September 2019

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The Aslan Announcer

Grandparents & Senior Pals Day

Our 16th annual Grandparents/Senior Pals Day is right around the corner. On **Friday, September 27**, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., we will celebrate our PCS Grandparents and Senior Pals! This generation can have a powerful impact on our students. We will honor these seniors for their wonderful example and thank them for being involved in the lives of PCS students! The accomplishments and godly character values seen in many of our grandparents and senior pals will be emphasized in classroom activities throughout the week of September 23rd. You are encouraged to invite your child's grandparents, or if your child doesn't have grandparents who are able to attend, you may invite a senior pal or other relative/friend who takes an interest in your child, or come yourself! Invitations have been sent home so they can be mailed or delivered to your grandparents or senior pals.

Our guests will enjoy light refreshments and a brief introduction to our school in the gymnasium, followed by an opportunity to visit the classroom of their special student. This is a wonderful opportunity for your extended family to be involved with Providence Christian School and honor the grandparents and senior pals who play such a vital role in your child's life! Please R.S.V.P. school receptionist, Ellen Walker, at 530.672.6657, if your child will be expecting guests this day, so we may plan accordingly.

We are still in need of volunteers, so if you would like to help set up, clean up, or donate baked goods and/or finger foods for the event, please let Ellen know as soon as possible.

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Do you ever wish a certain verse wasn't in the Bible? There are several verses I would like to remove from my Bible, and 2 Timothy 2:24-25 would be at the top of my list.

"The Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but be gentle; kind to everyone!"

Everyone?

Yes…everyone! And if that's not enough conviction for one day, the text continues to read:

"Apt to teach…"

This seems pretty innocent on the surface but the phrase, "apt to teach" carries the idea of being a learner first; being teachable. It took God many years to chip off those rough edges in me...and He's still chipping away. Looking back, my maverick tendencies and unyielding spirit to authority prevented me from experiencing victory over the next part of Paul's teaching to Timothy: "Patiently enduring evil."

Patiently enduring evil?! I have a hard enough time patiently enduring slow moving traffic, let alone evil! In the Greek this means literally "bearing evil without resentment." Can you understand why I would like to remove this verse from the Bible? I can put up

News and Networking

♦ Jog-a-Thon is Coming!

In order to not overwhelm our families or compete with the now annual PCS Golf Tournament, we have moved the Jog-a-Thon (JAT) to October 25th! It is still going to be the same fun, amazing event that it's always been, it will just now be taking place in the fall. You will be seeing JAT shirt ordering forms coming home this week, as well as the donation envelopes with more information—students will have about a month to raise money, and let's just say, they're going to want to give it their all...the top prizes this year are DISNEYLAND PASSES!! Also, be on the lookout for fliers coming home soon regarding a JAT Carb-Up Pizza Spirit Night Fundraiser Party (whew, that's a mouthful!) on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at the Cameron Park Pizza Factory!

♦ Box Tops

PCS continues to collect General Mills Box Tops, but only for a little bit longer—BoxTops is moving towards a newer, easier method—a Box Tops App! All you'll have to do is download the app, choose out school as your donation choice, and then simply scan your shopping receipts and the app will calculate which items on your receipt are Box Top points eligible, and automatically give credit to our school. These little box tops can really add up to a lot. Last year, we earned over $600! Many thanks to **Rachelle Snead** for all of her hard work volunteering as our Box Tops Coordinator the past few years!

♦ Carpooling

Did you know that we have several carpooling sign-up sheets for several different areas? What a blessing it could be for yourself and other families to share the load of driving to and from school! Please talk to Ellen in the office for more information.

♦ Rugby Tryouts

If your child is interested in the great sport of rugby, come check it out! An exciting fun sport. All ages and experience levels welcome.

Starting this Sunday, there is informal touch rugby on Sundays from 4-6PM (until daylight savings time, then it moves up an hour) at Christa McAuliffe Park in Cameron Park. This is a great way to get started!

Christa McAuliffe Park - 2400 Merrychase Dr, Cameron Park, CA 95682

Please fill out the following waiver: http://bit.ly/4MLRFC, and bring it when you come.

For questions, please contact Tom Fennell at tfennell@gmail.com.

