



# Your Weekly News "Paws"

April 26-30, 2010

*The mission of St. Cyprian's Episcopal School is to be a community of learners where students are challenged to achieve their highest academic, spiritual and physical potentials in a Christian setting.*



## HEADS UP BY BRINN WILLIFORD



I was looking at my calendar this morning with shock and disbelief. Can there really be only 24 days of school remaining in this year? That just can't be correct – I have at least 35 days worth of stuff to do before the end of school. Because of the busy-ness that the next five weeks will hold, it seems a good time to give you an overall look at the calendar from now through May 28th:

- April 27-29<sup>th</sup> – TAKS testing for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade
- April 27<sup>th</sup> – 4K to Mrs. Alicia's farm
- April 28<sup>th</sup> – 3K-5K class pictures at the Church
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade is going to Aggieland
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – Impatiens Sale Ends
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – PSIA State competition
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Impatiens delivered
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade is going to the Landfill
- May 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade is going to DC
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – Free Dress Day
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – Thursday - National Day of Prayer  
Family Chapel at the Church
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – Parent Conferences – Student Holiday
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> grade goes to Grapeland Drive Through Safari Ranch
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – "Not So Free" Free Dress Day
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – "Boy Talk" with Dr. Glass
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – Field Day
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – All Library books are due
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – Talent Show at 2:00 in the gym
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science Fair
- May 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math Olympics
- May 27<sup>th</sup> – Pre-K Graduation & Early Dismissal
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – Upper Grade Graduation & Noon Dismissal



This should be a complete list of the big things between now and the end of school, but there may always be some tweaks. Oh, and Archery Camp begins Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>!

Psalm 31:3 – "For You are my rock and my fortress, for Your name's sake You will lead me and guide me."

Brinn Williford, Head of School



## Coat Collection

Over the past few months, we have accumulated a large collection of coats, jackets and sweaters in the office. With the school year winding down, we would like to return them to their rightful owners. We have placed them in the front hallway and ask that parents please stop by and claim their child's items. **Any items that are not claimed by Friday, April 30th will be donated.**

## PSIA State Competition

Trey Hensley, Mattie Wesoloski, Kerstin Andrews, and Garrett Croley will be representing St. Cyprian's School in the PSIA State Competition on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at TCU in Ft. Worth. Good Luck!

## Mother's Day Impatiens Sale

Don't forget to order your New Guinea Impatiens! Order forms are due by this Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. The flowers will be delivered on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, just in time for Mother's Day. Proceeds go to help the fifth graders pay for their upcoming trip to Washington, DC.

## Join Us for Summer Fun at Camp Lion!

Camp Lion registration is going on NOW! The camp will operate from June 7<sup>th</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee is \$35 and the tuition is \$80 per week, which includes breakfast, lunch, and a Camp Lion t-shirt. Sign up now to guarantee your spot!

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***May menu order forms will go home on Tuesday and are due back on Thursday, April 29th.***



## Grade Level News

**3K News:** Bluebonnets, longhorns, armadillos, and cowboys... what do these things bring to mind? Texas, of course! This week in 3K we will talk about our great state and the things that make it special. We will also wrap up our alphabet with the letter Z! Our friends are doing a great job going to big chapel every day. This week's Wednesday chapel will be in the gym due to TAKS testing in the upper grades. And don't forget that our class pictures will be taken on Wednesday right after chapel, so please wear dress uniforms (red tops, blue bottoms) and be on time. If you want to order a class photo, be sure you turn in your order form and payment to your child's teacher.

**4K News:** This week we are going down on the farm!! We will conclude our insect study with a look at which insects might be helpful to farm life. We will begin a study of the animals that live on the farm. We will investigate what type of job they may have as well as what familiar products we can thank our animal friends for giving us. We will be using our animal study in our math and language arts units as well. A kick-off to this study will be a trip to Ms. Alicia's farm. We rescheduled this fun trip to Tuesday, April 27 to hopefully avoid inclement weather. We have finally made it through the alphabet with our letter books!! Z will be our focus this week.

**Kindergarten News:** The "Pet Show" was a huge success! The 30 animals behaved so well and the Pet Posters were awesome! Thank you parents for all your help with our pets. Log on to [www.saintcyprians.org](http://www.saintcyprians.org) to see pictures. This week we will begin our "Seeds, Plants, Trees & Backyard Critters" unit. During our language arts time we will be reading nature books and doing several activities regarding seeds. During science, we will begin our "All About Trees" unit. We will be collecting and documenting information about trees and leaves and putting them in a "Tree" book. During math, we will be wrapping up our addition unit and we will move into subtraction. As always, we will continue to sharpen our reading and writing skills.

**1st Grade News:** Students are taking their final TPRI (Texas Primary Reading Inventory) this week. They have all shown amazing growth. This week we are learning about plants. We will read and learn about plant growth and

different types of plants, flowers, and trees. In math, we will begin working with money. This can be challenging, so be sure to practice counting money at home. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 11th! We will go the Grapeland Drive-Thru Safari Ranch in Grapeland, Texas. It will be a fun and exciting field trip that you won't want to miss.

**2nd Grade:** Second grade is enjoying the novel *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. We are also studying pronouns in English and reviewing sentence structure and punctuation. In science we will be studying about the solar system. We are still trying to master cursive writing and love practicing it every chance we get. In math we will work on fractions and review symmetry. We have especially enjoyed watching our silk worms hatch and the butterflies emerge from the chrysalides. Cheers to Mrs. Ballard for ordering the worms and butterflies for us to watch! Our world is so awesome!!!

**3rd Grade News:** Third graders will take TAKS tests on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast. During the week will study about planets and the solar system in science. We will study about people working together in social studies. The field trip to College Station is Friday. Third grade also has a field trip planned to the SFASU Planetarium and the Arboretum on Friday, May 7.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade News:** Fourth graders take the Math and Reading TAKS tests on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast. Fourth graders will study about forces and motion in science and will continue studying about the famous battles in Texas History. On Friday, third, fourth, and fifth graders are going on a field trip to Bryan. Fourth grade will visit the Angelina County Landfill on May 5.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade News:** Fifth graders will be reviewing for Thursday's Science TAKS Test. Remember, the fourth and fifth grade Science Fair will be May 21. In math, the fifth graders will be studying more on probability. On Friday, third, fourth and fifth grades are going on a field trip to Bryan.