

# Premier Charter School

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"I will believe and achieve!"

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## PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dearest PCS Families,

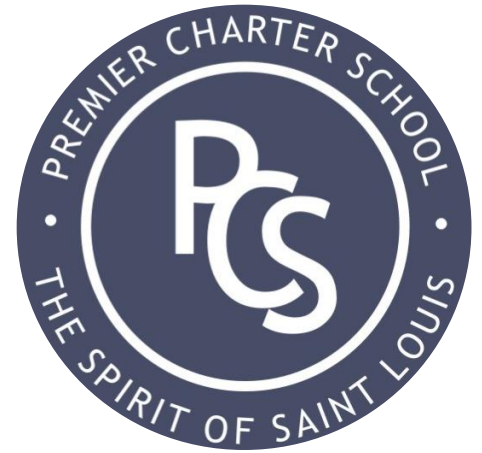
Happy December! The cold weather has finally decided to make an appearance and make it feel a little more like December. It is hard to believe that we are so close to Winter Break! This month is packed full of activities, fun, and learning. All students will be taking our mid-year interim tests in the major content areas before we leave for break. These help to give us more information on content learned from the beginning of the year and next steps in each child's, as well as the grade level's and school's, learning and instruction.

Our winter parties will take place on December 20. Each grade level puts together the fun and if they need help will reach out to parents. Some take care of things on their own so if you do not hear from your child's teacher, rest assured the students still have the opportunity to enjoy the fun before heading off for a few days rest!

### **Our Kindergarten Lottery for the 2018-2019 School Year is now open...**

Do you have or do you know a child that will be in Kindergarten next school year? Our lottery opened last week and we already have applications being submitted. Applications can be filled out online at [School Mint](#). This is a secure website where all that needs to be done to submit an application is fast and simple. It allows you to create a username and password and fill out all necessary information right there. There are also paper applications in each office as well. Please pass this information on to family, friends, and neighbors that you may be encouraging to apply to PCS!

We also have a few Kindergarten Open Houses coming up very soon... the first one is TONIGHT in fact! This is a great way to see what our Kindergarten experience is like as well as to talk to both teachers and administrators. They are held from 4:00-6:00 in the Kindergarten Building. See the attached flyer for more dates and more information... and please SPREAD THE WORD!



## Important Upcoming Dates

**12.5.17:** Kindergarten Open House for potential future KG families - 4:00-6:00

**12.16.17:** PCS Holiday Breakfast

**12.20.17:** Elementary Winter Parties

**12.21.17 - 1.2.17:** No School - Winter Break

**1.3.17:** School resumes

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## Did You Know?

Check out the attached December Fitness Challenge from our PE teachers! A great way to get moving and stay moving this December... especially over break!

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### **Coffee & Conversation...**

Elementary Administration will hold our first Coffee & Conversation of the year next Wednesday, December 13 from 8:45-9:30 am in the Elementary Cafeteria. This is a casual open house format for you to pop in to enjoy a cup of coffee and chat with Mrs. Leesman, Mrs. Huber & Mr. Strickler about the school and it's goings on. We hope to see you there!

### **Lost & Found...**

With the cold weather upon us that means kids will be bringing more items to school to stay warm... which in turn means more items to keep track of! Teachers do their best to help kids make sure they have everything, but with 600+ students in the elementary school that is a lot of gloves, hats and coats. Now would be a good time to give your child extra reminders to be responsible for their own items and please mark their names in their coats and hats especially. We have been diligent about frequently going through and returning any items that are labeled with a child's name. This really is the best way to help get lost or forgotten items returned... label EVERYTHING with your child's name!

### **Parking lot reminders...**

As everyone has become more settled into their morning routines, please remember to follow the guidelines and procedures of the parking lot and street drop off and pick up. Please refrain from dropping off your child around the curve and in the left hand lane unless you are pulled up closer to the middle crosswalk. No student for any reason should cross traffic in the middle of the parking lot and must cross at the crosswalks where a member of our team is making sure all is safe to cross. We have many adults out in the morning to open doors. However, do not feel that your students have to wait for someone to open the door for them. If you are stopped past the lower crosswalk and in the right lane, students can then open the door and head into the building. This helps to keep the flow of traffic moving and makes drop off more efficient. Double parking is not allowed and dropping or picking up in the bike lane is considered double parking. Finally, please refrain from being on your phone in order to keep attention on the many cars and kids!

### **The Story of PCS...**

We will be collecting your stories throughout this school year to compile an incredible video that we will share at our Multicultural Fair & Spring Peace Rally. Not sure what to say? Do you have a favorite memory, trip, teacher, project, event from the school? Have you made lifelong friends? Gather your family and friends to share these stories with us. You can plan out your story or talk from the heart.

Recording Dates & Times:

Board/Parent Coffee February 28th, 7:30-9:00 AM

STEAM Night April 26th, 5:30-7:00 PM

Still have questions? Contact Mrs. Wohlgemuth

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### **Library News...**

Visit our online catalogue: Destiny Discover!

You can search our library shelves from any computer or device. Simply visit [www.Gofollett.com](http://www.Gofollett.com) or download the Destiny Discover App! You can see a list of new books and popular books, search for books, see what books are checked out and when they are due, and more!

Your child's login is:

Username: (your child's lunch number)

Password: (your child's first name)

Feel free to contact me if you need your child's lunch number. ([vramsey@premiercharterschool.org](mailto:vramsey@premiercharterschool.org))

### **Social Media Spotlight...**

Keep up with PCS and all its happenings and learnings through Twitter and Instagram! This week we spotlight some of our specialists...

Reading Specialists  
T: @PCS\_Reading  
I: pcsreading\_specialists

ELL Specialists  
T: @ELLPCS  
I: ellpcs

Mrs. Gold/QUEST  
T: @egoldquest  
I: egoldquest

And as always, be sure to give our school's Facebook page a like too!  
Please reach out if you have any questions or comments. My office is located in the Elementary Main Office area.

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## REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **PCG Update:**

- PCS Holiday Breakfast will be here before you know it! Please see the attached form for all the details and sign up. Forms must be received by this Friday, December 8.
- Spirit Wear orders will be delivered very soon... be on the look out for your order!

**SFE:** Menus are now available online. View them at: <http://premiercharterschool.nutrislice.com/>. The December lunch menu is attached as well.

**Box Tops for Education:** We will continue to collect Box Tops this year... so start collecting! Box tops can be given to your child's teacher or placed in the collection container in the Elementary office.

**IC Parent Portal Page:** Please contact your child's teacher if you need your log in information for the Parent Portal Page. Great way to stay up to date on grades, account balances, etc!

**Amazon Smile Program:** Our school has linked up with the Amazon Smile Program in which we get a percentage of an order placed that is "smile eligible" (it will say on the item by the price if it is or not). The easiest way to do this is to type "Amazon Smile" into the search bar on Amazon.com. It will then automatically link you to the Smile program. Then type in "St. Louis Charter School" (and look for St. Louis Charter Schools) to select us to be correctly linked with in order for the purchase percentage to go to us!

**Lost & Found:** Please make sure to mark your child's lunch box, jackets, coats, sweatshirts, etc with their name so any lost items can be returned to them! We will be cleaning out lost and found on a monthly basis this year. We have now moved the elementary lost and found outside of the cafeteria by the windows.