



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 Summer Break

Baseball, softball, basketball, soccer, vacation Bible school, swimming, barbecues, picnics, hiking, camping, fishing, boating, golfing, gardening, county and state fairs, going to the park, summer vacations, spending time with friends, late nights, smores, hot dogs, homemade ice cream, water balloons, lemonade, popsicles, campfires, and more. It must be summer time!



No matter your favorite time of year, summertime is always a favorite for kids because of summer break. However, with all these activities, I know you will be running into so many friends, family members, and people you haven't met before. I would like to encourage and challenge everyone reading this to invite at least 1 family that you haven't already invited to consider Peoria Christian School. Just think the amount of people that we could impact as a society by everyone just inviting 1 family to pray and consider joining Peoria Christian School.



If you are not sure what to tell them, here are some great items to consider:

- 1) Reformed Biblical teaching
- 2) Personalized learning
- 3) Small class sizes
- 4) Third Party Accredited through CSI (Christian Schools International)
- 5) Emphasis on learning to defend a young earth viewpoint

Those are only a few of the many reasons to come and join Peoria Christian School but such a great starting point. So, I hope as you are going from activity to activity this summer, that you remember to invite at least 1 family that may not know about Peoria Christian School.

Thank you for your continued support,
 Jeremy Copenhagen

"...Do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour" (Matthew 10:19).

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

"And He told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1).



Isaiah 55:8-9 "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."

Peoria Christian School Board News

School Board Meeting: June 6, 2023

The Board sang "How Firm a Foundation" from the Psalter Hymnal. President Spencer Fynaardt read from Psalm 93 and opened with prayer. All members were present.

Pella Christian Head of Schools Dan Zylstra and three Pella Christian Board Members presented on the possible integration of Pella Christian Grade and High School. This was an opportunity for the Peoria Christian School Board to provide feedback.

The agenda then proceeded as follows:

- The Treasurer's Report was given and approved.
- From the Ed Committee, a MAP update was given with significant progress noted over the past few years.
- The Finance Committee reported on the budget YTD and proposed the 2023-24 school year budget. The board made one amendment and approved the new budget.
- The school verse for 2023-24 was presented: 2 Timothy 2:15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."
- The deadline for ESA applications is June 30th.
- June Drive names were distributed.
- The board discussed the status of board nominees.

July meeting: Monday, June 26th, at 7:00PM.
Drew Van Wyk closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Nick De Haan, Secretary



8TH GRADE GRADUATION

Thank you to those that came and supported our 8th grade graduates at their graduation. It is exciting to celebrate how God is working in the lives of Ethan Klaasen, Maria Meinders, Cayla Rozenboom, Macy Van Der Hart, Hannah Van Wyk, Quinten Veenstra, and Ashlyn Ver Meer. Please continue to pray for them as they transition to high school.



OPEN POSITIONS

Peoria Christian School is looking to fill the following positions for the 2023/2024 school year:

- Full Time 5th/6th Grade
- Part time shared position IXL for 2 days a week
- Part time Spanish Teacher

Please continue to pray for God to guide us to the right individuals to fill these open positions.

BUS DRIVER

Peoria Christian School is looking for a bus driver for the 2023/2024 school year. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Dan Hol (qr8farmboy@hotmail.com). Please pray that we are able to fill this need for the upcoming school year.



SOCIETY MEETING

Registration and Society Meeting will be held on Monday, July 10th. Registration will begin at 6:00PM in the school. The Society Meeting will begin at 7:00PM in the gym. All members of the Peoria Christian School society are encouraged to attend. New board members will be elected, the budget for the 23/24 school year approved, and reports on the 22/23 school year will be given.

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

During the month of June, Mr. Cope or Michelle will be in the office on Wednesday & Thursdays from 9AM-noon. There will be no set office hours for the month of July.

ESA APPLICATIONS

The ESA Applications are OPEN! Please visit the following website to apply for ESA funds (https://iowa.withodyssey.com/en/odyssey_auth/sign_up). If you would be more comfortable filling out the application at school, please come on Monday, June 12, at 6:30PM or visit the school Wednesdays or Thursdays between 9AM-12PM during the month of June. We are happy to assist you in this process.

SUMMER PATHFINDERS

The next Pathfinder will be distributed after the August School Board meeting. There will not be a July Pathfinder.

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

The 2023/2024 school year will begin on Wednesday, August 23. Chapel will be held at 8:30AM that morning.

PELLA 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Please look for our students to be participating in the 4th of July Parade in Pella. The parade this year is scheduled for Saturday, July 1st at 6:00 PM. More information will be emailed to parents as the parade gets closer.

CHAPEL SNACKS

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to bring a snack to school on chapel days. Our students enjoy a special treat while meeting in their chapel groups. Thank you to those who brought snacks this past year. Please contact Heidi Van Wyk, 641-780-9755, if you are willing to help for the 2023/2024 school year.

WHAT'S
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June	
June 10	Peoria Christian Tractor Ride
July	
July 1	6PM Pella 4 th of July Parade
July 10	6PM Registration in School 7PM Society Meeting in Gym
August	
August 17, 18, 21 & 22	Staff In-Service
August 21	6PM Back to School Night
August 23	First Day of School
August 23	8:30AM Chapel
August 28 - Sept 1	Fall Map Testing

**ONGOING
FUNDRAISERS**

Did you know that we have several ways you can support the school throughout the year? Listed below are different ways you can support Peoria Christian School:

- Breadeaux Pizza: Collect the Proof of Purchase labels off the pizza box.
- 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.

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:

- K 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.