

# The Pathfinder

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.  
Psalm 119:105

**Nurture - Develop - Educate**

## Principal's Message

### Returning to School



It is very exciting that we are less than 1 month away from starting school again. It seems like forever since our students were in the building and learning with their teachers. In fact, it will be 165 days or five and a half months since the last official school day for our students in the building. After talking with our teachers, they are completely ready to start teaching here at school again. God calls some people to be teachers (Ephesians 4:11) and they are completely ready to go.

Our theme verse for this school year is, "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" (II Timothy 1:7). Lord willing we are planning to start school back in the school building on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. As II Timothy 1:7 discusses, we as Christians do not live in fear, but we do want to take precautions to keep our staff and students safe and our doors open. This year school may look differently than in the past, but at least for now it will be our new "normal". Some of the precautions that we will be doing at the start of the school year include: having hand sanitizers located strategically throughout the building, using disinfecting wipes on door handles, light switches, desks, and common areas throughout the day, maintaining physical distancing when possible, and daily screenings on everyone that enters the building. Please visit our website for our entire Covid-19 plan. We know this plan is not perfect and may be subject to change, but we are striving to maintain safety for our staff, students, and the society at whole. Remember that God is a God of order (I Corinthians 14:33) and His ways our higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:8-9) and throughout this entire time away from school, hopefully we have all learned to trust God even more today than we did yesterday and especially back in March (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Finally, I know that some parents are completely ready for their students to start back to school later this month and some parents may still be a little hesitant and that is okay. I understand why some parents might feel a little hesitant, but I want you to know that we will strive to work together to keep your student(s) safe while at our school. I ask for all society to be praying for our students, staff, volunteers, and parents to help our students and staff stay safe and keeping our parents minds at rest. Isaiah 26:3 says, "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."

Thank you for your continued support,  
Jeremy Copenhaver

# Peoria Christian School Board News

## School Board Meeting: July 6, 2020

The Board sang from Psalter Hymnal 315. President Adam Fynaardt read from Isaiah 53:5 and opened with prayer. All members were present except Nick De Haan with notice.

Minutes of the June Board Meeting were read and approved.

- ✚ No members visited school during the past month.
- ✚ Approved motions from Ed Committee:
  - 2020-2021 field trip list.
  - Pastor Dale Slings added as a chapel speaker.
  - The purchase of new Kindergarten curriculum for 2 subjects.
- ✚ From the Finance Committee, a motion to accept the finalized budget for 2020-2021 was approved.
- ✚ From the Building Committee, new AC units have been installed for the office area.
- ✚ From the Building Committee, the gym will be closed starting July 20th for floor maintenance.
- ✚ From the Building Committee, the school's floor maintenance will start shortly after All School Cleaning on July 9th.
- ✚ From the Tech Committee, 5 new iPads have been purchased so we have enough for each K-2 student to take the MAP Test assessments.
- ✚ From the Tech Committee, new laptops have been ordered for the principal, teachers, and secretary.
- ✚ A Covid-19 plan was finalized and approved for use in case the virus comes back during the 2020-2021 school year. This plan will be communicated during the society meeting.

Next meeting: Monday, August 3rd, 7:00PM.  
Jayme Veenstra closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Van Der Hart, acting Secretary in Nick's absence

## School Board Meeting: August 3, 2020

The Board sang from PH249. President Adam Fynaardt read from Romans 15:13 and opened with prayer. All members were present with the exception of Eric Fynaardt with notice.

Minutes of the July Board Meeting were read and approved.

