



Principal's Message:

I want to thank you for remembering not to criticize the school or teachers, especially in front of your child. The principles of Matthew 18 are the rule of action in addressing classroom concerns. If you have a classroom concern, first discuss the matter with your child's teacher. Our teachers appreciate your input! If you feel that after talking with the teacher you are still concerned, make arrangements to talk with me. I am always willing to help mediate the problem if you have first talked with the teacher involved.

The relationship between the parent and school is essential to the success of your child in all aspects of his/her school experience. I hope you recognize that failure to maintain a positive working relationship between the school and yourself will have a negative effect on your child. Thank you for your continued efforts to deal with conflict, in the way that Christ has asked us to relate with one another.

*Your partner in Christian education,
Mr. Joe Fralick*

Spring Pictures will be taken on March 5. Grades K-6 may come to school in non-dress code for photo taking only. Grades 7-12 must arrive at school in school dress code, but may change just before being photographed. All students must change into clothes that are compliant with the school dress code policy immediately following their photo shoot. All students will be photographed but there is no obligation to purchase photos. You just need to choose your background. Once you receive your photo packet, you will have the choice to buy some, all, or none of your student(s) pictures. If you choose not to purchase, simply return your child's packet to the office.

Last Friday, **the seniors decided to give the funds raised from their Nacho snack sale for the day to the Dawson family.** The total funds for this fundraiser were \$143. Once again the generosity of our students continues to amaze me!

Congratulations to Jim & Grace Feroli-no! The newest member of their



family, Luke, was born on Tuesday, February 26, weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. What a happy day!

All golfers please save the date for our **annual golf tournament** which will be held on Friday, May 10, 2019 at the Dark Horse Golf Course.

A **March Prayer Calendar** is attached. Thank you for your commitment to praying for our students, their families and our teachers throughout the month of March. Amazing things happen when God's people pray!

The Junior High Music Festival Concert will begin at 6 pm at the Antioch Adventist Church (**2200 Country Hills Drive, Antioch, CA 94509**). For those that are unable to attend, the concert will be livestreamed on YouTube type in the link AntiochAdventistChurch.

PHAA Calendar At-A-Glance

- Mar 1** NCC Band Festival
- Mar 5** Spring Pictures
- Mar 6** 3/4 Exploration Utility Field Trip
- Mar 8** High School Vespers
- Mar 9** JR High Basketball @ PHAA
- Mar 12** 1/2 Field Trip B st Theater in Sacramento
- Mar 13-15** H.S. Quarter Testing
- Mar 14** Kinder Field Trip to Sierra College
- Mar 15** Quarter Ends

Hot Lunch Schedule

Tuesday Taco bell
Sponsored by the Junior class

Wednesday Veggie Dogs \$5
Sponsored by the Sophomore class

Thursday Musical Pizza
Sponsored by the music department

Student art: Eddie Jackson



All Juniors should register for the ACT & SAT test. The registration deadline for the **ACT is March 8, 2019**. The registration deadline for the **SAT is April 5, 2019**. If you have questions contact Mrs. Wareham.

High School Attendance Reminder:

PHAA requires a minimum of 85% attendance per class, per semester in order to receive credit in that class (even if you were receiving an A in the class). This policy relates to total absences, excused and unexcused which is approximately 14 absences per semester for a class that meets five days/week and approximately 7 absences per semester for classes that meet two days per week. Remember three tardies also equals an absence.

What constitutes an excused absence?

- Illness of the student
- Death in the immediate family
- Mandatory Court Appearance
- Unavoidable medical or dental appointment
- A PHAA sponsored trip (These do not count towards the 15% allowed total)

For unexcused absences no make-up work will be allowed.

What constitutes a prearranged absence?

- Two weeks prior to the event a Pre-arranged Absence Form is submitted
- Limited to two events per year
- Limited to five school days total

Make-up work may be required at the discretion of the teacher

We thank you for your continued support as we work collaboratively together to help your child develop good attendance habits.

We are giving you a few extra days! It is time to pre-register for the 2019-20

School Year: You can save \$50 per child if you fill out your intent for re-enrollment for next year and pay a \$100 deposit/child (which will be credited along with a

\$50 bonus to your first month's (August) tuition payment for the 19-20 school year). Your \$100 will multiply into \$150 just by doing the following:

Turn your Intent form to the office by Monday, March 4, 2019

Pay the non-refundable \$100 deposit, which will go towards next year's tuition expenses, by the end of March. Payments can be made on our website via credit card, or can be paid with a check.

Fill out the re-registration paperwork on or before Friday, June 14, 2019 which will be given to you in May.

Getting your paperwork in by March 4, will ensure your child's spot in his/her classroom for next year. It will also help us make plans for future growth. Visitation day brought many families who are interested in sending their child(ren) to our school. They too have been encouraged to submit their application paperwork as soon as possible as there will again be a wait list for grades 1-8 for the 2019-20 school year. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

A special high school RESTPERS is being planned for Friday, March 8

at the Stoke's home. This will be a time for the students to enjoy each other's company, relax and share a meal together as well as play some games and most importantly spend some time in worship to God. The event is from 5:30-8:00. The Stokes live at 1330 Squirrel Creek Place, Auburn, CA 95602. Dinner will be provided.

Everyone who has been a student at Pine Hills before this year has participated in either our Home & School sponsored Jog-A-Thon or Read-A-Thon. This annual spring fundraiser helps to generate funds for a school wide facility improvement project. This year we are planning something different: **A Track & Field Fundraising Event** which will be held on April 19, 2019. Last year \$10,000.00 were raised for the purpose of remodeling our kitchen. This year's Track & Field Event will also be raising funds to help with the same project. Packets of information about this event will be sent home before spring break. We thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser.

