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**Link** a monthly update for parents of PCHS students

**September 2022**

**God's Faithfulness**

Kicking off a new school year is an exciting time. It is nice to settle into a routine after a few weeks of school and look forward to a year of curricular and co-curricular activities. As I think about our school year, I also look forward to seeing God's faithfulness at work. For in perfect faithfulness He has done wonderful things, things planned long ago. (Isaiah 25:1). Through His faithfulness, our students embrace leadership opportunities to guide and nurture one another. We see faithfulness in small interactions, like students working collaboratively on an assignment, teachers discussing new ideas, and members of our school spending time in prayer or devotions. We see faithfulness in larger settings like chapel, the classroom, or during co-curricular activities. As we journey through the school year together, may God continue to be faithful (Psalm 119:90) and may we be aware of His faithfulness in big and small ways.

In His Service,  
Mr. Herdegen

**Parents of PCHS Alumni**

It is an ongoing challenge to keep our PCHS alumni database updated. If you have a child who has graduated college and moved to a more permanent address please contact Libby at [braafhartl@pceagles.org](mailto:braafhartl@pceagles.org) or call the school office at 641-628-4440 to update the postal address. We appreciate your assistance so we can keep all of our alumni in the loop!

**PCHS Presents *Cinderella***

The Pella Christian 2022-23 theatre season opens with Rodgers & Hammerstein's classic magical fairytale Cinderella. The Enchanted Edition, which PCHS is presenting, was inspired by the acclaimed 1997 film starring Brandy and Whitney Houston and adheres quite closely to the fairytale plot and original R&H score. The classic tale brings new life to the story of a young woman, forced into a life of household chores by her stepmother and stepsisters, who dreams of a better life. When the town herald announces a royal ball at which the Prince of the Kingdom intends to find a bride, Cinderella's dream is magically granted by her Fairy Godmother. Popular musical numbers include "The Prince is Giving a Ball," "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible," "A Lovely Night" and "Ten Minutes Ago." The performance will be directed by Marlo Van Peurseem with assistance from Aaron Fitzgerald (music), Paulina Loaiza (choreography) and Daryl Van Zee (Tech). Production dates are October 27, 28, and 29, 2022 with reserve tickets available for purchase on-line beginning October 17. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students (\$2 more at the door). All sales are final.

**Fall Choir Concert**

On Tuesday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m., the Pella Christian High School Choir Department will premier it's curricular ensembles at the annual Fall Concert. Concert Choir and Cantabile will perform a music of varying styles in the school auditorium. Come and enjoy the musical gifts of our Pella Christian High School students. Donations will be accepted via offering during a brief intermission.

## PSAT Test October 12

Juniors and sophomores may take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) on Wednesday morning, October 12, if they wish. Juniors are automatically entered in the National Merit Scholarship competition by taking this test while sophomores take the test as an excellent means of practicing for the ACT and also the PSAT, which they can take again as juniors. Students will miss AM classes since the test will take most of the morning. Results of the test are returned to us in 4-6 weeks and will be shared with students at that time.

## ACT Test at PCHS October 22

The ACT test is taken by students who wish to gain entrance into four-year colleges and universities. It is offered at many locations six times per year, and specifically at Pella Christian on the October, April and June dates. Taking the test in a familiar location can help students achieve their best possible scores. The registration deadline for the Saturday, October 22 test is September 16 with late registration available until September 30. Students should obtain a "Preparing for the ACT" practice booklet from the guidance office or go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for practice questions.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences-

Save the Date(s)

Parents, please plan to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences during one of the following times: Tuesday, October 25, from 6:00-8:00 pm or Thursday, October 27, from noon-2:00 pm. These conferences will take place in the gymnasium.

A reminder that students and parents can check on academic progress through our on-line grade access. We no longer mail mid-term progress reports since this information is now readily available to our parents and students. If you have concerns about your student you are also encouraged to contact your student's teachers directly with questions or concerns at any time during the school year.

