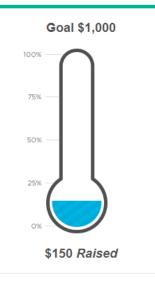


April 11, 2022

New Updates and Announcements Reminder: Easter Break begins April 15 & students return on April 25. The main office will be open April 19-22.



The Season of Lent

During Lent, we are continuing to collect money for Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Money donated through CRS Rice Bowl supports the work of CRS in more than 100 different countries each year while 25% of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay here in the Richmond Diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Collections this year will be all online. So far, we are at 15% of our goal. There is still time for you to make a difference. Follow this link to join our team and Donate to CRS.

Senior News!

Would you like to adopt a PC Senior?

Home and School is sponsoring an Adopt-a-Senior-Knight program, a fun way to make our seniors feel extra special as we approach the end of their time with us at PC. The program will run from the end of Spring Break until graduation. There are still many Seniors available for adoption. Please help our seniors feel extra special as they get ready to graduate next month. Please click <u>here</u> for more information and to adopt your PC Knight!

Deadline to Honor Your Graduate Is This Week!



Time is running out to celebrate your graduate! The bricks are available in two sizes: 4"x8" or 8"x8". Order your brick this week!

Click <u>here</u> for more information and to place your order. Questions? Contact Robin Thomas at <u>rthomas@peninsulacatholic.org</u> or 757-596-7247, ext. 117.

Thank you for helping us to honor the Class of 2022.

NHS giving back to the community with the Red Cross blood drive - Only a Few Spots Remaining!

The NHS will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on April 12th from 8 am to 1 pm in our Aux Gym. For more information or to make an appointment to donate, sign up online at **redcrossblood.org** Enter our sponsor code PCHS in either the "Find a Blood Drive" or "Make Your Appointment" quick links. **Spaces are limited and only a few remain! Book your appointment today!**



Hosting a blood drive coincides with PCHS and NHS's core values of giving back to the community. "With a simple blood donation, we have the ability to help save the life of someone who could be a coworker, loved one, or neighbor."

Blood is routinely transfused to patients with cancer and other diseases, premature babies, organ transplant recipients, and trauma victims, according to the Red Cross.

"The short amount of time it takes to donate can mean a lifetime to a patient with a serious medical condition. We urge eligible donors to join us in the selfless act of giving blood."

Donors of all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, B negative, and A negative. According to the Red Cross, type O negative is the universal blood type that can be safely transfused to anyone and is often used to treat trauma patients.



School Advisory Board Member Nominations Open

We are now accepting nominations for candidates to join our School Advisory Board. If you are interested in being considered for a position on the School Board or know someone who would be suitable to join our team, review these <u>Board Responsibilities</u> and submit a <u>Nomination</u> <u>Form</u> by May 15. For questions, contact <u>Heather Whitchurch</u>. Refer a new family from a non-feeder school to PCHS and receive a \$1,000 credit on next year's tuition. Maximum of 2 referral discounts per family, per year.

Continuous Enrollment Contracts

The time is finally here! Please fill out your Continuous Enrollment Contact today! Log in to your Family Portal now to access your students contract. All families will be invoiced the Continuous Enrollment registration fee on Thursday, April 14.

DATES AT A GLANCE

April 14: Last day to Opt-Out for the upcoming academic year
April 15: Non-Refundable Continuous Enrollment Registration Fee billed via FACTS

unless an Opt-Out form is submitted by April 14.*

After April 15: All Opt-Out requests will forfeit the \$150 non-refundable registration fee and be assessed a tuition penalty
April 15-June 30: 20% tuition penalty
July 1 and later: 100% tuition penalty

Learn more about Continuous Enrollment <u>HERE</u> Not sure if you are returning? <u>Click here</u> to opt-out of Continuous Enrollment

Upcoming Events

Schedule Changes for Upcoming Events

Please note the following positive changes to the PC calendar in May:

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8th Grade Rite of Passage - Wednesday, May 18th at 8 AM
Invitations are forthcoming to the 8th Grade families
Academic, Athletic, and Service Awards Ceremony - Friday, May 20th at 8 AM
Parents with students receiving awards will be invited to attend. This event will be live streamed as well.

Summer Camp

The <u>PC Summer Camp Guide</u> is now available. We are offering SAT Prep Camps, Drama Camps and Study Skills Camps. Multiple students per family discount is available. Registrations are being accepted <u>online</u>.