Through our **Cafe Press Fundraiser** we have earned \$108.

Because of this Mrs. Kuest was able to buy 10 beautiful new watercolor sets and a pack of 50 paint



brushes for our classrooms to use. She still has \$35 left to go shopping for needed supplies like paper. Thank you so much for supporting our art classes! The fundraiser is ongoing into June. Check in monthly to see new

artwork from your children at <https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com?url=www.cafepress.com%2FPHAAStudentArt&data=02%7C01%7C%7C524ae77897de40e201b508d69da24eda%7C80d52ef2262a438f85a3b6338d2c3a8e%7C0%7C0%7C636869717790310126&data=WWRdnqog%2Bgh87mI3nJztDppC1CMHIF3TMFQuspUtbg%3D&reserved=0>

Thank you for your support of our production of the Music Man.

The ticket sales were up this year by almost 50 tickets from previous years. The cast did an amazing job! The crew also did an extraordinary job. The production couldn't have happened without them! This year's orchestra also did a phenomenal job! The music was great with the execution being point on! What a difference live music makes! The costumes and set also were just perfect! Thanks to all of the countless hours that went into making this year's production a true success! Mrs. Genobaga, once again, helped our students achieve a new level of success! After the last performance, the cast & crew were treated to a River City Ice Cream Social where they could choose Shipooopi Sundaes, Gary Indiana Splits, or Wells Fargo Waffle Cones. Thanks also to the parents that helped to make this a fun and special event! Bottom line...it takes a village and thank you for being a part of it!



***"He gives power to the weak,
And to those who have no
might He increases
strength."*** Isaiah 40:29



Today marks three weeks since Xander arrived at the PICU. Three weeks since the worst day of my life. Three weeks since I watched a

crash team work to resuscitate my lifeless child. Three weeks since our son was put on life support and we were told repeatedly that he was not likely to survive.

A lot can happen in three weeks.

Those three weeks feel like three years in some ways; three hours in others. Xander has come so far and exceeded everyone's expectations for him, but there is still so far to go. We've been running on shock, adrenaline and inertia, which we knew wouldn't last for long.

Sure enough, this week I hit a wall.

Bryan has had to be out of town for the past several days, and I have felt every second of his absence. We draw strength from one another and navigate the day-to-day challenges of PICU life together, and I miss him terribly. Without him here, the burden seems so much greater, and I finally realize just how tired I really am. Fortunately, I am blessed with a wonderful best friend who has stepped in to help, and Xander is happy to get to spend time with his Auntie Coby.

Now that Xander is off of his sedatives, he is restless and uncomfortable, needing my time and attention much more than before. I spend the majority of each day doing physical therapy exercises, rubbing his sore legs, helping him reposition, suctioning his mouth

when he coughs up fluid from his chest, reading and telling him stories to distract him from his pain, trying to get him to take some nourishment, adjusting pillows and blankets, taking care of his skin, and other things to help him be as comfortable and happy as possible. In many ways, it was easier when Xander was sedated and unaware of what was happening around him, in no pain or discomfort, although we are so, so happy he is awake and talking with us now. I could let the nurses do most of those things, but Xander prefers that I do it, and it comforts me as well to be able to meet his needs after many days of wondering if I would ever get to take care of him again. Needless to say, it is exhausting, but it is nothing compared to what Xander is going through, so I absolutely cannot complain.

It is incredible to think about how many people are praying for and taking an interest in our son! Xander is a miracle and his story has touched so many people. He is everyone's little boy now, and we are blessed and honored to share this journey with all of you.

In addition to caring for Xander, keeping up with posting updates, reading and replying to the many texts, emails, social media messages and phone calls I receive each day is sometimes more than I can keep up with, and some of those things fall through the cracks. I'm not always able to prioritize communication the way others would like me to, and for that I am sorry. I have to be available for Xander, make sure I'm able to connect with our other children, and take care of the other responsibilities of our "real life" like paying bills, doing laundry for my husband and I, and hopefully getting a shower and some sleep. We are blessed to have incredibly kind (and brave!) people caring very well for our other sons, which makes it easier to focus on Xander, but we miss them so, so much and worry about making sure they know that they are a priority for us too.

This week, it has been harder than usual for me to keep up, and

I need to ask for some extra patience and grace as I try to catch my breath and keep my head above water. I promise I am doing my best to answer everyone and keep you all updated on Xander's progress.

Thank you so much for understanding.

Xander is in a lot of pain at his chest tube site, which makes it difficult for him to find a comfortable position. He had his TPA today, and it seems to be helping to clear out more fluid and tissue from his lungs. He is off all oxygen and is breathing well, even with dual NG tubes. He is not yet interested in eating, but will drink a little and enjoys crunching on ice chips. We got a visit from Feather the therapy dog, and it is the happiest I have seen Xander since he became sick. He LOVES animals, especially dogs, and can't wait to see Feather again.

He sat up on the edge of his bed again today, which helped get things moving internally. His chest x-ray looked great today, and Dr. Swanson want to get him up and around as soon as possible, so we will begin working on passive standing with a tilt table.

Xander still has his days and nights a bit mixed up, so we are working on keeping him awake and alert during the day so he can sleep at night, although that's not always easy in a hospital.

We are praying specifically that his kidneys and lungs will continue to heal, that he will be able to begin bearing weight on his feet soon, and that we can get him to take in the nourishment he needs to build his strength.

"Thank you" seems so inadequate to express how we feel about each of you and your prayers for Xander. We praise God for the hundreds of new friends we are making around the world, and the many ways He is using this situation to bless and encourage us all.