## Stay Connected!

There are many ways to stay in touch with events and daily life at PCHS. All parents are strongly urged to subscribe to the parent announcements. Sign up on our website at [www.pceagles.org](http://www.pceagles.org) Home Page. Scroll down to the *Announcements* section and click on the box 'Read the Daily Eagle' where you will see an option to sign up for the parent announcements, sent out on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. If you would like to read the Daily Eagle announcements we share with our student body, please click on the Daily Eagle box.

You may also wish to like us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

## Blood Drive Coming to PCHS

The annual PCHS blood drive is set for Monday, October 24. Student Council members will be assisting The Lifeserve Blood Center team with the drive. Students need to allot one hour to donate blood and must have proper ID such as a school ID or a driver's license. Those under 18 years old need parental consent to donate blood. Family and community members are also welcome to donate. This opportunity is one more way that Pella Christian students and families can be of service to others.

## School Pictures

School pictures will be taken between 7:30-10:00am on Friday, September 30. All 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders will have a photo taken that morning, even if you do not wish to place an order. Photos are used for the yearbook and student records. Orders can be placed online AFTER pictures are taken at [www.jostenspix.com](http://www.jostenspix.com). Retake day is October 13 at 8:20am. Please do not wear green as they take the pictures in front of a green screen.

## Weather Alerts Reminder

As winter approaches please be aware that there may be days that school is delayed or cancelled. Parents who live outside of the Pella city limits should always use their best judgment in determining whether or not it is safe for their son/daughter to drive to school. Students living in outlying school districts may always follow their local district's schedule. We encourage students to ride the bus as much as possible since this is the safest form of transportation to and from school. School delays and cancellations will be announced on local radio and TV stations. Pella Christian families are now automatically enrolled to receive text notification and no longer need to register to receive them.

## iClub Resumes

iClub (International Club) is a student organization open to all students. The goals are to meet new people and learn about different cultures by spending time doing activities together. Previous years activities included an outdoor movie night, grocery shopping at international stores in Des Moines and preparing international foods for our host families. Our annual Cuisine Night and Christmas caroling are some favorites. Guest speakers from different countries are invited increase cultural awareness. Our hope and prayer is that we grow in awe of God by understanding more about the people and places He created!

## Upcoming Events

### September

- 20 MAP Testing 8:25-9:40am
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- 21 2:30pm Dismissal, Personal Development
- 22 MAP Testing 8:25-9:40am
- 22 Senior Meeting 8:30am
- 22 Josten's Senior presentation 9:00am
- 22 College Planning Night 7:00pm
- 23 MAP Testing 8:25-9:40am
- 23 Fall Fest 5:00pm-1:00am
- 24 Marching Dutch Invitational
- 26 Senior Soar Day
- 26 Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 28 2:30pm Dismissal - PD
- 29 Josten's Order Day 8:00-8:20am
- 30 Middle School Football Night
- 30 School Picture Day (see article)

### October

- 3 Chaos and Fall Service Day
- 5 2:30pm Dismissal - PD
- 6-7 No School -Teacher PD Days
- 10 Middle School Volleyball Night
- 11 Fall Music Concert 7:00pm
- 12 2:30pm Dismissal - PD
- 12 PSAT Testing (optional for 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>)
- 13 Picture Retake Day
- 15 State Marching Band Festival at PHS
- 19 2:30pm Dismissal - PD
- 22 All-State Music Auditions
- 22 ACT Test at PCHS
- 24 Blood Drive
- 25 2:30pm Dismissal - PTC 6:00-8:00pm
- 26 2:30pm Dismissal- PD
- 27 11:30am Dismissal - PTC noon-2:00pm
- 27-29 Fall Musical 'Cinderella' 7:00pm
- 28 No School



## FALL FEST 2022

Date: Friday, September 23, 2022 from 5:00pm to 1:00am  
Location: Pella Sports Park (383 Baseline Dr, Pella)

The Pella Christian Fall Fest 2022 is a Pella Christian community builder. We invite all students Creation Station through High School, parents, grandparents and friends to join us for an evening of games and activities, food and fellowship!



### KICKBALL AND SOFTBALL

Creation Station - Kickball and lots of fun. Check in at 6pm, activities begin at 6:15pm on Field 2.

Kindergarten to 5th Grade - Kickball games in Maroon & White Teams on Field 3.

