



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

Are you smarter than a Peoria Student?

How many times have you asked your child, "What did you learn today at school"? I am sure on one or two occasions you heard, "I don't know", "I don't remember", or "ask my brother". Wouldn't it be wonderful if they responded, "Today, I learned how God has a covenant with air"? I can't say for sure what each one of your students will say when they come home, but I wanted to include some questions that you could ask them when they come home from school:



Questions for Math:

- Describe God's covenant with polygons
- Describe God's covenant when finding the area of a triangle
- Describe God's order and relationship between adding and subtracting
- Describe God's order when identifying integers

Questions for Reading/writing:

- Describe an example of a simile in the Bible
- Describe God's order when reading a book
- Describe why God wants us to learn and include correct punctuation in our writing
- Describe the order God wants us to use when writing an essay

Questions for Science:

- Describe God's covenant with gravity
- Describe God's covenant with earth
- Describe the process of how God sends rain to the earth
- Describe the covenant God has with the seasons



Questions for History:

- According to God, describe when history began
- Describe the importance of "under God" in the pledge of Allegiance
- Convey how the events during and after the flood affected future events in history
- Explain why different religions exist worldwide

These are just a few of the examples of the types of questions and objectives that we are trying to focus on asking your students this year. We also try to focus on each student answering these types of questions from a Biblical perspective. I challenge you to see how many of these questions you can answer from a Biblical perspective.

Thank you for your continued support and God bless,
 Jeremy Copenhaver

Peoria Christian School Board News

School Board Meeting: October 4, 2021

The Board sang from Psalter Hymnal 436. President Spencer Fynaardt read from Philippians 2:1-7 and opened with prayer. All members were present except Drew Van Wyk with notice.

Minutes of the September Board Meeting were read and approved.

- Dennis Veenstra and Glenn Meinders reported on their school visits and had positive reports.
- From the Ed Committee, a motion was brought to accept the Christmas Program suggested by Mrs. Ansley. Motion passed.
- From the Ed Committee, 7 teachers will be attending the Heartland Conference later this week.
- From Mr. Copenhaver, Mary Patterson with CSI will be stopping for a short visit on October 15th. Mr. Copenhaver and Kevin Van Der Hart plan to meet with her.
- From Mr. Copenhaver, the annual IACS conference is also on October 15th. Glenn Meinders is planning to attend.
- From Mr. Copenhaver, Peoria Christian is signed up to attend a job fair at Trinity College in Illinois to meet with upcoming graduates.
- From Mr. Copenhaver, Mrs. De Zwarte has given her official notice that she does not intend to return to teaching full time for the 2022-2023 school year. The Board extends their congratulations to the De Zwarte's on the announcement of the Lord blessing them with the gift of their expected child.

- From STO, a positive report was given on the latest Legacy of Grace STO meeting.
- From the Bus Committee, a discussion was had on the latest Bus Inspection report.

Next meeting: Monday, November 1st, 7:00PM.

Glenn Meinders closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Van Der Hart, Secretary

PEORIA CHRISTIAN YOU TUBE CHANNEL

Did you know that Peoria Christian School has a You Tube Channel? There are several videos already available for viewing including 8th Grade Graduation and Dr. Jason Lisle's presentation from last spring. The most recent video is "The Theology of Christian Education" by Mr. Al Bandstra. Please subscribe to our channel and you will receive updates when new videos are shared. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCySQTq4iS70579s6eeMEHuA>.



A Note from Music

Students in grades 5th-8th have been working on 4 pieces for the Fall Festival Concert on November 11 and will soon be adding a 5th song. They have also learned a cup game to play along with The Stars and Stripes. The Kindergarten class has been focusing on finding their different voices and learning more fun Bible songs. First and second is learning to read la, so, and mi notes in music. The third and fourth graders are learning to sing at different tempos.

Soli Deo Gloria- Mrs. Ansley

Pre-K & Kinder

We have had a great start to our year in PreK and Kindergarten. We have gotten into routines, learned schedules, and are learning the ability to be flexible because things may change. A highlight from the past month was our field trip to Camp Creation with grades 1-4. We had a great day learning about and enjoying God's creation. When asked what their favorite part was, the students had a hard time choosing. It was decided that they enjoyed everything we did and didn't have a favorite part.

