

LABOR NOT IN VAIN!

The 68th year of PCHS's service to Christian families is underway. Enrollment is up approximately 20 students (thanks in part to a large freshman class of 80 and five international students). Praise the Lord!

We have set for the year a theme based on Psalm 127:1a which says; "Unless the LORD builds the house the workers labor in vain." We want our students, teachers, parents, and constituents to know that we must include and rely on God in all that we do lest we all "labor in vain." Please pray for Pella Christian High School, for those who attend, and those who work here. A specific prayer item is for safety. Pray that God will protect all of our students, staff, parents, and supporters this year over all of the many miles that will be traveled to and from school and school activities.



PCHS WELCOMES NEW TEACHER

PCHS is pleased to welcome Mr. Joe Hoksbergen (Art) to the faculty. Mr. Hoksbergen will be teaching art every afternoon at PCHS and spend the mornings at PCGS teaching art to the elementary kids. He is married to Katie (who also teaches at PCGS).

CALENDARS & DIRECTORIES

Are now available and have been included in the packet that contained this PC link. Please note that we did not put all of the athletic events on the wall calendar again this year. Pocket schedules are available at school for each sport and we will again have all schedules posted on the web site.

ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING

On July 13th, the annual society meeting was held at the Vermeer Pavilion. The tuition rate and annual budget for the 2006-07 school year was ratified by societal vote. Elected to the school board for three-year terms were: Deb Bruxvoort, Anna Dykstra, Glenn Matherly, Doug Van Gorp, and Russ Van Hemert. A list of the board officers for 06-07 can be found on the web site. A new campus update was presented and Mr. De Ruiter gave a "state of the school" address. God is good!

THANKS FOR THE HELP!

The Pella Christian Eagle Boosters would like to say a huge THANK YOU for the help received at the baseball/softball concession stands this summer. We could not have such a complete menu without all the MANY donations of Cool Whip and homemade pie (baseball alone served 150 of them), potato salad, snicker salad, relish, and ice cream sandwiches. Many games packed into a short period of time make this a busy season so we also appreciate those who help in other ways such as working in the stands, mixing up fruit cups, freezing ice, putting up tents, picking up trash, picking up supplies, etc. Our visiting teams (players and fans) continue to look forward to playing at our home games so they can eat at our concession stands. Thanks to all of you for making this another successful fundraiser for the Pella Christian Eagle Boosters where the profit from these concession stands is spent in ALL areas of the school.

COLLEGE PLANNING

NIGHT

 Parents of Juniors and Seniors:

The Iowa College Planning Center will be at Pella Christian High on Monday, September 10 @ 7:00PM, to present information on financial aid for college. Come have your questions answered about the ins and outs of the college application and financial aid process. We will meet in the cafeteria.

APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR SCHOOL

As the school year begins it is good to remind parents that we have a dress code that calls for modesty and appropriateness. This is a challenge for our young people because of the current fashion trend and culture of the day. The responsibility for this lies with the parents and students first. School employees should not have to be spending time dealing with this issue. Please take some time to discuss this issue with your son and/or daughter. Explain why it is we desire for them to dress in a manner that is consistent with what we stand for as a Christian community. Your assistance in this area is necessary and appreciated.



SCHOOL PICTURES

Please note that students (Freshmen through Juniors) will have their school pictures taken on **Friday, September 27**.

FAMILY SERVICE PROGRAM

Do you want/need to complete your 4 volunteer hours and get your \$60 fee reimbursed? Do you want to donate hours for some other family? Or do you want to just volunteer because we still need people to mow the grass and do fall cleanup. If interested, please contact Gail Van Beek at 628-2434 to schedule your hours. This extra help really does help keep the cost of education down for everyone. Look for a letter coming soon explaining some more opportunities related to the new campus move.

