

Premier Charter School

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"I will believe and achieve!"

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Conferences Next Week

Hard to believe it, but Thursday was the midway point of the school year, and so we will be holding our second round of academic conferences on January 11th and 12th. Conference times are listed to the right. As we started last year, these conferences will serve as the final open conferences for this school year. We will have conferences during the 3rd trimester that are by appointment only.

Two Special Attractions during Conferences

SFE will be here for a few hours during conferences to do a nutrition demonstration. Their quick presentation will focus on recommended servings of food/day as well as amounts of sugars and salts in certain foods. You won't want to miss this!

January 11 - 4:00 - 6:00 - middle school lobby

January 12 - 1:00 - 3:00 - elementary building - center hallway

The PCS library will be open to families during conferences. Come visit on Wednesday between 4 and 7 and Thursday between 12 and 5 in the Middle School Building, Room 105. Browse our book and magazine selection, borrow a book, play a game, create with legos, explore some great websites and enter a drawing to win a free book or poster. Hope to see you there!

Parent University

We will be starting a new initiative at PCS called parent university. The idea behind this initiative is to have a monthly seminar based around a specific



Upcoming Events

January 11- Conferences
Times- 3:45pm- 7pm

January 12- Half Day
Dismissal at 12 pm

January 12- Conferences
Times- 12pm- 1pm
2pm- 4pm
5pm- 7:30pm

January 13- No School

January 14- No School
Martin Luther King Day

January 24- Parent University
6:00 pm- 7:30 pm

January 26- PCS Basketball
Confluence South City
Girls- 5:00 pm
Boys- 6:00 pm

PCS Snow Schedule:

School will begin at 10:00 on that day with drop off starting at 9:30. Students will be considered tardy at 10:05.

In the event we need to cancel or delay the start of school, we will do our best to inform families as soon as possible via phone blast, social media, and local media.

topic in which our families and pcs employees can come together and learn as well as engage in important discussions. Thank you for your ideas about topics you want to discuss and learn more about, we are working on scheduling our first five topics from January to May. Our first topic will be focused on Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Youth. If this is a topic that peaks your interest save the date for 1/24 from 6-7:30. Please look for more information and details about this session soon.

It's Cold Out There

That's what we've been hearing from the students since the cold weather finally arrived. Whenever possible, we will be taking the students outside for social time, as it is an important part of their day here at school. To that end, please make sure your students are dressed appropriately for the weather when they leave for school. Everyday on announcements, Mrs. Wright reminds the students to bring their coats, hats and gloves to lunch, since we are not able to send kids back into the building without a pass. Below are our guidelines for when we go out and when we stay in (unless a doctor's note is on file stating that outside recess is not permitted for a medical condition):

If the temperature (including wind chill) is below 20 degrees, recess will take place indoors. If the temperature is 20 degrees or above, outside recess may take place.

Drop off and Dismissal Important Reminders

- Please remember to follow all parking laws on the street.
- If you are dropping a student off on Sublette prior to school, please pull over all the way to the curb to allow for a safe exit from your vehicle.
- If you come onto the lot in the mornings, remember that both lanes are used for drop off, so we ask that you not change lanes.
- Always choose the lane that allows your son/daughter to exit your car onto the outside of traffic, or curb side.
- Students should not arrive at school before 8:10, unless they are checking into before care
- In the afternoon, please avoid using spots that are reserved for handicapped individual. You may only use those spots if you have a handicap placard displayed on your vehicle.
- As always, please pay attention to the staff directing traffic and avoid parking in the crosswalks and the spots reserved for people with disabilities.

Kindergarten Enrollment

Although it may be hard to believe, it is time for K enrollment for the next year (Open Dec 1st officially). If you have a child or know a neighbor or family friend who have a child starting Kindergarten next year (Must turn 5yrs by July 31, 2017), the time to apply is now. Every child must apply through the lottery, whether they are a sibling or not in order to enroll. We want to make sure to reach the siblings of all our current students and all our referrals by the first lottery pull for Kindergarten for next year, which is scheduled to be held on February 1, 2017. Parents can either apply directly on our website via an online application (Online Application is the preferred method), follow the link on parent portal or get an application from the office.

