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"I will believe and achieve!"

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Happy December! I can't believe that I just typed that! In two and a half short weeks, we'll be taking some time off for Winter Break, but these next few weeks will be packed full of fun and learning here at PCS. As we approach the midpoint of the year, all students will be taking interim tests made by our teachers to help us find out where they are at after the 1st semester and help us guide their learning for the remainder of the year. And, as we gear up for the holidays, all MS grade levels have some fun activities coming up, with the 6th grade going to Pole Position to supplement their force and motion unit, the 7th grade ice skating at Steinberg for some quality team bonding, and the 8th grade is planning on some Holiday activities during the last week of school before break. But come to think about it, regardless of the season or time of year, that's just what we do: Combining academics and fun to make a rich learning experience for your children. #ThatsPCS

MS Shoutouts from This Week

Mrs. Wohlgemuth would like to give Mr. Deloach's and Ms. Franke's homebases a shout out for coming in quietly from social time and being amazing during lunch on Monday!

To the Splitz group (from Ms. McAdams) for jumping right into IDR and working to meet their reading goals, keep it up!

Ms. Beary & Mrs. Hussey would like to give a shout out to Joelly Funez for working so hard on a project and showing great leadership. Good work!

Ms. Beary would like to give a shout out to Hailey Bellew and Wyatt



Upcoming Events

December 4- MS Grade Check

December 7- PCS Girls Basketball
Confluence Academy- South City
5:00 pm

December 8- PCS Boys Basketball
Confluence Academy- South City
5:00 pm

December 16- PCS Holiday Breakfast
Time and Location TBD

December 16- PCS Boys Basketball
Lutheran South Main Gym
2:30 pm

December 16- PCS Girls Basketball
Lutheran South Main Gym
5:00 pm

December 21-January 2- No School
Winter Break

December 23- PCS Girls/Boys Basketball
St. Louis College Prep
Girls @ 5:00 pm
Boys @ 6:00 pm

January 3- School Resumes

Give a LIKE to PCS's Facebook Page...

Our Facebook page is a great way to see all the awesome things happening at PCS!

Follow Us on Twitter:

@kimwrightpcs
@kgdoyle4

Gotshall for showing great work in their writing yesterday. Can't wait to see the final products!

Important Information about Upcoming 6th Grade Field Trip

The 6th grade students are going on a field trip to The Academy of Racing at Pole Position on December 7th for their force and motion unit. If you have a 6th grade student, please ensure that you have registered them at the Pole Position website <https://pprstlouis.clubspeedtiming.com/cs-registration/>. Create a new account under your student's name and you the code "Premier" for "who I'm here for." This must be completed, if you want your child to attend the field trip. Thank you!

Lost and Found

The lost and found bins have been emptied and the contents were donated to the Refugee relief that was being sponsored by the 8th grade in coordination with their Language Arts unit on war-torn countries and the effects on their populations.

Please remember to label any coats, hats, gloves and lunchboxes, so if they end up in the lost and found, we can return them to their rightful owner.

8th Graders: Congratulations!

Congrats to the numerous 8th grade students who received official notification last week about their acceptance into the high school of their choice. If you are still unsure about which high school to choose, I would encourage you to plan a day to have your son or daughter shadow at a high school. Most area schools will arrange to place your student with a current student and shadow them for a day. It is a great way for your child to get a "feel" for the school, and you can do this at more than one school. These days are counted as excused absences, as long as you bring in some type of documentation from the school of your child's visit. That documentation could be a note from their office or even a visitor pass. Just turn that into Ms. Zamudio in the Middle School office. Attached to this newsletter is a comprehensive document, thank you Mrs. Lydon, detailing the registration process for high schools in the St. Louis area.

PCS Athletics

Eagles Basketball

As you may have heard, the first game of the season for the boys and girls teams was canceled this week due to a scheduling conflict with the Confluence teams. We look forward to them opening the season next week at the South City Tournament on Thursday (December 7th) for the girls and Friday (December 8th) for the boys. If either team advances, they will play on Saturday. Good luck to both teams as they begin their 2017-18 season.

Eagles Cheerleading

It's not too late to support your PCS Eagles Cheerleaders by purchasing a 2018 Cardinals Calendar. The proceeds go to help finance their upcoming competitions. The calendars are \$15 and make great gifts for the holidays.

If you need any information, please contact:

Miriah Bruns, mbruns@premiercharterschool.org, or Kelly Hayes, khayes@premiercharterschool.org.

PCS 2018-2019 School Year

It may be hard to believe, but the lottery officially opened today for next school year, and we already have applications being submitted.

Paper applications have been dropped off in both offices, in case you want to pick one up for your neighbors or friends that you may be encouraging to apply here at PCS. You can also share our online application, which can be found at premiercharterschool.schoolmint.net. This a secure website, where all that needs to be done to submit an application is create to a username and password. Please see the attached flyer about kindergarten open house later this month.

Middle School Trip 2018: Washington D.C.