PSAT / ACT INFORMATION

The ACT is a test that is required for admission into any four year college or university. It is offered every two months at sites around the area, including Central College. Upcoming dates test dates are October 27 and December 8 with registration dates five weeks in advance of each date. Registration is best completed online at ACT.org and practice questions are available there as well. Some preparation for the ACT is done in English III; however, students should also spend time preparing individually. The cost is \$28.

The PSAT is an optional test available to both sophomores and juniors. It will be offered at Pella Christian on Wednesday morning, October 17. By taking this test, juniors are automatically entered into the National Merit Scholarship competition. Taking the test as a sophomore is good practice for taking the test as a junior. The cost for taking the test will be \$13 this year. Interested students will be given practice tests in September.



ON-LINE ASSIGNMENTS & ACTIVITIES CALENDARS

As a way of communicating with the home as we “partner” in the education of your kids we have a calendar module to our web site that allows students and parents see what assignments are given either by grade or by course. You will also be able to view an activities calendar that will display what activities are scheduled along with the times and locations. You can get to these calendars by logging on to our web site www.Pceagles.org and clicking on the “Calendars” link.

STUDENT ACTIVITY CARDS

New this year are student ID cards (that should come in soon) that will allow PCHS students to get into all home PCHS activities for free. This includes athletic and drama events. However these cards must be presented at the gate or box office and there will be a \$5 replacement cost should the student lose their card.

PHOTO BUTTONS

Joy Naaden is the new contact person for the Eagle Photo Buttons. Call her at 620-9555 or 780-6786 or e-mail jnaaden@iowatelecom.net if you wish to order a photo button of your student.

ATHLETIC PUNCH CARDS

10 punch cards which can be used at any PC athletic event. Cards are \$35 for adults (\$15 savings) and \$21 for students (\$9 savings) Contact the office or Athletic department if you would like to buyone.

KUDOS...

Luke Schut (07 graduate) was named a Robert Byrd Honors Scholar earlier this summer. This award is a prestigious honor for Iowans only.

Our Librarian Sheri Haveman was chosen for the Iowa Library Association Foundation Scholarship by the Library Media Connection Organization for her efforts in improving the PCHS Library. Way to go Mrs. Haveman.

Softball Honors

Katie Nieuwsma and Megan Pothoven 1st team all LHC and all district by the IGCA
Dana Van Zee and Kaela De Bruin where named honorable mention

Baseball honors

Ben Van Wyk was named 2nd team all LHC
Cory Nikkel and Jordan Van Zante where honorable mention.

Girls Soccer

Lauren De Nooy 1st team all conference LHC
Kirstin Monsma and Heather Brand 2nd team all conference

Leah Mills and Alania Vermeer honorable mention

Boys Soccer

Ben Hoogeveen 2nd team all conference
Steve Warden and Tyler Van Zee honorable mention all conference

SENIOR PHOTOS FOR YEARBOOK

In order to meet the deadlines set by our publisher (Jostens), senior photos must be submitted by late February. We appreciate them as early as possible, however, since this gives us time to polish and perfect those pages. Photos may be submitted in either printed or digital format.

Student attire in photos submitted for the yearbook must meet the dress code. Yearbook photos will also be used for the class composite to be hung in the office and in the hallway. Because photos are small to begin with, a close up shot is preferred.



YEARBOOKS

YEARBOOKS have arrived and have been distributed to underclassmen.

GRADUATES yearbooks may be picked up from the Maclab at any time **during the school day**. Extras are available for \$50 while they last--first come, first served.

CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL

Parents, please be aware that we have a new policy regarding the use of cell phones at school. Students may carry them and use them between classes and at breaks but may not use them or have them visible during any class period and may only use them in the hallways and designated outside areas. A more detailed description can be found in the parent-student handbook.

THEFT AT SCHOOL

Unfortunately we have had several instances of theft over the past two years. We have warned all students to not leave money unattended at any time. If your student needs to carry money to school they should carry it with them at all times or bring it to the office or any teacher to hold for the day. If someone is caught stealing at school they will be immediately and indefinitely suspended from school. We have enjoyed a very safe environment at PCHS and want to preserve it.