

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 God's Way is Perfect

It is hard to believe that summer vacation has arrived, but before you know it, we will be starting back to school. With just a little more than 2 months before the start of another school year, we are still looking for 2 full time teachers. We would have loved to have already had the teachers confirmed for next year, so that we could plan accordingly and have that as an announcement to all society; however, God's way is perfect (Psalm 18:30), and He will bring those individuals at just the right time. Our theme verse for next school year sums it up, which says, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Now, we do need to do our part by continuing to go and recruit, asking people that might be interested in the positions, advertising through different outlets, and above all else taking time to pray and seek God's guidance, but instead of focusing on the possibility of not having a teacher, we need to remind each other that God is in complete control and will bring the teachers to us in His perfect timing. In fact, He is preparing them right now and when the timing is right, He will lead them to us. We don't know when that is, but His way is perfect. Here are some verses to remind us that we just need to continue to trust in Him:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You" (Isaiah 26:3).

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

"For we walk by faith, not by sight" (II Corinthians 5:7).

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

While we continue to pray for teachers, it is such a joy and relief to know that God's way is perfect.

Have a fantastic summer and thank you for your continued support over this past year,

Jeremy Copenhaver



Peoria Christian School Board News

School Board Meeting: June 6, 2022

The Board sang from Psalter Hymnal 292, Living for Jesus. President Spencer Fynaardt read from Deuteronomy 6:5-7 and opened with prayer. All members were present.

- Minutes of the May Board Meeting were read and approved.
- School security was discussed and some research will be done into some possible improvements.
- From the Ed Committee, a motion was passed to approve the new contract with Grace Counseling.
- From the Finance Committee, the 2022-2023 budget was approved to send to society for their approval on July 6th.
- From the Finance Committee, auditors have been appointed to audit the books for the 2021-2022 school year. This will happen in July but there isn't enough time to have everything ready and audited before the society meeting on July 6th since the fiscal year ends on June 30th.
- From the Building committee, they have a list of several items to be completed over the summer.
- From the Board President, the list of Board nominees who are willing to serve and will be on the ballot at the society meeting was given. The Board nominations include:
 - Benjamin Anum-Higher
 - Nick De Haan
 - Andy Dunsbergen
 - Tim Franje
 - Adam Fynaardt
 - Matt Vander Hart

Next meeting: Monday, July 5th, 7:00PM.

Kevin Van Der Hart closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Van Der Hart, Secretary



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the month of June, Mr. Cope or Michelle will be in the office on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10AM-2PM. There will be no set office hours for the month of July.



REGISTRATION & SOCIETY MEETING

Registration and Society meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6th. Registration will begin at 6:00PM in the school. Society meeting will begin at 7:00PM at Peoria CRC. All members of the Peoria Christian School Society are encouraged to attend. New board members will be elected, the budget for the 22/23 school year approved, and reports on the 21/22 school year will be given.



8TH GRADE GRADUATION

Thank you to those that came and supported our 8th grade graduates this year. It is exciting to celebrate how God is working in the lives of both Madi and Mack Veenstra. Please continue to pray for them as they transition to high school. Finally, check out our graduation in its entirety, if you missed it, by going to <https://youtu.be/hqg80ptVHvo>.



AVAILABLE POSITIONS

Peoria Christian School continues to look for a full-time 1st/2nd grade teacher and a 5th/6th grade teacher. We are also looking for a IXL part time shared position. This position will be part of the day on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Anyone interested in the positions should contact Mr. Jeremy Copenhaver at principal@peoriachr.org. Please continue to join us in prayer as we look to fill these positions.

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:

- Breadeaux 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.
- Amazon Smile: Make Peoria Christian School your charity of choice for Amazon purchases.
- Coke Points: Collect bottle tops and labels inside packaging.
- TRIP: Even if you don't have a student in school, you can order gift cards and donate proceeds to the school.
- 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.

If you have questions, please contact the school at office@peoriachr.org or 641-625-4131.

WHAT'S EVENTS HAPPENING

SPANISH

We want to welcome Mrs. McConnell back to teach Spanish for at least 1 more year at our school. We praise God for this exciting update.



KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

We want to thank those that came to our kindergarten graduation. We appreciate your prayers and support of our students and encouraging and watching them grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. If you missed kindergarten graduation, please check it out on our youtube channel (<https://youtu.be/qMQ92-QxAoU>).



PATHFINDER

The next Pathfinder will be distributed after the August School Board meeting. A July Pathfinder will not be printed.



THANK YOU

We want to thank the society for your prayers and support during this past school year. Peoria Christian School would not exist without God's continued blessings, and your prayers and financial support.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The 2022/2023 school year will begin on August 23. Chapel will be held at 8:30AM that morning.

WHAT'S
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PK-4TH GRADE TRACK & FIELD

We want to thank everyone that came to watch our students participate in track and field day. It was fun and exciting to participate with Sully Christian School and be community builders at the same time.

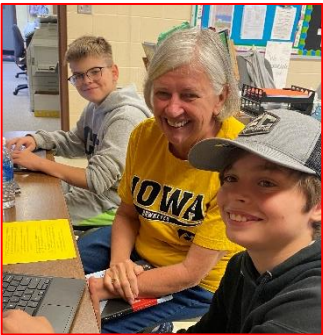


IXL

Next school year, 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:

- Kinder thru 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.



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JULY	
July 6	6PM Registration at school 7PM Society Meeting at Peoria CRC
AUGUST	
August 17-19, 22	Staff Inservice
August 18	6PM Back to School Night
August 23	First Day of School
August 29- September 2	Fall Map Testing

PCS WISH LIST

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
- ~ Sidewalk Chalk
- ~ Bean Bags

Have a blessed summer vacation!