- ✚ Due to the cancelation of the Heartland Christian Educators' Convention, the Education Committee recommended adding the afternoon of September 30 and the full day of October 1 to the schedule for class instruction. October 2 will be used for teacher professional development. The motion carried.
- ✚ The Education Committee recommended approval of the facilitator list and the substitute teacher list. The motion carried.
- ✚ The Building Committee reported that the gym and classrooms have been waxed, and the hallways will be done next week.
- ✚ Election of new school board members
  - President – Adam Fynaardt
  - Vice President – Glenn Meinders
  - Secretary – Spencer Fynaardt
  - Treasurer – Eric Fynaardt
  - Promotions – Mark Franje
  - Endowment – Mike Vander Hart
  - Building – Jeff Vander Molen
  - Bus – Dan Hol
  - Tech / Athletic – Kevin Van Der Hart
- ✚ A list of names from the society for each committee to replace outgoing members was created and approved.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM  
Kevin Van Der Hart closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Spencer Fynaardt, Secretary



## A Note from Music

During the month of July:

- ✚ Congratulations to Mrs. Ansley and family for the healthy, safe arrival of Emmaline Grace on July 22! All are doing well. Praise God!
- ✚ Mrs. Ansley is planning to return to teaching on September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ✚ Mrs. Vos will be our temporary Music teacher.
- ✚ Mrs. Myrna Fynaardt will be our temporary Band teacher.
- ✚ Soli Deo Gloria



WHAT'S  
**EVENTS**  
 HAPPENING

**MRS. AMBER  
 FYNAARDT**

We would like to welcome Mrs. Amber Fynaardt to our school family. She is our newest part-time teacher. She will be working 4 days a week (Monday - Thursday) in the afternoons and will be our IXL/Resource Room teacher. Please take a moment to welcome her to our school society and remember to pray for her as she starts a new job!



**SPANISH**

We are still in search of a part-time Spanish teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact Jeremy Copenhaver ([principal@peoriachr.org](mailto:principal@peoriachr.org)) regarding this position, if you are interested or know someone who is. Please be praying as we look to fill this position.



**PCS WISH LIST**

Are you looking for a different way to help support our school? The PCS Wish List is a list of school supplies that we need. You may purchase the items and then donate them to the school. All donations may be dropped off at the school office. This month we are requesting donations of these items:

- ~Hand Sanitizer
- ~Sanitizing Wipes or Spray
- ~Standard Postage Forever Stamps
- ~Letter Sized Laminating Pouches (3 mil)



# WHAT'S EVENTS HAPPENING

## KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

Congrats to our two Kindergarten Graduates:

Josiah Copenhaver  
Hannah Den Oudsten

We will be having a short kindergarten graduation for our two graduates during Back to School Night. Please make sure to congratulate our two kinder students and pray for them as they will be going into 1<sup>st</sup> grade and going to school all five days of the week.



## SUMMER SESSION

We were able to have 26 students attend summer session during the month of June. It was a huge praise to have that opportunity to allow our students some time to see their friends and have some Bible, Math, and Reading time. We want to say a big "Thank You!" to everyone that made Summer Session possible:

Nikki Hol, Teresa Van Wyk, Myrna Fynaardt, Krista Klaasen, Karina De Zwarte, Al Bandstra, Erin Fynaardt, Alexa Klaasen, Ella Van Der Hart, Ethan Hol

Finally, please make sure to check out some of the pictures on Facebook from Summer Session.

## 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE GRADUATION

Congrats to our five 8th grade graduates:

Taylor Klyn  
Ella Van Der Hart  
Calleigh Vander Wilt  
Caitlin Veenstra  
Grace Ver Meer

Thank you to all that came and supported our 5 graduates at our 8th grade graduation. Please remember to pray for them and their families as they get ready to enter high school. Finally, if you were not able to make graduation, please check it out on our Facebook page in its entirety.

## WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

Please make sure to visit our website and Facebook page to keep connected and up-to-date on what is happening in our school. We are excited to share what Christ is doing in the lives of our children and staff! Check it out!

