

PC Link

December 2018



Throughlines

While our students enjoyed the Monday after Thanksgiving with another day off, teachers were collaborating and learning more about Teaching for Transformation principles, their fifth full day of training this year. If you were asked for words to describe what Christ-followers do, what comes to mind? Does **Image Reflector** or **Creation Enjoyer** or **Justice Seeker** come to mind? Teaching for Transformation throughlines are words that describe those actions. Those words describe for all of us, teacher and students and parents, what our roles are in God's kingdom and what our calling is in this kingdom. Teachers at Pella Christian High analyze, with the help of throughlines, more of "who" students are called to be in addition to "what" they need to know. It's a beautiful thing to have some shared language here around our faithwalk - throughlines help provide that common language. TtT's list of ten throughlines include: **God Worshipper, Idolatry Discerner, Earth Keeper, Beauty Creator, Justice Seeker, Creation Enjoyer, Servant Worker, Community Builder, Image Reflector, and Order Discoverer.** During the second semester, Mr. Hoksbergen and his graphic design class will be creating visuals to accompany each throughline. Watch for their official unveiling on our website!

Host Family Opportunity

Please consider opening your home to an international student for the 2019/20 school year. We are hoping to have 10-15 students next year and need a few more families to serve as hosts. There are many benefits that make this program something we wish to expand. The cultural and spiritual experience for your family, our school, and these students is life changing. We currently have 6 returning students. It is important to commit to one school year of hosting. There is a significant stipend for host families. Please discuss this opportunity with your family and prayerfully consider becoming a host family. If you are considering hosting, or just want to explore what hosting an international student entails, please contact Cindy Nikkel (ISP Coordinator) at nikkelc@pceagles.org.

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On-Line Grades & Report Cards

Parents can access their student's grades, report cards, and hot lunch balance 24/7 using your access codes. First semester report cards will be available to view on-line no later than January 4. Contact Penne in the office if you have misplaced your password. Hard copies of report cards will be mailed upon request.



Winterim 2019 January 2-4 & 7-10

The seventh annual Winterim at Pella Christian High will take place the first seven school days of 2019. Over 40 students will be exploring places like Florida, London, Haiti, and Ecuador. Over ninety juniors and seniors will be trying out various jobs in the Pella and central Iowa region as they participate in internships. The remainder of our students will be taking a morning or afternoon classes on a wide variety of topics including robotics, aviation, cooking, quilting, auto mechanics, floral arranging, DNA ancestry, realty, serving our seniors and more! Please pray for our students and staff over Winterim as they learn unique content in unique settings!

Football Season Wrap Up

The 2018 PC football season was remarkable in many ways. We opened the year with thrilling victories over Oskaloosa and Iowa City Regina and lost tough games to Van Meter and PCM in non-district play. The tough pre-season schedule paid dividends for the rest of the year as the Eagles played I-35 for a district championship. PC won two huge playoff games on the road beating Wilton and Bellevue and returning to the Dome and the semifinals for the second year in a row. The Eagles lost a tough game to Dike-New Hartford but showed great character and determination and represented PCHS very well.

Kudos

... to members of the PC football team for receiving the following honors: First-Team All-District players: Josh Adkison, Jase Amelse, Nathan De Bruin (kicker), Jayden Huisman, Noah Treimer and Koby Van Houweling. Second-Team All District: Cody Boender, Lawson Bruxvoort, Moises Carballo, Nathan De Bruin (defensive back), Kyle Fynaardt, Devin Haveman and Dan Jungling.

Honorable Mention: Noah Cooper, Jacob Kelderman and Tanner Randol. Iowa Press Sports Writers Association: First Team: Koby Van Houweling, Second Team: Noah Treimer and Josh Adkison, Third Team: Nathan De Bruin.

... to the PCHS Shine Drill Team who placed 4th in Pom along with a division 1 rating at the State competition November 29. Their jazz routine also received a division 1. The team includes Chloee Reimer, Taryn Hugen, Megan Eveland, Abby Ambroson, Kitty Gu, Jocelyn Gritters, Maria Schirz, Aubrey Belzer and Lauren Dunsbergen.

...to the 5 students who were accepted into the SCIBA Honor Band through an audition process held November 29 at Roosevelt HS:

Levi Jansen: 11-12 Band - Percussion

Jaed Van Maanen: 11-12 Band - Tuba

Peter Larson: Alto Sax - 11-12 Band - 1st chair

Tessa Brouwer: Percussion - 9-10 Band -1st chair

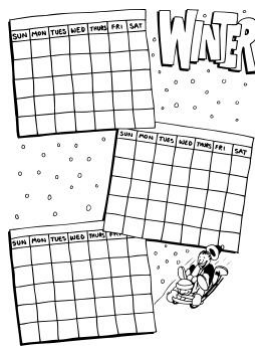
Josiah Smith: 9-10 Band – Percussion

Parents of Juniors

Our next Junior-Senior Banquet Parent planning meeting is set for Monday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pella Christian GRADE School. Please join us!!



*May the Birthday of Jesus
Bring Joy and Peace to You*



Calendar of Events

December

20-21 Semester Exams: 11:30 a.m. Dismissal Both Days

24-31 Christmas Break

January

1 New Years Day: No Classes

4 First Semester Grades Available On-Line

5 SCIBA Honor Band

2-10 Winterim Classes

11 No Classes: Teacher Work Day

14 Second Semester Begins

16 2:30 Dismissal: Teacher PL

19 District Large Group Speech Contest at Pella High School

21 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

21 Jr Parent JSB Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.

24 City-Wide Speech Festival at Pella Christian HS at 7:00 p.m.

25 No Classes: Teacher Tft PL

29 Bandfest Honor Band at Central College

30 2:30 Dismissal: Teacher PL

ASVAB Testing and Career Fair

On Friday, February 22, the sophomores will spend the day with activities designed to help them think about their future careers. In the morning, they will take the ASVAB battery of tests to measure vocational skills and aptitudes. In the afternoon, sophomores will attend career seminars presented by members of the community. Each student will be able to attend four seminars. Please do NOT schedule appointments on this date as students will use the information they glean for career papers that they will be writing during the 3rd quarter. Each student will select one career on which to focus. This project gets the sophomores thinking about the future and how they will fit into God's plan to bring hope and healing to His world through their work and vocation.

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