If you have signed your child up for the Middle School trip to Washington next spring, you should have received an invoice from Adventure Student Travel for payments by this time. Yesterday, November 30, was the due date for the second payment. Please make sure that you are either keeping up with payments or contacting AST to make payment arrangements. The cost of this trip is dependent upon the number of students who are enrolled, and if you are having second thoughts about sending your student, please let us know as soon as possible, so we can work to fill the spot and keep the price the same for everyone else going on the trip.

If your child would like to attend the trip, I still encourage you to complete the paperwork and submit a deposit. We have had a couple of students unfortunately drop out of the trip recently, so there have been spots available. Openings will be filled based on the order of students on the waiting list. Contact Ms. Rhine or Ms. McAdams for more details.

More Ways to Connect with PCS

Below are the Twitter and Instagram handles for our 7th grade team. Follow any or all of them for updates on the amazing things that your kids are doing everyday at PCS.

Teacher	Twitter	Instagram
Amelia Garcia (TLC)	@MrsGarcia120	MrsGarcia120
Taylor Lemmon (Math)	@ms_lemmonade119	Ms.lemmonade119
Meghan Beary (ELA)	@the_library	the_library
Alexandra Franke (ELA)	@MsFrankePCS	MsFrankePCS
Ryan DeLoach (Social Studies)	@rjdeloach	Mr.deloachpcs
Kassidi Thomas (Science)	@MsThomasPCS	msthomaspes

The Story of PCS

Please join us to tell your story!

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:

Conference Dates:

March 14th, 4:00-6:00 PM March 15th, 12:30-4:00 PM

Event Dates:

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

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

Important note about dismissal and the YMCA

We are kindly asking parents and students to be respectful of our neighbors at the YMCA. Their building and grounds are not meant to be used as a pick up point for students as they have membership rules and regulations regarding their building and grounds use.

Their policy is that MEMBERS under the age of 13 cannot be present at the YMCA without a person 18 years or older to supervise them. They especially cannot allow NON MEMBERS under the age of 13 to be there either. Also, 13 year old NON MEMBERS can only be in the building with a signed waiver from a parent and they are only admitted on a guest pass 2 times per calendar year. The YMCA is for members only afterschool and their lobby is not a place for students to "hang out". The parking lot is also not a place for parents to pick up their children after school.

If you need a place for after school care, please check out our Aftercare program. Payment is on a sliding scale and is affordable. It offers a safe and engaging program for our PCS students!. For more information contact Josh Lydon at jlydon@premiercharterschool.org.

Library news

Visit our online catalogue:Destiny Discover!

You can search our library shelves from any computer or device. Simply visit 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)

Follow what's new in the library on:

twitter @pcslibrary Instagram @pcs_library

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Instead of throwing it away, put that trash to good use! Mrs. Perrot is looking for recycled materials for inquiry projects! These can be brought in throughout the year and will be used by classrooms for modeling and building. You can send them to your child's teacher or drop them in the front office. Some examples of things are below (please make sure food containers are clean):

plastic lids of all shapes and sizes

plastic bottle caps

paper towel tubes

Yarn, ribbon, and string

plastic tops from fruit pouches

Styrofoam balls

Buttons

Thread spools

Empty Play-Dough containers and fruit cup containers

Two liter soda bottles

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 December 8.
- If you ordered Spirit Wear last month, the PCG is expecting that those items will arrive sometime next week. We will keep you informed.

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!

Family Fun Around the STL

Friday, December 1 4-7 p.m.

Fit Kid-Free Kid at the Magic House

[516 South Kirkwood Road](#) (aka Lindbergh Boulevard)

The Magic House in conjunction with St. Louis Children's Hospital will give free admission to any kid 12 and under who will participate in a fitness challenge.

Complete the challenge upon arrival and get free admission to the Magic House

Free but Registration required--register on website below:

<https://www.magichouse.org/events-programs/events/>

Friday, December 1 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 2 at 10 a.m and 1 p.m.

Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site

Bring history alive by attending a live interpretive performance.

Meet abolitionist Frederick Douglass as portrayed by Charles Pace

free but reservations needed by calling [314-842-1867 extension 230](tel:314-842-1867)

Additional historical performances & talks to be given in December & throughout 2018 can be found at:

<https://www.nps.gov/ulsg/planyourvisit/things2do.htm>

Sun., Dec. 3, 3 p.m.

Holiday Jazz Concert at the Touhill Performing Arts Center at UMSL

1 University Drive at Natural Bridge Road

This annual production showcases holiday classics with a jazzy flair. The evening features such classics as "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "The Christmas Song," "Jingle Bells" and selections from A Charlie Brown Christmas. With additional song selections, concert organizers promise exciting new music that will be enjoyed by all! .Free

<https://www.touhill.org/events/detail/umsl-jazz-for-the-holidays>

Starts Dec. 3. Sundays, 1-5 p.m. Continues through Dec. 23

Central West End Window Walk

Experience the magic of the holidays at the Central West End's annual Window Walk. Shop owners and local designers work together to decorate the CWE windows bringing back the time honored tradition of creating beautiful holiday windows. Enjoy live music, strolling carolers, free carriage rides, ice carving, free kettle corn, visits with Santa and additional holiday entertainment. This event is free and open to the public

