

The Pathfinder

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

Nurture - Develop - Educate

Growing More Like Christ

“So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ” (Ephesians 4:14-15).

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity” (1 Peter 3:18).

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:1-2).

“Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God” (Ephesians 5:1-2).

“He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30).

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23).

With Graduation upcoming, I want to be the first person to congratulate our two 8th grade students. Our two graduates this year are Mack and Madi Veenstra. Hopefully you have witnessed God working in their young lives and have had a chance to encourage or uplift them. I also want to thank their parents, the church, and all our school society for helping them grow closer to Christ and being an example to them. It really takes everyone working together to train up a child (Proverbs 22:6). We hope we have prepared them for high school, and all the challenges high school can bring, but ultimately, we thank God for His blessings upon each one of them as they continue to grow closer to God (James 1:17).

I would also like to invite everyone to our 8th grade graduation, which is coming up on Thursday, May 19th, at 7:00 PM. Pastor Bob Johnson is our scheduled speaker and we hope you are able to join us on that evening as we celebrate what God has done in their lives. It is amazing to see the fruits of Christian education in the lives of our students. Hope to see you there.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of Christian education.

Jeremy Copenhaver



Peoria Christian School Board News

School Board Meeting: May 2, 2022

The Board sang from Psalter Hymnal 488, I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say. President Spencer Fynaardt read from Psalm 78:1-7 and opened with prayer. All members were present except Kody Roos with notice.

- Minutes of the April Board Meeting were read and approved.
- Eric Fynaardt and Drew Van Wyk reported on their school visits and had positive reports.
- From the Ed Committee, an update was given on the Job Fair in Grand Rapids, Michigan that was attended last week.
- From the Ed Committee, a motion was approved to purchase 2 sets of Children's answer books from Answers in Genesis.
- From Jeremy Copenhaver, the theme verse for next school year is Isaiah 55:8-9.
- From the Promotions Committee, the bikes are ready for Tulip Time and we are able to still park at the former 2nd CRC however it is now first come, first serve.
- From the SIT committee, our annual report to CSI was submitted on time and they are awaiting feedback from CSI.
- From the Building Committee, they are beginning the search for a new school janitor.
- From the Endowment Committee, a motion was approved to accept their recommendation on the amount of Endowment distribution for next school year.

Next meeting: Monday, June 6th, 7:00PM.

Glenn Meinders closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Van Der Hart

ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING

Please save Wednesday, July 6th, as our annual society meeting at Peoria CRC. This is a little earlier in July than normal, so please note the date change. It is scheduled to take place at 7PM.

GRADUATION

Join us on Thursday, May 19, as we celebrate our graduating 8th grade students. The ceremony will be held at Peoria CRC at 7PM. Everyone is invited as we celebrate what God has done through the lives of these students!

RE-ENROLLMENT

Parents, please be watching your email for a link for re-enrollment. You will need your log-on and password that you currently use for accessing your hot lunch account. We are asking that all re-enrollment be completed by May 20. Contact the office with any questions.



A Note from Music

After all the student's hard work on the Grandparents Day Program we have shifted gears. This past week the classes have enjoyed learning some folk dances! Students enjoyed moving to the music and learning the steps together. Our junior high band has also been hard at work practicing for marching band. Look for them at Tulip Time as they march with the Central Iowa Christian Schools. Just look for red wooden shoes!! ~ Mrs. Ansley

Pre-K & Kinder

PreK and Kinder started the month having lots of fun with Christian Ed week dress up days and events. We loved being able to have our Grandparents and Special Friends come to our room and do activities with us at the end of that week. We also spent time learning and talking about Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. We are so grateful for His sacrifice! In science, we are ending the year learning about living things. We are thankful for all the many living things in God's creation (even the creepy, crawly ones). We know God created them all for a purpose! ~ Mrs. Klaasen

1st & 2nd

The 1st and 2nd Graders have been working so hard! We can hardly believe that the school year is wrapping up this month! Even with the end in sight, we are still working everyday to learn everything God wants us to learn before summer! The 2nd graders have just finished reading their first full novel called Pulling Together. As we read, the students looked for characters that exemplified Christ. Now as we start our last novel of the year, The Treasure of Pelican Cove, they will focus their attention on identifying Godly character traits in a character's actions or words. We have had so much fun learning about our characters and realizing just how much they show, or don't show, Christ! It gives us a great opportunity to talk about how we should, or should not, act so that we also show Christ through our actions and words! ~ Mrs. Vos

Spanish

Enjoy reading what each grade will be focusing on this month!

