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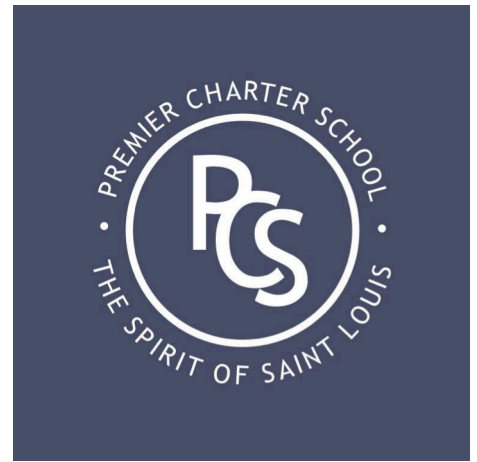
Friday, September 8, 2017

I hope everyone has been enjoying this unseasonably cool weather. It certainly makes it real that we are almost a month into the school year already! Speaking of that, you may be wondering what kind of grades your student is earning at this point. At PCS, we want to make sure that you are always informed about your student's progress, both academically and socially. We are always just a phone call or email away, and we invite you to contact us for any reason. In addition to those types of communication, you can log on to our grade system, Infinite Campus, and check your child's grades also. Lastly, we do have periodic grade checks, when your child's teacher will send home a complete list of all their grades. Our first scheduled grade check of the year is next Monday, September 18. If your child is passing all their classes, 70% or higher, you get to keep the grade check. If for some reason they are struggling to earn a 70% in all their classes, they will be asked to return the grade check on September 19 with your signature. We want to partner with you and your student to provide a successful year, and we know that through consistent communication, that can happen!

Fall Peace Rally- #thatsPCS

Get excited!!

Our whole-school Fall Peace Rally is Friday, September 15th from 2:15-3:15pm in the Courtyard. We'll be featuring some of the great Instagram



Upcoming Events

September 13- 8th Grade High School Night (8th Grade Only)
MS building @ 5:30

September 14- PCS Board Meeting
PCS Library @ 4:30

September 15- Fall Peace Rally
PCS Courtyard @ 2:15

September 18- Grade Check

September 20- PCG Family Night
City Park Grill on Morganford

September 22- ½ Day
12:00 Dismissal

October 2- Grade Check

October 7- Fall Festival
PCS Greenspace 12:00-4:00

October 7- Truck N Treat
PCS Parking Lot 5:00-7:00

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

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!

and Twitter posts you've been sharing. If you have a post related to goal setting or something exciting happening in your classroom, please screen shot it with the caption and send it my way!

Help out those in need...

We are all aware of the devastation that has occurred recently in Houston and the surrounding areas due to Hurricane Harvey. As a school, we of course want to help out in any way we can. A couple of initiatives are happening in order to do this. One is our school supply drive. We have been partnered up with a classroom in Texas and all donations will be sent their way to help this classroom, teacher, and students get back on their feet.

Another chance to help will come Monday. PCS will have a NUT day (no uniform today). With a \$1 donation, students may have an out of uniform/dress down day. All money raised will go to "Undies for Everyone" campaign. Thanks for your support to both of these great causes!

Middle School Trip 2018: Washington D.C.

Thank you to all the parents who came out on Wednesday to learn about our upcoming trip to Washington D.C. As of today, we have over 60 students who have signed up for the trip, meaning that we have only about 30 spots remaining. If you were unable to make the meeting and would like your son or daughter to attend the trip, please contact Ms. McAdams or Ms. Rhine. The dates for the trip are April 29-May 4, 2018. Our first fundraiser for the trip, TJ's Pizza, began last Friday and will run until September 15. Please make sure all orders are paid in full. PCS can only accept checks from the parent of the student attending PCS. If you want to collect and write one personal check for the balance of the order, we can do that.

7th & 8th Grade Co-Ed Soccer

There is still time to sign up for 7th and 8th grade boys and girls soccer. Please get your form and money in to Coach Thomas or Coach Lemmon by this Thursday September 14th. Please see the attached flyer or ask for one at the office.

Mini Pom Camp

Over the years, we have sent several students to Lutheran South High School after graduating from PCS, and they are a consistent recruiter of our students. In keeping with that relationship, they asked that we publicize an upcoming Mini Pom Camp that they are hosting. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Attention Middle School Boys...

Let Me Run is a boys running program for 4th-8th grade boys. The season begins September 26th. Practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:45-5:00pm, and we will end with a 5K race in Tower Grove Park. If you are interested get a permission slip form from Ms. Mijatovic during PE or at the front office. They are due next week! More about Let Me Run can be found online at www.LetMeRun.org.

Girls on Fire is Back!

