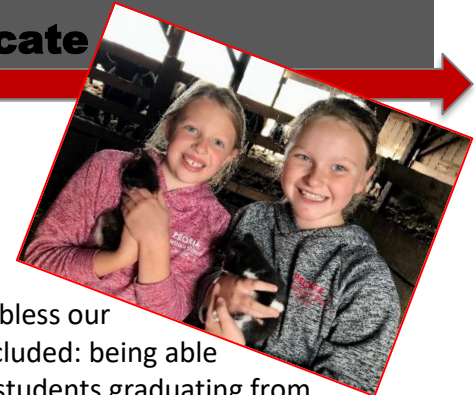


The Pathfinder

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

Nurture - Develop - Educate



Principal's Message Transition over the Summer

The summer is a time to reflect upon the past year, focus on the present, and then plan for the upcoming school year.

Reflection: This past year we had many reasons to celebrate how God continues to bless our school. Some of the blessings that God had continued to bestow upon our school included: being able to meet in person for an entire school year, 7 students graduating from 8th grade, 5 students graduating from kindergarten, being able to go on field trips this past year including the Ark and Creation Museum, and students continuing to learn from a Reformed Christian perspective on an everyday basis. Psalm 103:2 says, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." So, we definitely want to take time to thank God for His continued blessings on our school.

This past year came with its challenges though too. Some of those challenges included: transition from at home learning and trying to catch up our students academically from being without school in person for 165 days and trying to navigate uncharted territories due to Covid-19. Our theme verse from this past year was from II Timothy 1:7 which says, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control." Philippians 4:6-7 says, "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." These are great reminders of God's faithfulness even during a pandemic. Being in Christian education, we were able to remind our students of this every day even during such times of uncertainty. Even though we are reminded that God will be with us and of His faithfulness, God also wants us to learn from our challenges. Proverbs 24:16 says, "for the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of calamity." So, when challenges come our way, it is such a comfort that God will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5), we are reminded in His Word of His faithfulness, and ultimately our challenges can produce steadfastness (James 1:2-4).

Present: This summer, please remember to pray for our staff and students. Especially pray for them to make some fun memories with friends and family, get some much-needed rest, but to also remember to be focusing on God's Word, which ultimately is how each staff and student will be refreshed (Matthew 11:28-30).

Plans for the upcoming school year: After time to reflect and give God praise on the last school year, rest in the Lord, then we start planning for a new school year. Proverbs 16:3 says, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish...". Psalm 20:4 says, "May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." Finally, please remember to pray as we plan and prepare, Lord willing, for another school year.

Thank you for your continued support,
Jeremy Copenhaver

Peoria Christian School Board News

School Board Meeting: June 7, 2021

The Board sang from PH291. President Adam Fynaardt read from 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 and opened with prayer. All members were present except Jeff Vander Molen, who was absent with notice.

Minutes of the May Board Meeting were read and approved.

The Education Committee updated the board on the status of the open 1st/2nd grade teaching position.

From the Education Committee, the board reviewed the school's IXL growth from the past school year.

From the Finance Committee, the June drive list was handed out to the board members.

From the Finance Committee, the Board approved the proposed 2021-2022 budget.

The board approved names for auditors of both the general fund and endowment fund books.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 6th, 7:00PM.
Spencer Fynaardt closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Spencer Fynaardt, Secretary



PATHFINDER
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WHAT'S
EVENTS
HAPPENING



Class of 2021
8th Grade
Graduates

Left to Right: Jadyne Klaasen, Rebecca De Haan, Abby Hol, Evan Tschetter, Jocelyn Veenstra, Aaron Meinders, Aly De Bruin

PEORIA
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TRACTOR RIDE

Peoria Christian's Annual Tractor Ride will be held on Saturday, June 19. Registration starts at 8:00 AM, driver's meeting at 8:20 AM, and the tractors will roll out at 8:30 AM. Cost is \$35 per tractor, and there will be a wagon to ride in for kids. There is no cost to ride in the wagon but participants must sign a waiver. The route will start at the school, go to Pella where we will have a break, head north out of town to Galesburg, go through Galesburg and then to Sully where we will have another break, and finally back to school. Everyone is welcome to the freewill donation lunch starting at 12:00 PM with the tractors arriving back at school around 12:30 PM. Contact Ruth De Bruin at 641-204-1855 or Pam Klyn at 641-780-2028, with any questions.