1st Grade: The first graders are identifying shapes God has created.

2nd Grade: The second graders are learning greetings to fellowship with one another.

3rd Grade: The third graders are identifying forest animals God has created.

4th Grade: The fourth graders are counting by tens, using God's order for numbers.

5th Grade: The fifth graders are identifying meats and fruits God has given us to nourish our bodies.

6th Grade: The sixth graders are using their God-given knowledge to identify words used with the internet.

7th/8th Grade: The seventh and eighth graders are conjugating verbs.

~ Mrs. McConnell



Resource Room

At fourth quarter midterms, the school has grown +77 (7.7 months) in math and 103 (10.3 months) in language arts. The charts for the 2021-2022 school year show that the school (K-8) averages nearly a fifth grade math and sixth grade reading level. They work hard and all glory be to God!

~ Mrs. Fynaardt



3rd & 4th

In April, we got to go to Ag Day, the first year back after not being able to go the last few years. It is hosted by the Mahaska County Farm Bureau. We started off by visiting the Frisian Farm Cheese House on the way to the fairgrounds in Oskaloosa. We learned how cheese is made and stored. We even got to taste some of the yummy cheeses they make there. Afterwards, we made our way to the fairgrounds and had a wonderful lunch. There were many things we learned at different stations. Some of the stations were: water testing, a veterinarian, honey bees, welding, farm safety, soil, corn, cows (dairy and beef), sheep, rabbits, chickens, pigs, and more. The favorite of all the students were seeing and petting the rabbits and going into the Iowa Corn trailer.

Here is what each of them learned:

Hudson - There are show rabbits.

Luke - That pigs sleep a lot.

Matthew - They put chlorine in the water we drink.

Jedi - Honey never expires.

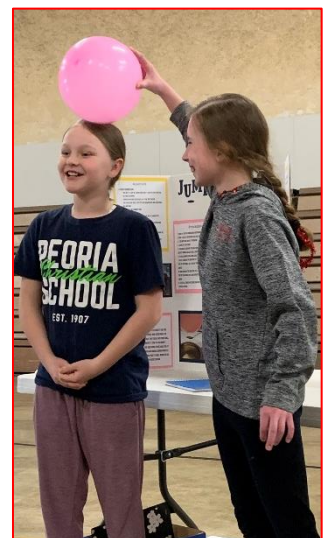
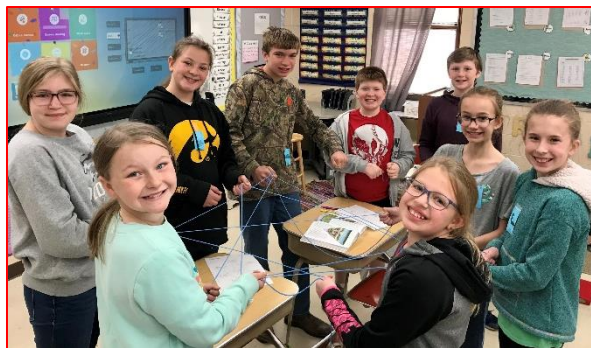
Judah - We saw a 10 year old wheel of cheese, I thought it would be expired, I didn't know cheese could be that old.

Here are a few pictures from our day. They are at the veterinarian table with some of the instruments he uses, practicing welding with graham crackers and frosting, and the class with a 3 day old calf. Thank you to Eric Fynaardt, Bret Fynaardt, and Davona Fynaardt for coming along with us on our trip! ~ Miss Taft



5th & 6th

We have been very busy in 5th/6th grade. We worked hard to prepare for the District V track meet and couldn't wait to use our gifts and talents to glorify God. We were disappointed when the weather prevented us from having this event, but we trust in God's perfect plan for our lives and look forward to next year! We have also had fun learning about how Jesus called His disciples and how He calls us too. We even learned a fun song to help us remember the disciples. Our prayer is that we as His disciples may do His work each and every day. ~ Mrs. Lisa Ver Meer



WHAT'S
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KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

We want to invite you to our Kindergarten Graduation, which is scheduled to begin at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 20th. We have 6 students graduating from kindergarten this year and excited for what God has in store for them in the future.

CALENDAR

Please make sure to check out the Peoria Christian Calendar on our website to keep up with all the events taking place. Please go to www.peoriachr.org and then click on the calendar link.

FACILITATOR THANK YOU

Please join us on Tuesday, May 24th, after chapel at approximately 9:15 AM as we take a moment to express our appreciation to our facilitators, who have faithfully served our students this year. We will have a brief time of thanks and then share a special snack together.