<http://www.peoriachr.org/>  
<http://www.peoriachr.org/events/>



# WHAT'S EVENTS HAPPENING



## FREE BOOKS

1 Box = 1 Free Book to Keep or Donate

Kellogg's Feeding Reading program is offering one free book for every one box of participating Kellogg products purchased. You can either keep the book or consider donating it to the school library! You can choose from 125 titles for all different reading levels. For more information please visit the website listed below:

[https://www.kelloggsfamilyrewards.com/en\\_US/promotions/feeding-reading-national.html](https://www.kelloggsfamilyrewards.com/en_US/promotions/feeding-reading-national.html)

## TRACTOR RIDE

The 2020 Peoria School Circle tractor ride will be Saturday, August 22, and start at the school. Registration for the ride will be \$35. There will be a wagon for those who would like to ride along but don't have a tractor handy. We will have coffee and donuts during registration from 8:00 to 8:30 AM. At 8:30 AM the tractors will head to New Sharon and then back to Peoria around 12:00 to 12:30 PM for a freewill donation lunch of burgers, sides, pie, and ice cream. Even if you don't have a tractor feel free to join us for lunch and to check out the old iron! For more info please contact Ruth De Bruin at [ruthandebruin@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthandebruin@yahoo.com) or 641-204-1855.

## BAZAAR

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." ~Isaiah 40:8

**Save the Date...**  
**Friday, November 13, 2020, for  
the Peoria Christian School  
Bazaar!**

Please be thinking of ways you can help and also what you can donate to make this fundraiser successful. We greatly appreciate all your help as we strive to support Peoria Christian School. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Ver Meer or Heidi Van Wyk.

## CALENDER CHANGES

Please be aware that due to COVID-19 our calendar may be subject to change. We ask that you be understanding and willing to go with the flow. Listed below are already two changes to be noted:

**Culver's Night:** We are still hoping to hold this fundraiser but not on the original date listed in August. We will let you know as soon as possible the new date for this event.

**Heartland Conference:** Sadly, this teacher conference has been cancelled. September 30<sup>th</sup> will now be an ALL DAY school day as well as October 1<sup>st</sup>, but October 2<sup>nd</sup> will stay a professional development day. So only October 2<sup>nd</sup> will remain a NO SCHOOL day.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility during these strange days of pandemic.



SCHOOL



CALENDAR

AUGUST	
August 12	6:30 PM Pre-K & Kindergarten Parents Meeting
August 15	7 AM Prayer Walk
August 20-21 & 24	Staff In-Service
August 22	8 AM Peoria Tractor Ride ~ 12 PM Lunch
August 24	6 PM Back to School Night & Kinder Graduation
August 25	First Day of School
August 25	8:30 AM Chapel at the church ~ Pastor George Den Oudsten (Peoria CRC)
August 31	Fall MAP Testing
August 31	<del>Culver's Night</del> Postponed ~ Stay Tuned
SEPTEMBER	
September 1-4	Fall MAP Testing
September 4	TRIP Orders Due
September 7	NO SCHOOL ~ Labor Day
September 9	2:35PM Dismissal ~ Staff In-Service
September 18	All School Picnic & Biking Field Trip

### PATHFINDER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline to enter items in the monthly Pathfinder:  
 Email [office@peoriachr.org](mailto:office@peoriachr.org) by the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month to ensure making it in the Pathfinder for that month.

Deadline to make sure items are in the weekly email:  
 Email [principal@peoriachr.org](mailto:principal@peoriachr.org) by Tuesday of every week.

### HOPE UNITED FUND UPDATE

We rejoice in the generosity of faithful donors who have given over \$45,000 to the Hope United Fund so far. The money raised through Hope United is designated to help students and families of Southeast Central Iowa Christian Schools who have financial hardships due to Covid-19, to make it possible for these students to continue their Christian Education. By supporting this fund, you are giving families hope and uniting together in the advancement of Christian Education in South Central Iowa.

Please consider supporting the Hope United Fund financially. We appreciate your prayers for our schools and the students and families who have invested in a Christ-centered education for their child(ren).

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/HopeUnitedFund> for donation details. As a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, your donation is tax deductible. Donations can be designated for a particular school(s) or divided among participating Christian Schools including: Central Iowa Christian School in Grinnell, Newton Christian School, Oskaloosa Christian School, Ottumwa Christian School, Pella Christian Grade School, Pella Christian High School, Peoria Christian School, Sully Christian School and Timothy Christian School in Wellsburg.