1ST/2ND GRADE
TEACHER

We are looking for a 1st/2nd grade teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Please be praying that we fill this position. Anyone interested in this position, should contact Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org) for more details.

AMAZON PRIME DAY

Get ready for Amazon Prime Day on June 20 & 21. Sign up for AmazonSmile and select Peoria Christian School as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/42-0761084. Remember to shop for deals at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to the school at no cost to you.

WHAT'S
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 HAPPENING



Kindergarten Graduates

Left to Right: Logan Roos, Jacob Meinders, Eleanor Fynaardt, Christian Dunsburgen, Josiah Anum-Higher

IXL

This fall, we plan to use IXL again. Each student has academic levels in Reading and Math specific to help personalize his/her learning; however, each student needs to spend time on IXL to keep the levels up to date and help our teachers at the start of the new school year. We are asking for your help by having your student(s) read books at home and spending time in the diagnostic arena over the summer. This will help students grow academically and keep their IXL levels up to date. Check the list below to see how much time your student(s) should spend each week in the Diagnostic arena:

- K-2nd grade – 5 minutes per week
- 3rd/4th grade – 10 minutes per week
- 5th/6th grade – 15 minutes per week
- 7th/8th grade – 20 minutes per week

Thank you very much for helping our students keep updated on their specific academic levels in IXL.

**REGISTRATION
& SOCIETY
MEETING**

Registration and Society Meeting will be held on Monday, July 26. Registration will begin at 6:00 PM in the school. Society Meeting will begin at 7:00 PM at Peoria CRC. All members of the Peoria Christian School Society are encouraged to attend. New board members will be elected, budget for the 21/22 school year approved, and reports on the 20/21 school year will be given.



WHAT'S EVENTS HAPPENING



YEAR-ROUND FUNDRAISERS

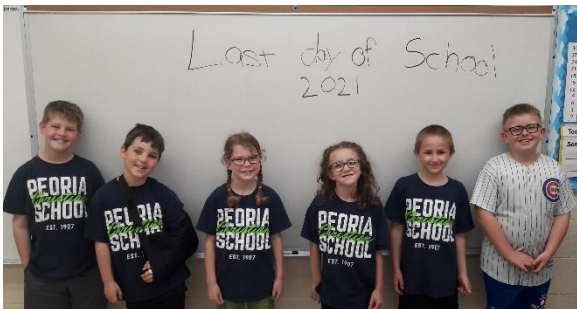
Did you know that we have several ways you can support the school through out the year? Listed below are different ways you can support Peoria Christian School simply through your everyday living and purchases:

- Bredeaux Pizza: Collect the Proof of Purchase labels off the pizza box.
- Box Tops: Scan receipts for Proof of Purchase and /or collect Proof of Purchase labels. \$98 was raised this year.
- Amazon Smile: Make Peoria Christian School your charity of choice for Amazon purchases. \$121.96 was raised this year.
- Coke Points: Collect bottle tops and labels inside packaging. \$25.55 was raised this year.
- TRIP: Even if you don't have a student in school, you can order gift cards and donate proceeds to the school. Our participating families will share a total of \$2,752.97 off of their tuition next year.
- Ink Cartridges: Save empty ink cartridges and bring them to school.
- Casey's Rewards: Sign up and designate Peoria Christian School to receive your points. \$17.20 was raised this year.

These fundraisers have raised a minimum of \$3,015.68 to benefit our families and our school this year. If you have questions, please contact the school at office@peoriachr.org or 641-625-4131.

PRAYER WALK & SCHOOL PICNIC

Save August 21 for our beginning of the school year Prayer Walk and School Picnic. The Prayer Walk will begin at 4:30 PM in the gym with the School Picnic to follow. Check the August Pathfinder for more details.





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June	
June 19	Tractor Ride
June 25	Leighton 4 th of July Parade
July	
July 5	Pella 4 th of July Parade
July 26	Registration & Society Meeting
August	
August 18-20	Staff In-Service
August 19	5:30PM School Circle Meeting
August 21	4PM Prayer Walk, 5:30pm School Picnic
August 23	Staff In-Service
August 23	Back to School Night
August 24	First Day of School, 8:30AM Chapel at Peoria CRC
August 30-September 3	Fall Map Testing

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:

- ~ Ziploc Bags of Any Size
- ~ Sidewalk Chalk
- ~ Black Sharpie Markers

