

PC Link a monthly update for parents of PCHS students

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Winterim

I always puff my chest out a little further after **Winterim**. I'm proud of what happens during those seven days. Did you take the time to check out the pictures on my Live from Eagle Lane or on Instagram and Facebook? The amount of unique learning that happens during **Winterim** is immense. Students learned how to program robots, create beautiful flower arrangements, sew quilts, perform triage, play a ukelele, make a pie, and consider their identity as young men and young women in Christ. I also breathe a sigh of relief following **Winterim**. Our students travel thousands of miles. First, our interns travel to their job sites around central Iowa. Our students on trips travel using many modes of transportation, and on roads that are less than high quality. So, I always say a prayer of thanks at the end of **Winterim**, Thank you, Lord, for blessing Pella Christian High School in a myriad of ways during **Winterim**, 2019! Dan Van Kooten

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!!

Drivers Ed Class

Training Wheels will be holding a drivers' ed class at PCGS this March. Access the following site for details and to register: www.trainingwheelsde.com.

Directory Update

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Homecoming Week at PCHS is set for January 28 –February 1. Each day that week the students

will be wearing attire appropriate for that day's theme. At 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 1, the afternoon activities begin with a chapel followed by competitions in the gymnasium that will conclude with the presentation of the homecoming court. The boys and girls basketball teams will be hosting Dallas Center-Grimes that evening. The JV girls game will start at 4:45 p.m. followed by the varsity girls at 6:15 p.m. and the varsity boys game to follow at 7:45 p.m. The public is invited to attend any or all of the Friday afternoon and evening events.

THANK YOU!

The Legacy of Grace School Tuition Organization (LOG STO) has collected the \$392,321 we needed by December 31. Your support is much appreciated! Funds will be needed again for the 2019/2020 school year. Details will be made available in church bulletins and on the STO website.

Spiritual Renewal Days

Happy the Dog Ministries (Troy Kooima, Jason Taylor, and Jeremy Engbers) will lead Spiritual Renewal Days, February 26-27. They partner with Christian organizations in leading meaningful worship experiences that bring people to Christ and nurture that lifelong relationship. The Happy the Dog Team is made up of gifted speakers and praise and worship leaders who are committed to serving the Lord while serving others. *"As for us, we cannot not keep quiet about the things we have seen and heard."* Acts 4:20

Upcoming Parent Meetings-



Spring and Summer Sports & Parent Night

Mark your calendars for the Spring and Summer Sports Parent Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, at 6:00 p.m. All parents of spring and summer sports athletes will meet in the music room before being dismissed to meet with their student's respective coaches for valuable information about their upcoming season. Spring sports practices begin on the following dates: Boys & Girls Track and Field: February 11

Girls Tennis, Boys Soccer & Golf: March 11

Girls Soccer: March 18

Sign-ups will be posted in the office very soon.

It is important that students sign up so that coaches can communicate expectations prior to the beginning of the season. Watch the Daily Eagle for further announcements regarding spring and summer sports.

8th Grade Parents Preview Night

Pella Christian High School invites all parents of 8th graders to the annual Parent Preview Night to be held Tuesday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Information about high school (academics, extra-curriculars, costs, financial aid, etc.) will be shared. Refreshments and a time of fellowship and tours of the building will follow the meeting. Anyone who knows of a family considering PCHS (for any HS aged student) is encouraged to personally invite them to this meeting.

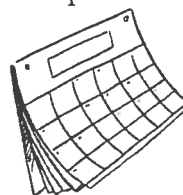
Social Media

Follow PCHS on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to catch the latest school happenings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

- 19 District Large Group Speech Contest at Pella Community HS
- 21 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 24 All-City Speech Festival at PCHS at 7:00 p.m
- 25 No School: Teacher Tft Training
- 28-31 Homecoming Week
- 30 2:30 Dismissal: Staff Professional Learning
FFA Legislative Symposium Des Moines
- 31 Bandfest Honor Band Concert at Central College 7:00 p.m.