Calling all PC Parents

How would you like to give back to your fellow Knight families?<u>Email Mrs. Padilla</u> for more details on how to be a part of the PC Parent Mentor Program!





Host Families Needed

Are you interested in being a host family to an international student? Current families that host a student will have their service hours waived for the year, and, depending on the international agency

that the visiting student is with, will receive a monthly stipend. Interested parents please email <u>Admissions</u> for more information.

Join our Team!

Peninsula Catholic has a few faculty and staff openings for the 2022-23 school year. Help us spread the word so we can continue to grow our team with highly qualified people to better serve our students. More information can be found on **our website**. For questions, please contact **Heather Whitchurch**.

Home and School Association

A general reminder about VIRTUS training

A reminder that VIRTUS training is required for parents/guardians participating in any school-related activity that may involve direct contact with students. This training class takes approximately 2-3 hours, and there are both in-person and virtual options. To



register for a class, please click <u>here</u>. (Please note that participants do not receive volunteer hours for attending and completing this training.)

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the March Home & School Meeting are available <u>here</u> as well as posted on the Parents tab of the PCHS website under Home and School Association. If you have any questions or would like more information on volunteer opportunities, please contact <u>Melissa Williams.</u>

Thrive

Thrive, a local non-profit, is looking for volunteers for the summer. For more information, please see the description<u>here</u>

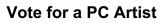
Seeking volunteers to help with After-Prom

Your help is needed to make this year's after-prom party a success. Please review the volunteer opportunities and sign up to help using <u>this SignUp Genius</u>. *Virtus training is required and*



monthly bulletins must be current. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Eddie Rusak (va_son@yahoo.com) or Holly McGuire (hollymcguire@clancytheys.com)

Upcoming Events





PC Students Diana I., Gia Y., Arend A., and Mrs. Kovalcik entered photos in the Slover Library Earth Day Photo Contest. Check out their submissions <u>here</u> and vote for your favorite one! Voting ends this Friday!



A Great Opportunity for Your Student

In collaboration with Commonwealth Catholic Charities, PCHS students have been invited to participate in, "A Hardwired Global Training: Protecting a Vulnerable Population" on Saturday May 21_{st} . 6 to 8 PC students are invited to participate in a simulation event that brings teen peers from various cultures together.



If your student is interested in participating, please email Mrs. LeMaster. More Details: <u>A Hardwired Global Training</u>



Volunteers Needed

OLMC will once again be hosting VBS this summer and need your help! They are in need of Adult volunteers to run the stations and some adult volunteers to help us run a pre-school mini- VBS at the same time.

VBS will be the week of June 20th - June 24th You can register to volunteer <u>HERE.</u>

Lunch Menu

Just a reminder - ALL lunch orders MUST be placed NO LATER than 9:00 AM the day of. This helps us ensure there are enough lunches for everyone.

Regular snacks are available for purchase during lunch including fruit cups, yogurt, chips, and cookies. Occasionally there are specialty items such as Mac & Cheese, spaghetti, or corn dogs. All snacks range in price from \$1 - \$1.50 and are payable with cash or can be billed through FACTS.

Tuesday, April 12 Taco in a Bag w/ condiments Italian Salad

Wednesday, April 13 Sausage with Peppers & Onions, Garlic Roll Greek Salad

> **Thursday, April 14** BLT w/ chips Buffalo Chicken Salad

Friday, April 15 No School - Easter Break

Weekly Reminders



Used Uniforms Needed

The School Store is in need of used uniforms. If your student has outgrown their PC polos, oxfords, pants, or skirts, please send them to Mrs. Hyland. We are also in need of belts.

Do You Have Spring Fever?

Are you looking for something exciting to do as the weather begins to warm up. Consider helping out the Knights by volunteering at Bingo on a Monday or Thursday evening. Every time you volunteer, your child receives a tag day and your name is entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift



card. So, the more nights you volunteer, the more chances you have to win the VISA gift card and the more tag day coupons you can earn for your student. It's a win-win situation!

Congratulations to Patrick Shea for being our March winner of the \$50 VISA gift card.

Thanks to all the parents who came out during March to help at Bingo. It makes a big difference in the amount of money the Knights are able to donate to PC. Check out this **SignUp Genius** to choose the nights that work for you. Thank you.

For more information, contact Patrick McFadden, our Booster Club President.

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If Amazon is the place for you, make sure you link your Amazon account



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portion of your purchases. It's an easy way to support PC as you are shopping. If you have any questions, contact **Robin Thomas**. Thank you.