Update from: Teresa Ulferts



# Simply the Right Way to Fundraise



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Shop gift cards from more than 750 top brands—right from your phone. Whether you're at home or at the store. Get started with on-the-go fundraising that creates opportunities for the people that matter most to you.

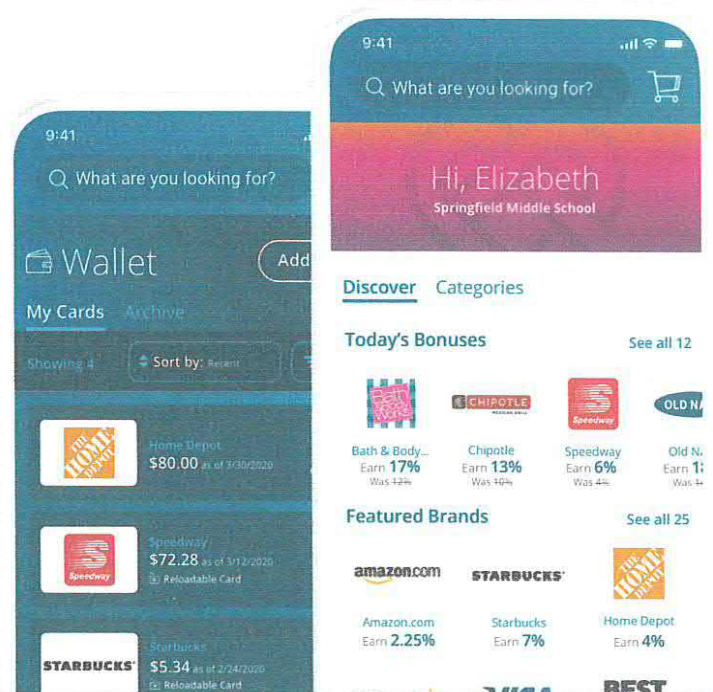
Narrow your search with categories that fit your everyday shopping needs

Discover new earning opportunities every day

Easily browse brands offering bonus earnings

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Manage your gift cards in one place: your Wallet



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- Use the same sign-in information
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## RaiseRight mobile app FAQs

### What makes the app a better way to earn?

- It's easy to find, download, and use on-the-go. No more explaining, just tell people to go to the App Store.
- Use your same ShopWithScrip sign-in information and all of your information is already there.
- Easily browse brands offering bonus earnings and know when the offer ends.
- Easier login with biometrics.
- More robust search capability that gets you to the brand you want, faster.
- Gift cards and payment information automatically transfer to the app.
- Discover new earning opportunities every day.
- Add brands you love to your Favorites for faster shopping.
- Manage your gift cards in one place: your Wallet. Track balance, access your gift card even when you're offline, and more.

### Is there a fee to use the app?

No. It's free to download right from the app store, for both Apple/iOS and Android/Google.

### Why is there a new name for the mobile app?

A mobile app was the #1 request from our families, along with a name that better describes what we offer, something easier than "Scrip." The name RaiseRight is clear, simple, and says what it delivers—it's simply the right way to fundraise. And it's easy to make it personal when promoting to your organization. RaiseRight – simply the right way to fundraise for <insert your organization name here>. For promoting, we have also maintained a connection through the RaiseRight by ShopWithScrip logo that can be used in all of your communications.

### Can I still use MyScripWallet.com?

For now, yes. The RaiseRight app will replace MyScripWallet.com later this year because the app is a better experience and easier to use. You'll receive updates when the date gets closer so you have time to prepare. All of your information in MyScripWallet is in the app, just download and use.

### Can I continue to use ShopWithScrip.com?

Yes. Your sign-in and account information are the same for ShopWithScrip.com and our mobile app, RaiseRight. You can use both—choose the most convenient one in the moment. Remember, you get exclusive earning opportunities in the app.