Girls on Fire is an organization at Premier Charter School designed to empower and guide our 8th grade girls as they prepare for high school, college, and life. This is a perfect opportunity for the girls to refine their leadership skills while focusing on the values of self-respect, kindness, and courage. For the past four years, Girls on Fire has been helping our girls love themselves and know who they are inside and out, build confidence, improve their ability to reach their highest potential, and inspire others. **Girls on Fire is having their information meeting on Thursday, September 21st from 3:30 - 4:30. Students are required to attend to show interest; parents are welcomed.** Please participate to hear about the program's history, plans for this school

year, and how to become involved. For more information, contact Mrs. Daugherty at ndaugherty@premiercharterschool.org.

Calling all sharks!

Parents and community members please join us as shark tank panel members. STEAM is in need of at least three Shark Tank panel members for each of the five rotations of the 8th grade entrepreneurship course this year. After a brief introduction to business and marketing concepts, students will have a first draft of a business plan for their company and product or service ideas. They need to persuade sharks with good presentation skills. The sharks will be responsible for evaluating their presentation based on certain criteria.

For the first rotation, students will be presenting on **Wednesday, Sept. 20th and Thursday, Sept. 21st from 10:30 - 11:00**. For more details on participating in PCS Shark Tank, please email Mrs. Daugherty at ndaugherty@premiercharterschool.org.

Drop off and pick up...

I am including the reminders once again for drop off and pick up. Please read through below and remember to always follow the rules of the road when on the streets!! We are out there to help but also need your help in following the procedures and bigger laws put in place. We ask that everyone follow the procedures to ensure the safety of all. Thanks.

- the parking lot is a one way only - heading north (towards the old hospital)
- there is no double parking in the street at any time or for any reason
- **please do not drop students off in the middle of Sublette or the bike lane** - cars need to be pulled over to the curb
- **NEW THIS YEAR!!!! If dropping on Sublette - North (above) of the stop sign is for parking (leaving car); South (below) of the stop sign is for drop off only (no leaving car) - Dr. Schrimpf, Mr. Strickler, and Mrs. Leesman are all out there to assist in drop off and help find open spaces along the curb so please heed their directions!**
- if dropping in parking lot, students must exit to the school side of the right lane - various staff members will be there to help students out of car; if in left lane students may exit to Sublette side and then walk up to middle cross walk to cross. There is NO crossing in middle of lanes for students or adults.
- in the parking lot, please pull as far up as possible to the middle crosswalk, filling in any open space to the car in front of you. Staff in lot will assist students to sidewalk and direct them to their building.
- there is no parking around the curve by the elementary building in the morning - two lane traffic begins there
- if you do want to park in the lot at drop off, the best and easiest spots are in the upper lot across from the Middle School Building, not the few open spots by the Kindergarten or Elementary Building
- please slow down while in parking lot and do not use your cell phone - we want to ensure the safety of all
- for arrival, doors open to the building at 8:10; any students arriving before then without an adult staying with them will be asked to go to before care
- for dismissal, doors to the building open at 3:25; please do not enter the building before then as we have classes returning to their rooms at 3:15/3:20 and need to keep the corridors clear. We will open doors following announcements for pick up.

PCG Update

PCG hosts family nights monthly at various restaurants around the city. It is a great way to meet other PCS families, enjoy a night off of cooking, and support PCS! Check out the calendar on the first page for upcoming dates and come out and join in the fun!

Believe it or not, the Fall Festival is right around the corner! This is such a fun day for all. So bring out the family and enjoy a day of games, prizes, petting zoo, dunking booth, and much more. Bracelets are on sale now and can be purchased via the order form, during sale days (Sept. 21 & 22), or the day of the festival. The fun continues into the evening with Trunk N Treat. See the attached fliers and order forms for more details about the entire day!

Sell, sell, sell! This is the last weekend of sales for our Tom Evans fundraiser. The fundraiser wraps up on Monday!

Lost and Found

We are hoping to keep this small this year! 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!

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!

Fun Around the STL

Saturday, Sept 9

Free Steam Train Rides at Kircher Park in Eureka, MO

Ride a Mini Steam Engine Train with the entire family

<http://saintlouis.kidsoutandabout.com/content/free-steam-train-rides-1>

Fri/Sat/Sun Sept 8, 9, & 10

St. Louis Art Fair in Clayton

Artists from all across the U.S. are showing their talents at on of the top 3 Art Fairs in the U. S.

<http://www.saintlouisartfair.com/>

Tuesday, Sept 12 6 p.m.

Free Concert on the Lawn of the History Museum

Jazz Explosion with Anita Jackson and Eric Slaughter

Family Zone open from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tour of Current Exhibit: #1 in Civil Rights starts at 5 p.m.

Second tour starts at 5:30 p.m. if there is interest

<http://mohistory.org/twilight-tuesdays>

MS Shoutouts from This Week

Just some of the shoutouts for the great things our students are doing:

To Salah, Maurisio, Carlos, and Noor for showing level D collaboration skills! Great work! From Ms. McAdams

Mrs. Hartig and Ms. Brockhaus would like to give Payton Isgriggs a shout out for being a leader in social studies on both Friday and Tuesday. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Hartig would like to give Lucas Huerta a shout out for sharing his knowledge about Pangaea evidence in social studies yesterday. You were such a helpful leader in class!