



**November 2, 2023**

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are already printing our November newsletter and that Thanksgiving is right around the corner. This is always the time for me to reflect on what I appreciate about Phoenix Academy.

There truly is a commitment for a parent to take their child out of their previous school and trust us to help their child gain school success. I understand that process and the sacrifices a parent makes to do this. Thank you for trusting your child with all of us at Phoenix Academy. The teachers and staff at Phoenix Academy have a unique passion and work long hours to do all they can to bridge the gap for our students. I am so proud of their dedication and love watching our students grow in their confidence and skills.

Children who struggle academically need the support of both their parents and teachers as a team. Thank you for meeting with your child's teacher at parent teacher conference time. It was also wonderful to see all the families who were able to turn out for the Halloween parade, Trunk or Treat and weekends building the Spook House.

### **We still need your support.**

1. Communication. Please read the monthly newsletters (sent the first Thursday of the month in backpacks and through email).
2. Attendance. School begins at 8:15 and our intervention classes start at 8:25. Children can't learn if they are not in the classroom. Please call the school if your child will be absent. We are always monitoring for symptoms of Covid, flu, strep etc.
3. Financial support. Only  $\frac{1}{3}$  of our operating expenses are covered through tuition. As a non profit school our major source of funding is direct contributions from donors. We hold only two fundraisers a year, Giving Tuesday, and our Scholarship Luncheon in February. Please spread the word and encourage your employer, family and friends to support us for our two major fundraisers.

**Giving Tuesday this year is on November 28th, 2023. Please support Phoenix Academy on Giving Tuesday and look for our Save the Date card in the mail for our Scholarship Luncheon, February 29, 2024.**

Thank you for sharing your children with us. Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!

Nancy Liebermann

### **Important Dates**

#### **November 13**

Picture retake day

#### **November 20 - 21**

No NorthStar

#### **November 22-27**

No school

#### **November 28**

School resumes at 8:15 am

#### **November 28**

Giving Tuesday

#### **December 6**

Hot Dog Day

#### **December 22 - January 5**

No school, winter break

#### **January 8**

School resumes at 8:15 am

#### **January 10**

Hot dog day

#### **January 15**

No school, MLK Jr Day

# November Birthdays



Patti Clark, born on November 29th was the founder of Phoenix Academy. When Patti saw that children were falling seriously behind in reading, she opened the Phoenix Academy, a non-profit private school, with one student and one teacher. Up until her death in 2008, Patti worked tirelessly to serve students and their families, many of whom felt as if they had nowhere else to turn.



**Kiarra, Nov 1st**



**Miss Sarah, Nov 5th**



**Joe, Nov 9th**



**Jha'Zauri, Nov 11**



**Lydia, Nov 17th**



**Claire, Nov 17th**



**AJ, Nov 22nd**



**Brigg, Nov 23rd**



**Kai, Nov 24th**



**Adriel, Nov 28th**



**Mr. Samuels, Nov 28th**

Not pictured: Max, Nov 8th.

**Jayce Holley-Perry**



**Cohort A**

  
PHOENIX ACADEMY  
**Congratulations to our  
October Students of  
the Month!**

**Joseph Michonski**



**Cohort B**



# News, Events, and Reminders

## Giving Tuesday

Phoenix Academy relies on donations and only has two fundraisers a year. Donations provide scholarships for our students and cover costs associated with a non-for-profit school. Please spread the word and consider donating on Giving Tuesday, November 28th. We love being able to support all children who need it.



## Cold Weather Recess

Students will be required to go outside for short recesses when the "feels like" temperature is above 10°F. Please send your child with appropriate clothing, snow pants and snow boots are optional. Those with medical conditions (sever asthma, broken leg, etc.) will be excluded.

The safety and supervision of the students is our main concern. We will always take this into consideration when making outside recess decisions.

**All clothing needs to be labeled!**

## SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2024 LUNCHEON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

**HILTON OMAHA**

**11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

## Schedule Change

Please note that we have extended Thanksgiving break! We will **not** have school on November 22nd, 23rd, 24th or 27th.

## School Closings

Phoenix Academy generally follows OPS in closing due to inclement weather. If we close, it will be posted on our facebook page and you will be notified via email. Please watch your email and check your local TV stations regarding school closures.

Once students are at school, we will not close. However, parents are free to pick up children early due to weather conditions.

## Practice Spalding at home

Spalding has an app that you can use to help your child at home! This app is available from Apple or Android for \$3.99. We would be happy to assist you if you have any questions. You can check out their website at: <https://spalding.org/spalding-phonograms-app/>



## Open Houses

Omaha Catholic Schools are having their open houses for students grades 5 – 8. They begin this Sunday and run through November 19th. Please refer to the last page of this newsletter for more information.

## Picture Retake Day

On November 13th is picture retake day for any student that missed pictures or would like to retake pictures. It will be considered a "free dress day" for those students. If your student is retaking their photo, they will need to return any pictures already received.

We will have another drawing this month for 3 \$20 Amazon Gift cards! [Click here to sign up](#) or use this QR code. Limited one entry per household. You must sign up before noon on Sunday, November 5th.



*Happy Thanksgiving*



# Fun things happening in Mrs. Scheneman's class



Our theme in Wit and Wisdom this quarter has been "How do books change the lives of people around the world?" One of the books we read was *Green Eggs and Ham*. Trying new things can be scary but you just might be surprised by how good it may be! We all tried green eggs and ham and then graphed the results of who liked it.



The class enjoyed learning, using, and practicing adjectives while eating ice cream!

We had fun when the SKUTT Catholic High School seniors came to help us. We played duck duck goose and they helped us study for our spelling test!







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# OPEN HOUSE

## NOVEMBER 2023



### Creighton Prep

**Open House:**  
November 5th • 11:30-2:00

**Contact:**

Josh Luedtke '90  
Director of Admissions  
jluedtke@creightonprep.org  
402.548.3872



### Duchesne Academy

**Open House:**  
November 5th • 10:00-1:30

**Contact:**

Lauren Mueller A'00  
Admissions Director  
lmuel@duchesneacademy.org  
402.810.9966



### Gross Catholic High School

**Open House:**  
November 12th • 11:00-2:00

**Contact:**

Ryan Larson  
Director of Admissions  
larson@gcgmail.org  
402.734.2000 x126



### Marian High School

**Open House:**  
November 19th • 12:00-2:30

**Contact:**

Katy Core '02  
Director of Recruitment  
kcore@omahamarian.org  
402.934.1065 X1161



### Mercy High School

**Open House:**  
November 5th • 1:00-3:30

**Contact:**

Anne McGill '00  
Director of Admissions  
mcgilla@mercyhigh.org  
402.553.9424



MOUNT MICHAEL  
BENEDICTINE ABBEY

### Mount Michael Benedictine School

**Open House:**  
November 12th • 1:00-4:00

**Contact:**

Danika Kerin  
Director of Enrollment & Marketing  
dkerin@mountmichael.org  
402.238.1457



### Roncalli Catholic High School

**Open House:**  
November 5th • 10:00-1:00

**Contact:**

Matt Rohlfen  
Director of Admissions  
mrohlfen@roncallicatholic.org  
402.571.7670 x103



### Skutt Catholic High School

**Open House:**  
November 12th • 12:00-3:00

**Contact:**

Tim Bloomingdale  
Director of Admissions  
timbloomingdale@skuttatholic.com  
402.934.9085



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