~Mrs. Klaasen

Classroom Updates



1st & 2nd

The 1st and 2nd graders are diving into a new realm of technology this year. With the brand new Touchboard in our classroom, we have changed many of our "hands-on" bulletin boards to electronic bulletin boards that we can make changes to everyday. The students also each have a copy of the bulletin board on their iPads to change each day as well. The picture shows Bella using her iPad to update her calendar as we do Saxon Math Meeting Board on the classroom Touchboard. ~Mrs. Vos



3rd & 4th

In September, our class went to Camp Creation for our first field trip. It was a beautiful day to spend outside and learn about the days of creation. Here is what the students had to say about that day:

They have a really fun nature trail that you can walk on. It's a really long hike. It might be tiring, but it's fun to see if there are any deer prints and look at the different colored fungus growing. There are rotations and different activities at each station. It's fun and you can learn a lot of things. You can see God's creation and all He made and all He did. There's also a fun hayride and you get to see all the cool animals that are in Iowa. There is Dino Alley where you can make stuff and do stuff about dinosaurs. We learned a lot about God there. ~ Miss Taft



7th & 8th

In 7th and 8th grade literature, we are reading *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson. We are enjoying the adventures of Jim Hawkins and Long John Silver. We think Mrs. V.W. deserves a reward for how much she does to keep us interested. First, she gave us a modified version of grog and regular Pirate's Booty (popcorn). Second, she is letting us listen to the book on audio. We are enjoying this book about treasure, but we know where our true treasure lies. "For where your treasure is there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). ~ Submitted by Mack Veenstra, 8th Grade



We had a blast when we went pumpkin picking, but it was hard work though. We felt like we were playing hide and seek with the pumpkins because they were good at hiding. We also made an alliteration while we were there. The Pleasant Peoria Pumpkin Pickers Picked a Plunderous Pile of Pumpkins at the Pumpkin Patch. Try saying that five times fast! We found quite a few small pumpkins and a lot of big ones. Thankfully, it was Maria's birthday that day so we got treats while we had our break when we were half way done. In case you are wondering, she brought cookies and Sprite. Then we picked the rest of the pumpkins, and got rid of most of the vines. Then for lunch we had turkey and ham sandwiches, and drinks of Pepsi, water, and Powerade. Overall, we had a fun day. We got to take some watermelon to our houses as well. This was a fundraiser for the seventh and eighth grade class. ~ Submitted by Macy Van Der Hart, 7th Grade



5th & 6th

The fifth and sixth graders just finished their "Munching Minerals" research project. They worked in groups to research a mineral that we consume. As they researched, they looked for how much is required for adults and kids, where the mineral is found, and what foods contain this mineral. Most importantly, they learned how God created our bodies to use minerals. ~Mrs. De Zwarte

Classroom Updates



Spanish

Enjoy reading what each grade has been focusing on this month!

1st Grade: Mexico: The first graders were introduced to their first Spanish speaking country. Each time we learn about a country, we spend time praying over the people of that country.

2nd Grade: Sports: Can your child name a sport he or she enjoys playing or watching?

3rd Grade: Months: Ask your child if he or she can name the months that make up fall.

4th Grade: Clothing: Ask your child to name an item of clothing he or she is wearing.

5th Grade: Numbers: How high can your child count in Spanish?

6th Grade: Time: Ask your child to name what hour it is in Spanish.

7th/8th Grade: Conjugating AR verbs: Have your child name the endings for AR verbs.

~ Mrs. McConnell

WHAT'S EVENTS HAPPENING



FAMILY EYE CARE

There is still time to contact Stacie Fynaardt at the Family Eye Care Center for the \$100 donation towards your student's tuition. You must contact the Family Eye Care Center no later than October 13th. Even if you do not plan to use the \$100 donation for your tuition, there are other options for this \$100 to still go towards our school. Please do not miss out on this amazing opportunity. Please contact Stacie Fynaardt or visit her at the Family Eye Care Center.

KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

Starting Monday, October 18 the Kindergarten students will add Monday to their weekly schedule. Please remember to pray for our kindergarten students and Mrs. Klaasen as they transition from 3 days a week to 4 days.

LIBRARY THANK-YOU

Thank you to everyone who purchased books at the Usborne Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences. Due to your purchases, the library will receive \$80 worth of free books. Thank you for your support of the Peoria Christian School Library!