CHAPEL SNACKS

A special thank you to those who were willing to contribute snacks for the students on the days we had chapel this past year. The students enjoy munching on a snack as they meet in their chapel groups to discuss the things that they learned from the chapel speaker. We are thankful for the sweet treats! Please contact Heidi Van Wyk if this is something you would like to contribute to next school year.

PK-4TH GRADE TRACK & FIELD

Lord willing, on Monday, May 16th, our students in PreK-4th grade will have their field day with Sully Christian School again this year. Please plan to join us on this day starting at noon.

CHAPEL

Please join us for our last chapel on Tuesday, May 24th, at 8:30 AM. This chapel is scheduled to take place at Peoria CRC and Pastor George Den Oudsten is our scheduled speaker. Hope you are able to join us on this day.

ALL SCHOOL PICNIC

After Kindergarten Graduation on Friday, May 20th, the students and staff will head to Caldwell Park in Pella. We will have lunch and an afternoon of organized games as a school.

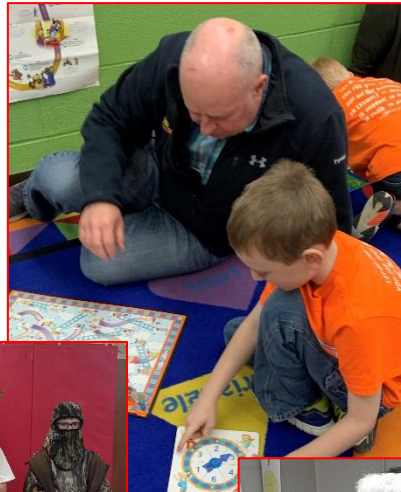


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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK 2022

Theme: The Works of Your Hands

"For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (He is God!), who formed the earth and made it (He established it, He did not create it empty, He formed it to be inhabited!): 'I am the Lord, and there is no other...'. Isaiah 45:18



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Class of 2022



Madeline Kathleen Veenstra

Hobbies: Art, flute, and babysitting
Dream Job: Day-care worker
Dream vacation: Decorah, IA
Favorite book to read? Mary Watson series
Funniest memory? A funny math problem in 6th grade that involved T.P. (Teacher pizza).
Favorite field trip? Ice skating, Chick-Fil-A, and Children's Museum
Favorite hot lunch meal? Walking Tacos
Favorite quote: "I want more homework" - Jocelyn Veenstra, 2021
Favorite Bible passage: "For two is better than one because they have good reward for their toil" Ecclesiastes 4:9.
What advice do you have for younger students? J.O.Y.
 J-Jesus
 O-Others
 Y-Yourself
They will know I'm a Peoria Christian graduate by: I hope people remember me by playing with the younger kids and setting an example.

Mackenzie Kyle Veenstra

Hobbies: playing with electric trains, toy farming, and playing sports
Dream Job: Diesel Mechanic
Dream vacation: South Dakota to hunt Prairie dogs
Favorite book to read? War books like *Special Forces*
Funniest memory? When I was in 1st & 2nd and I kicked my shoes and it went out the window.
Favorite field trip? Urban Air or ice skating.
Favorite hot lunch meal? Chili
Favorite quote: "Man, this is baseball. You gotta stop thinking." - Sandlot
Favorite Bible passage: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments" John 14:15.
What advice do you have for younger students? Always do your homework
They will know I'm a Peoria Christian graduate by: The way I play with the little kids.

Congratulations





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MAY	
May 5	12:05PM Dismissal – Tulip Time
May 6	No School – Tulip Time
May 9-13	Spring Map Testing
May 13	AgVenture Day at PCHS
May 13-14	Band Trip
May 16	PK-4 th Track & Field Day with Sully Christian
May 19	2:20PM Dismissal – 7PM 8 th Grade Graduation
May 20	11:00AM Kindergarten Graduation
May 20	11:30 AM All School Picnic at Caldwell Park
May 23	7 th /8 th Trip to Adventureland
May 24	8:30AM Chapel, Pastor George Den Oudsten 1:20PM Dismissal – Last Day of School
June	
June 3	All School Cleaning
June 11	Peoria Christian Tractor Ride

PCS WISHLIST

We are blessed by the many of you who look over this list every month and contribute the items that are listed. We are thankful for you and for your donations! This month we are requesting donations of these items:

- ~ 8oz Styrofoam Cups
- ~ Forever Stamps
- ~ Jenga Blocks
- ~ Hula Hoops