Kindergarten - 5:00pm	3rd grade - 7:15pm
1st grade - 5:45pm	4th grade - 8:00pm
2nd grade - 6:30pm	5th grade - 8:45pm

6th to 8th Grade - Kickball games in House Groups on Fields 4 & 5

Fide vs Caritas at 5:00pm on Field #4  
Aonapan vs Koinonia at 5:00pm on Field #5  
Sodality and Coligo will play the winners at 5:45pm and the double elimination bracket will continue throughout the evening.

9th to 12th Grade -

Slow pitch softball from 10pm-1am, sign up your team with Mr. Roose. Brackets will be announced prior to the event.

### ACTIVITY WRISTBANDS

Unlimited fun can be had with our \$10 activity wristbands for bounce houses, giant slide, bungee basketball, yard games and laser tag!

### DELICIOUS FOOD

Enjoy delicious food all evening: hamburgers, pizza, chips, candy, popcorn, cookie dough, and pie with homemade ice cream!

### DUNK TANK FOR RYAN

Support Ryan Natelborg at the PC Dunk Tank from 7-9:00pm. 3 throws for \$5!

Questions about Fall Fest? Contact one of the PC Fall Fest Committee Members: Mikaela Parkash, Devin Remmel, Scott Roose, Ashi Van Donselaar, Wes Van Maanen, Nicole Vos or Christine Westerkamp.

## College Planning Night

Parents of juniors and seniors are invited to the annual Fall College Planning Night on Thursday, September 22 at 7:00pm in the library. Trixanna Wang will review the college application and campus visiting process, talk about current trends in career planning, and give some college scholarship search tips. This information may be especially valuable to parents preparing to send their first student off to college in the coming years, but anyone is welcome to attend!

## Senior Photos

Parents or guardians of seniors, a reminder to submit a vertical photo that features your student from the waist up, taken at eye-level. Natural-looking backgrounds and solid-colored/non-busy tops look best. Photos should be 300 DPI resolution or larger, or they will appear blurry in the yearbook. Please limit file sizes to 2 MB. No screenshots allowed!

Photos need to be submitted digitally no later than **December 16th**. Hard copies of photos are not accepted and PCHS will not be responsible for returning original photos.

Submit photos to: [yearbook@pceagles.org](mailto:yearbook@pceagles.org)

## Winterim 2023

The dates for this year's Winterim are January 3 - 6 and 9 - 10. In October, juniors and seniors will learn about internships and information will be shared with all students concerning Winterim classes. **If any parent or constituent is interested in teaching a morning or afternoon class, we'd love to hear from you! If you'd like to host a student intern, we'd like to talk to you as well!** Contact the school office at [hsoffice@pceagles.org](mailto:hsoffice@pceagles.org) or call 628-4440.



## From the Counselor's Office

Things look a little different in the counselor offices this year. The former role of Guidance Counselor has been divided into the roles of Academic Counselor and School Counselor. Together, Trixanna Wang (Academic Counselor) and Maria Fynaardt (School Counselor) look forward to helping students navigate high school in a variety of ways.

They started the school year explaining the differences in their two roles to PCHS staff and students as it is an adjustment for everyone. Maria focuses on supporting the social and emotional health of students. Her door is open for people to chat about everything from friendships, family, starting a new school year, and everything in between. Trixanna handles all academic and future planning, including class schedules, planning for college and careers, and so much more. Both Trixanna and Maria have also stocked their offices with candy for students, which has already made their offices popular places to visit! Maria and Trixanna look forward to an exciting year ahead and encourage students and families to connect with them whenever needed.

## August Board Briefs:

Pella Christian High School's Board meetings have been moved to the 4th Monday of the month for the 2022-23 school year. To provide you with the most accurate and timely information possible, we will begin including September board meeting information in the October PC Link and continuing with that pattern through the year. We will strive to ensure you receive timely and accurate information through the Link and other Pella Christian High School communications so you can attend events, stay up to date, and hold us in your prayers. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the PC Link or our communication processes in general, please do not hesitate to contact Dan Zylstra at [zylstrad@pceagles.org](mailto:zylstrad@pceagles.org) or 641-628-4440.