1ST/2ND GRADE TEACHER

We are continuing to look for a 1st/2nd grade teacher. Anyone interested in this position, should contact Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org) for more details. Please pray as we look to fill this position.

5TH/6TH GRADE TEACHER

After much prayer and consideration, Mrs. De Zwarte has decided she will not be returning full-time, next school year. Her plan is to continue teaching the rest of this school year until her maternity leave. With this in mind, we are officially looking for a full-time 5th/6th grade teacher for the 2022/2023 school year. Interested parties should contact Jeremy Copenhaver (principal@peoriachr.org) for more details. Please pray as we look to fill this position.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

School directories have been printed and sent home to all school families. If you are in need of a directory, please contact or stop in the office.

VALUE CARDS

The 7th and 8th graders are once again selling value cards. These cards contain discounts and coupons at numerous businesses in the Pella area. Cards are \$10 a piece or 3 for \$25. Contact a 7th or 8th grader to purchase cards or visit the school office.

VETERANS DAY LUNCH & ASSEMBLY

We are planning a Veterans Day lunch and assembly on Tuesday, November 9. If you are a veteran or know someone who is, please save this date on your calendar. We would love to honor you on this special day with a meal and short program. Please make sure to RSVP to the office (office@peoriachr.org) with the number attending and eating lunch. Lord willing, we hope to see you there. Everyone is welcome to attend, but please make sure to RSVP as well.

WHAT'S
FALL BAZAAR
 HAPPENING



A Thrill of Hope

The weary world rejoices

"In His name the nations will put their hope." Matthew 12:21



Classroom Christmas Trees to be Auctioned off:

Pre-K/K: Snowflakes/Snowmen

Snowflakes & Snowmen Ornaments,
red & white colors

1st/2nd: Gingerbread

All things gingerbread men and houses.

3rd/4th: Candy

Bright colors, candy ornaments

5th/6th: Christmas at the Cabin

Red & black plaid, lodge-like, bears, moose,
snow skis, rustic

7th/8th: Christmas on the Farm

Black & white plaid, galvanized ornaments,
farm animals



Nov. 12, 2021



Coffee Time - 3:00-4:30pm

Bake Sale - 3:00-6:30pm

Browse-n-Buy - 3:00-6:30pm

Supper - 5:00-6:30pm

Live Auction - 7:00pm in the gym

Childcare - 7:00pm in the school

Fun for the Kids...

Join us for activities for kids of all ages in the school at 7PM. There is no charge for these activities.

Like Peoria Christian School on Facebook to get updates and to see items that will be on the Live Auction!



Supper Menu:

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Rolls, & Dessert
~ Freewill Donation

To-Go Meals:

Available from 4:30-5:30PM. To request one, please contact Suzy Veenstra at 641-780-8856 by 12:30PM on Friday, November 12.



Thank you for your support of Peoria Christian School! Please contact Lisa Ver Meer, Heidi Van Wyk, or Stacie Fynaardt if you have any questions or an item to donate.



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OCTOBER	
October 6	12:20PM Dismissal
October 7-8	No School, Heartland
October 14	6:30PM School Circle Meeting
October 15	1:20PM Dismissal
October 20	2:40PM Dismissal
October 29	8:30AM Chapel – Mr. Al Bandstra
October 29	Report Cards Go Home
NOVEMBER	
November 9	Veterans Day Lunch & Assembly
November 10	12:20PM Dismissal
November 11	5 th -8 th Grade Fall Festival at PCHS
November 12	Fall Bazaar
November 19	8:30AM Chapel – Pastor Bob Johnson
November 23	8 th Grade Visit Day at Pella Christian High School
November 24	1:20PM Dismissal
November 25-26	Thanksgiving Break – No School

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:

- ~ Hot Glue Gun
- ~ Step Stool (2-3 steps)
- ~ 8oz Styrofoam Cups
- ~ Forever Stamps
- ~ Kleenex

FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Please save November 11 for the Fall Music Festival at Pella Christian High School. Our junior high students will be participating in a band and choir concert with other area Christian schools. Parents, please look for more information in upcoming Weekly Pathfinders.

CHAPEL

Chapel will be held on Friday, October 29 at 8:30AM in the school gym. Mr. Al Bandstra is our scheduled speaker. Hope to see you there!