hope, Peace, Victory, Wisdom)
12:45PM - 2:15PM	Filipino (Faith, Courage), English (Joy, Loyalty)	English (Faith, Courage), AP (Joy, Loyalty)	Math (Faith, Courage), Science (Peace, Wisdom), Filipino (Joy, Loyalty)	AP (Faith, Courage), Science (Hope, Victory), Math (Joy, Loyalty)
2:30PM - 4:00PM	Filipino (Hope, Victory), English (Peace, Wisdom)	English (Hope, Victory), AP (Peace, Wisdom)	Math (Hope, Victory), Science (Joy, Loyalty), Filipino (Peace, Wisdom)	AP (Hope, Victory), Science (Faith, Courage), Math (Peace, Wisdom)

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL | GRADE 11

MW PE Shirt | TTH Batch Shirt

TIME	DEC. 14 (Mon)	DEC. 15 (Tue)	DEC. 16 (Wed)	DEC. 17 (Thu)
8:00AM - 9:30PM	21st Century Literature	Philosophy	Oral Communication	Earth & Life Science
10:00AM - 11:30AM	Business Math, Pre-Calculus	Gen Math	FABM 1, Biology 1	Komunikasyon

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL | GRADE 12

MW PE Shirt | TTH Batch Shirt

TIME	DEC. 14 (Mon)	DEC. 15 (Tue)	DEC. 16 (Wed)	DEC. 17 (Thu)
8:00AM - 9:30PM	Review & Completion Day	Personal Development	Research I	Filipino
10:00AM - 11:30AM	Review & Completion Day	Physics 1	---	Chemistry I