February

- 1 Homecoming
- 2 State Large Group Speech Contest at Cedar Rapids Kennedy HS
- 4 LHC Honor Band 7:00 p.m. at Newton
FFA Meeting at PCHS at 7:00 p.m.
- 6 2:30 Dismissal: Staff Professional Learning
- 14 Singfest Honor Choir at Central College
Douwstra Chapel 7:00 p.m.
- 15 No School: Teacher Tft Training
- 16 All-State Speech Large Group at ISU
- 18 No School: President's Day
FFA Sub-District Contest at Central College
Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Speech Peer Critique 5:00 p.m. at PCHS
Winter Music Concert 7:00 p.m.
- 22 ASVAB Testing for sophomores: AM
Career Fair: Afternoon Classes
- 23 District Speech Individual Contest at Grinnell HS
- 25 Girls State Basketball Tourney Begins
- 27 2:30 Dismissal: Staff Professional Learning

PCHS Band Students Excel

The South Central Iowa Bandmasters Association (SCIBA) recently held their High School Honor Band festival at Ankeny High School on January 5. Levi Jansen-Percussion, Jaed Van Maanen-Tuba, Peter Larson-Alto Sax (first chair), Tessa Brouwer-Percussion (first chair) and Josiah Smith-Percussion were accepted into this impressive honor band by audition. This is a very prestigious honor band, second only to all-state. Congratulations Levi, Jaed, Peter, Tessa and Josiah!

Newton will host the **Little Hawkeye Conference Honor Band** festival on Monday, February 4. Band students from 7 schools will be participating in rehearsals starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending with a 7:00 p.m. concert. The 9th-10th band has 81 members and is led by Dan Stecker from Pleasantville and the 11th-12th band has 85 members and is led by Dr. Curran Prendergast from Truman State University. Come and support our high school musicians and enjoy an evening of fine instrumental music. Pella Christian is proud to have the following students selected for this honor:

9th-10th Band: Alicia Van Kooten -Flute, Nia Hoekstra-Contra Alto Clarinet, Eric Hao-Trumpet, Tessa Brouwer-Percussion, Josiah Smith-Percussion, Carson Breon-Percussion

11th-12th Band: Abigail Gosselink-Flute, Adrie Fransman-Flute, Erica Nikkel-Clarinet, Cora Groenenboom-Bass Clarinet, Peter Larson-Alto Saxophone, Natasha Smith-Alto Saxophone, Kyle Howey-Trumpet, Jaed Van Maanen-Tuba, Lexie Matherly-Tuba, Levi Jansen-Percussion, Tyler Egesdal-Percussion

PCHS Band students will be participating in the **Central College Band Fest** on Thursday, January 31. Students will participate in Large Ensembles rehearsals as well as the full band rehearsal under the direction of Dr. Curran Prendergast, Director of Bands at Truman State University. The evening will conclude with a concert at 7:00 p.m. in Douwstra Auditorium on the Central College campus. Pella Christian is proud to have the following students selected for this honor: Aundrea Steen-Flute, Alicia Van Kooten-Flute, Nia Hoekstra-Contra Alto Clarinet, Natasha Smith-Alto Saxophone, Morgan Meinders-Tenor Saxophone, Moises Carballo-Baritone Saxophone, Kyle Howey-Trumpet, Roger Gao-Trumpet, Katelyn Vos-Trombone, Lexie Matherly-Tuba, Jaed Van Maanen-Tuba, Levi Jansen-Percussion, Josiah Smith-Percussion, Tyler Egesdal-Percussion, Carson Breon-Percussion

Singfest Honor Choir



Eleven PCHS students have been selected to participate in the 2019 Singfest Honor Choir at Central College on Thursday, February 14. High school students from throughout Iowa will join the Central College A Capella Choir for a day of music making that will culminate in a free concert at the Douwstra Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

Congrats to the following students who will be participating in the Honor Choir February 14.