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with evil once in a while, but when it comes my way and makes me miserable, I'm not that enjoyable to be around.

Paul continues his hard-to-swallow teaching, stating: "In humility, correcting those who oppose." I was reminded this week on several fronts that there is a lot of work yet to be done in my life. Change doesn't occur by hoping; it starts by practicing what Paul began with: kindness.

Are you having a hard time swallowing your pride these days? Practicing kindness may just be the honey that helps the medicine go down.

Making ready a people prepared for the Lord, Mark Hamby

When You Least Expect It is a gripping story of what it means to practice kindness when patiently enduring evil.

From Our Staff

Field Trip Drivers

It is now preferred that a parent or guardian attend all field trips with their student unless prior arrangements have been made and an additional form (available in the office) has been turned in. This form gives your parental permission to the person with whom your student will be riding with (if they do not already have a background check on file with PCS), releasing PCS of all liability. Otherwise, students will be assigned to other parent drivers with background checks on file.

If you plan to drive on field trips this year, you are encouraged to submit copies of your driving record, current driver's license, and current auto insurance now, in preparation for the year's upcoming trips. Don't forget that if you would like to drive a child other than your own, we will also need a background check on file for you.

You may request your record online (no waiting in line!) from the DMV. For convenience, we have a direct link to the DMV record request page on our website www.providence-christian.org.

Once on the site, click on *Resources*; *Downloadable Forms*; then *DMV Online Record Request*. Your driver record is valid for 12 months from the date issued (there is a small fee associated with generating the report).

Please submit all of the required field trip documents to Ellen Walker in the front office.

School Safety

A message from Mrs. Gilbertson

- **Pickup and drop off**

As we begin a new and exciting school year, it is important to visit some safety issues regarding student drop-off and pick-up procedures.

Drop-off: The lower driveway drop-off zone has been designed to assist with safety, with directional cones and barricades, and we ask that you please stay within their boundaries. We ask that parents please pull to the curb area within the designated drop-off zone, place your vehicle in "park," and wait for a PCS staff member to assist your child(ren) from the vehicle before placing the vehicle back into gear. *Please note the campus speed limit is five miles per hour.*

Pick-up: As always, you may pick up your child(ren) in the office before the students go out for the pick-up line. However, once the students have gone outside into the pick-up area, you may only pick them up by driving through the pick-up line or waiting down in the Extended Day/lunch table area until the students are brought down for Extended Day check-in. **For the safety of you and your child, please remain in your vehicle - you may not walk through the cars in the pick-up lines.**

The pick-up area has been designed to accommodate two lanes for student pick-up. We ask that parents please pull forward to the pick-up area and place your vehicle in "park." One of the staff members will confirm with you which student(s) you are picking up, and will then bring the child-(ren) to your vehicle. In the interest of safety, please *do not pass* any vehicles in the pick-up area (unless directed to do so by a PCS staff member).

Please refrain from making phone calls or sending text messages while waiting in the pick-up area.

We also ask that you do not use the Sports Club Drive as an entrance or the exit at any time, and for your safety and the safety of others, there should be no U-turns around the cones at any time.

We understand that drop-off and pick-up times can be hectic when added to already busy daily schedules. We know your child's welfare is of utmost importance to you, as it is to us, so we appreciate your cooperation and your patience. We look forward to a safe and enjoyable school year! If there are questions or concerns about the drop-off or pick-up procedures, please feel free to contact me, 530.672.6657.

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Office Hours:

8:45 a.m.—3:15 p.m.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Visit our website* Event Calendar *for the most up-to-date schedule!

SEPTEMBER

- September 24: PCS Board Meeting, 3:30pm
- September 27: Senior Pal Day, 10:00am
- September 27: Minimum Day, 12 Noon Release

OCTOBER

- October 4: PCS Family All School BBQ & Potluck, 6pm
- October 10: Kindergarten Field Trip to Abel's Acres
- October 11: 3rd Grade Field Trip to Taylor Creek Visitors Center, 8:30am—3:00pm
- October 22: PCS Board Meeting, 3:30pm
- October 23: JAT Spirit Night at Pizza Factory in CP, 4pm—8pm
- October 25: Jog-a-Thon and Luncheon, 9am—1pm, with a 1pm early dismissal