Here is the link to the application. Please copy and paste into your browser:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lottery17-18>

Middle School Trip- New York April 23-28, 2017

At this time, our waiting list is very small, so your son/daughter may have a chance to go if you want to sign up. For more information, please contact Ms. McAdams or Ms. Rhine.

Yankee Candle fundraiser is beginning next week for middle school students. Those participating and going on the trip will earn 40% of their sales for the cost of their trip. If your son or daughter is not attending the trip, but you still wish to participate, those proceeds go to defray the cost of other trip related expenses for the good of all the students going. There will be a table set up at conferences next week where you may get more information.

St. Louis Public Schools Applications

The second lottery pool will be pulled on January 6, so even if you have hopes of getting your son/daughter into a private or county high school, it is best to submit an application to SLPS, so that you have that option available in case your first choice is unavailable. Please contact Ms. Wright or Mr. Doyle, if you have any questions.

High School Shadowing

As 7th and 8th grade students are beginning to think about the important decision of choosing a high school, I want to encourage them to spend a day shadowing at one or two schools of their interest. These days can be very enlightening for your son/daughter. If you want to take advantage of this, call the high school of your choice and arrange a day to shadow. These days will count as Excused Absences at PCS, as long as we have a note from the school documenting their attendance.

Let Me Run for the spring season!

We are excited to offer Let Me Run here at PCS for our 4-8 grade boys once again! In order to have a successful season, we need volunteers who can commit to 1-2 practices a week, after school, (Tues. and Thurs.). Absolutely no experience is necessary. Coaches receive a training manual and materials to guide their weekly practice.

Let Me Run is a seven-week running program for pre-teen and teenage boys, led by trained coaches from your community. Each team meets twice a week for an hour, and the boys exercise and participate in fun activities, which help them learn how to express themselves, reach personal goals, and improve their overall wellness. At the end of the program, the boys celebrate their hard work with a 5k race. There is a training session scheduled for Saturday, February 4th, that is recommended but not required since only one coach per team is required to attend a training each season, and we already have coaches signed up.

We would love to get a team together for the Spring season in order to provide our boys with an awesome after-school program that will benefit them in so many ways. You can learn more about LMR and their program at <http://www.letmerun.org/>

If your son is interested, please contact Ms. McAdams or Ms. Mijatovic for more information.

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!

Lots of Family Fun around Town

Saturday Jan 7

Old Court House--Noon to 4 p.m.

11 N. 4th Street

1767 Twelfth Afternoon Ball

Music, Dance, & Food from 1767 Free for all ages

<http://saintlouis.kidsoutandabout.com/content/1767-twelfth-afternoon-ball-old-courthouse>

Alton/Audubon Eagle Ice Festival 10 a.m to 2 p.m. Free for all ages

Alton Visitor Center

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Alton, IL (just 25 minutes from STL)

Bald eagles return to the Great Rivers National Scenic Byway every winter to reclaim their nests and this Saturday you can meet and greet live eagles, play ice cube crush & ice putt putt golf and watch 3 eagle ice carvings

VisitAlton.com/Eagles or [1-800-258-6645](tel:1-800-258-6645) (1 800 ALTON IL)

Sunday Jan 8

St. Louis Art Museum Family Sundays--1-4 p.m.

Free activities for families: This month's theme: Magical Beasts

while you're at the Art Museum check out the refreshed American Galleries

where more than 150 works of art in 8 galleries showcase American Artists from the Gilded Age through Modern Times. Twenty percent of the works have been brought out of storage and have not been seen in more than a decade.

Ongoing Free Exhibit Now through March 2017

Blood, Sweat & Cheers tribute to St. Louis Blues 50th Anniversary

at the beautifully renovated St. Louis Library City Headquarters

Free during regular library hours

<http://saintlouis.kidsoutandabout.com/content/50-years-blood-sweat-and-cheers-blues-tribute-central-library>

Don't forget to "LIKE" our school's Facebook page. Great way to see all the great things happening at PCS!