Soprano: Megan Eveland, Morgan Meinders, Zara Pippel

Alto: Abby Ambrosion, Emma Stravers, Halie Vermillion

Tenor: Carson Breon, Braden Meinders

Bass: Joshua Beltman, Colby De Vries, Grant Roose

WINTERIM 2019

The seventh annual PCHS Winterim is now history. Over 40 students had the opportunity to take trips to Ecuador, Haiti, London and Florida. Over 90 juniors and seniors were involved in internships in the Pella area and the central Iowa region. The remaining students participated in morning and afternoon classes on a wide variety of topics. For photos check PCHS Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



Track Meet Helpers Needed

PC is hosting two track meets this spring. A boys meet is scheduled for March 26, and our annual Co-ed Invitational is scheduled for April 9. Please contact Mr. Branderhorst at branderhorstd@pceagles.org or call 628-4440 if you are willing to assist with field events, hurdles or other duties.

Save the Date

The annual Shine Drill team camp & show is scheduled for Saturday, March 2. Registration forms will be made available in February at the area grade schools and PCHS.



City-Wide Speech Night

This year, the annual All-City Speech night for the Pella

community will be held at Pella Christian High School. The event, featuring the speech teams of both Pella Christian HS and Pella Community HS, will be held Thursday evening, January 24, at 7:00 p.m. Performance events include readers theatre, choral reading, one-act play, ensembles, musical theatre, improv and film. Both schools will be performing all of their events at IHSSA competitions on Saturdays, but this evening is simply a night for both schools to showcase their pieces to each other. The public is invited and there will be a free-will donation for both schools' speech programs. Among the events Pella Christian students will perform include Readers Theatre in *Mirrors*, Choral Readers in *Tell-Tale Heart*, Ensemble Acting in *The Terezin Promise*, an improv team and a student-written and produced film. In addition, two Musical Theatre entries will sing from *West Side Story* and *Mamma Mia*. Lastly, PC's One-Act will be performing *Radium Girls*, inspired by a true story of the women workers who began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. The PCHS forensic students are coached by Marlo Van Peurse, Lisa Van Gilst and Cory Van Gilst.

ASVAB Testing and Career Fair for Sophomores

Teacher? Diesel Mechanic? Social Worker? Flight Attendant? The Military? Graphic Designer? Farmer? Lawyer? 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, they will attend career seminars presented by members of the community. Each student will be able to attend four seminars. 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 is an important day for 10th graders and parents are asked to refrain from making appointments for your sophomore on this date. Thank you!

Clay Target Team Sign Up

The PC Clay Target Team will be hosting 2 sign up days for 5th - 12th grade students who are planning to participate on the Clay Target Team this spring. The event will be held in the music room at Pella Christian High School on Saturdays, February 9 and February 16, at 8:30 a.m. each day. All team members are REQUIRED to attend ONE of these days. This event includes a safety training class that ALL new and returning team members must attend. A PARENT MUST BE PRESENT TO SIGN A COUPLE OF DOCUMENTS. Parents, especially those new to the sport, are encouraged to attend the entire session as a lot of beneficial information will be shared. A registration fee of \$210 for the first clay target discipline and \$175 for each additional discipline will be received at sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Keith Van Donselaar at [641-780-6802](tel:641-780-6802) or keithv@icetechnologies.com



WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

When winter weather impacts our school schedule, we typically will follow the Pella Christian Grade School & Pella Community Schools with closures and delays. Parents who live outside of the Pella city limits should always use your best judgment in determining whether or not it is safe for your son/daughter to drive to school. Students living in outlying school districts may always follow their local district's schedule. This includes early dismissals due to bad weather. We encourage students to ride the bus as much as possible since this is the safest form of transportation to and from school. Be sure students give themselves extra time to get to school on these mornings. School delays and cancellations will be announced on all local radio and TV stations. You can also be contacted directly via text and/or email by joining our PC Text/Email Alerts by signing up on the school website at www.pceagles.org under Quick Links on the home page. Fill out the online form with your preference of text message, email notification or both and repeat the process for both PCHS and PCGS if you wish to receive notifications from both of the Pella Christian schools.