



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

Reflections from the 2023-2024 School Year

During this past school year, God has blessed the school in so many ways. Here are a few of the highlights from each month of the school year:

- **August:** God blessed us with 9 new students from 9 different families
- **September:** God blessed us from these 2 specific fundraisers: Culvers night: \$1,733.51 and Test Drive for Peoria: \$1450
- **October:** Our teachers were able to enjoy a professional development with the other Christian Schools, in our area, on the topic of Christian community, in which we were able to share with our students
- **November:** From the annual Bazaar, God blessed us with a record-breaking \$83,689
- **December:** The students were able to share their gifts and talents that God has given them at our annual Christmas program, and we were able to bless families in Pella with 1,997 items through the Pella Backpack program
- **January:** This past January, God sent us a lot of snow and so the students were able to enjoy the sledding hill when we were at school
- **February:** From the annual Hostess Supper, God blessed us with a total of \$54,469
- **March:** We thank God for using the Site visit team, to recommend our school, to receive re-accreditation for another 5 years
- **April:** We thank God for so many Grandparents, special friends, and society members that came on Grandparent Day but more importantly that support our school throughout the entire year
- **May:** We thank God for our 6 eighth grade graduates from this past year

There are so many reasons for giving God praise during this past school year, but we also look forward to the blessings of this coming school year as well.

Thank you for your continued support,

Jeremy Copenhaver



"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." II Timothy 2:15.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

June

June 15

8:00AM Tractor Ride

June 30

ESA Application Deadline

July

July 8

6PM Registration

7PM Society Meeting

August

August 8

6:30PM New Family Meeting

August 19-22

Staff In-service

August 21

6PM Back to School Night

August 23

First Day of School

8:30AM Chapel

NEW BABY!

We wish to extend our congratulations to Grant and Amber Fynaardt on the arrival of their daughter Ilana Dawn on May 21, 2024, at 12:03AM, weighing 8lbs 4 ozs. Join us in giving thanks for the blessings of this new baby!



Peoria Christian School Board

School Board Meeting: June 3, 2024

The Board sang from Psalter Hymnal #557, My Jesus I Love Thee. Adam Fynaardt read from Ephesians 1:3-10 & opened with prayer. Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

From the Education Committee:

- Facilitators and Substitute Teacher lists were approved.
- ISAP testing and Map testing results were presented and discussed.
- IXL growth concluded with 108 points of growth in Math and 135 points of growth in Language Arts.
- Currently we have 47 students registered for the 24/25 school year.
- Mr. Cope reported that the Vermeer Workshop will be held on June 5 & 6.
- The 7th & 8th grade trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, on March 26-28, 2025, was approved.

From the SIT Committee:

- Have submitted goals and are awaiting final approval for re-accreditation.
- Next week will begin work on emergency operation plans.

From the Finance Committee:

- June Drive has begun. Your donations are greatly appreciated and needed.
- The 24/25 budget has been approved and is ready for the Society to approve at the annual Society Meeting.
- Funding requests will be made to School Circle for several items.

From the Bus committee:

- Still actively looking for bus drivers. Open to team drivers so that drivers only have to cover morning or afternoon routes.

From the Building Committee:

- We are looking for a new school janitor. Thank you to Maricel Anum-higher for her years of service.

New Business

- Board President is contacting potential board nominees. Please be in prayer as these individuals consider serving on the school board.

Next meeting: July 1, 2024 7PM.

Russ Fynaardt closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Fynaardt



OPEN POSITIONS

Peoria Christian is looking to fill the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year.

Teaching Positions:**1st/2nd Grade (Full-time)****Algebra I (Parti-Time)****Substitute Teachers**

Interested individuals should contact Jeremy Copenhaver at principal@peoriachr.org.

Bus Driver

Individuals interested in our bus driver position should contact Sean Rozenboom at boomerstruckstuff@gmail.com.

Janitor

Individuals interested in the janitorial position should contact Andy Dunsbergen at adunsconst@gmail.com

If you know anyone who might be good fit for these positions please contact the individuals listed above. Most of all, please pray that the Lord will bring the right people forwards to fill these positions for the upcoming school year.

**SOCIETY MEETING**

Registration and Society Meeting will be held on Monday, July 8th. 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 2024/2025 school year approved, and reports on the 2023/2024 school year will be given.

TRACTOR RIDE

The Peoria Christian Tractor Ride is schedule for Saturday, June 15. Registration is \$35 per tractor and will begin at 8:00AM that morning in the school gym. There is no fee for riding in the wagon. Lunch will be back at the school gym after the ride. Please join us for the ride or come for the freewill donation lunch and check out the tractors. Contact Ruth De Bruin at 641-204-1855 with any questions.

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 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 2024/2025 school year will begin on Friday, 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 Thursday, July 4th at 6PM with other activities in Pella beginning at 3PM. More information will be emailed to parents as the parade gets closer.

ESA APPLICATIONS

ESA applications are now open with a due date of June 30. The new ESA information has been updated on the Iowa Department of Education website. All students must apply every year to confirm they are Iowa residents. First time applicants will need to sign up for an account. Link to apply: https://iowa.withodyssey.com/en/odyssey_auth/sign_in. Please contact the office with any questions.

Wish List

Looking for a unique way to support PCS? The Wish list is a list of items that the school needs. Items can be purchased and dropped off at school. This month we are requesting donations of the following items:

- ~ Forever Stamps
- ~ Small Styrofoam Cups
- ~ Ziploc Bags of all sizes (sandwich, quarter, gallon)
- ~ Black Sharpies



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YEAR ROUND FUNDRAISERS

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



- ♦ TRIP: Even if you don't have a student in school, you can order gift cards and donate the proceeds to benefit tuition reduction. Contact Krista Klaasen (kklaasen@peoriachr.org) for more information or to sign up.
- ♦ Ink Cartridges: Save empty ink cartridges and place them in the tote in the entry way.
- ♦ Casey's Rewards: Sign up and designate Peoria Christian School to receive your points.
- ♦ Box Tops: Scan your receipts for eligible Box Top products through the Box Top app and select Peoria Christian School.

NEW FAMILY MEETING

On Thursday, August 8, at 6:30PM we are holding a meeting for all families who are new or recently new to Peoria Christian. We are specifically asking families who are new to Peoria for the 2024/2025 school year to attend this meeting, but all parents who are new within the last few years are welcome to attend. Please contact Michelle at office@peoriachr.org with any questions.

CLASS OF 2024



Congratulations to our graduating class of 2024! We pray for the Lord's richest blessings to be upon our 6 graduates and that they will continue to follow in the path that He has laid out for them. Congratulations to Brody Borg, Josie Hol, Kendon Kruid, Gerrit Meinders, Rachel Vander Wilt, and Trevor Veenstra!

