



## Knightline 1.21.20

### Calendar of Events

Visit our homepage calendar for important dates or [click here](#) to view the entire calendar.

- **Update on EISTC Bill--You can still help!**

#### Dear Parents:

Last week, you received a notice about House Bill 521 because we have students at PC who receive a scholarship through the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits program. This program has helped thousands of students receive the education that best meets their needs.

**The bill is still active and it is vital that we still actively pursue reaching out to our delegates to have our voices heard.**

If you already sent in your opposition message to your delegate--THANK YOU! And thanks to the many parents who emailed saying they sent theirs in! If you haven't had the chance to do so, the directions are below. Your help is critically needed to save it!

If we do not stop this bill, our school will lose resources that support scholarships. Your children may or may not be part of this program, but either way, all our impacted by the loss of these funds. You can help drive home the importance of this funding to keep our student population strong. With strong enrollment numbers, we are able to provide an engaging curriculum, employ highly qualified teachers and maintain state-of-the-art programs and facilities. Without this vital funding, our budget will be significantly impacted--by hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Please take the following steps to contact your State Delegate now and let him or her know how much this program means to the school using the sample message attached (there is one for EISTC families and one for non-EISTC families) or a more personalized one.

Go to [whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov](http://whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov)

Find your State Delegate.

Call (using Capitol Phone number) or email your State Delegate

Thank you for considering this urgent action. Anyone who sends in an email or calls can

log one hour of service. Yes, it is that important! A sample message is below. If you receive EISTC funds, please consider a more personal message about your child's experience at PCHS.

Sincerely,

Jenny Franklin

Dear Delegate ??,

*New Year Greetings!*

*I am a resident in your district and on behalf of the students of Peninsula Catholic High School, I urge you to **oppose HB 521**. This bill would eliminate the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits (EISTC) program. Over 40% of our students receive an EISTC scholarship and it has changed their lives to be able to attend our school. Without the EISTC scholarships, these families, who contribute to society and work several jobs to provide for their families, would not be able to afford non-public funded, tuition-based education programs like Peninsula Catholic High School. We have been open since 1903, serving local and military families for over 115 years. We recently received the Purple Star Award for our outreach to military families.*

*This scholarship program is vital to our families and many others. For the sake of the students we serve and for their future, please do not take this opportunity away from them. We ask that you do everything in your power to preserve this program for these students who love attending Peninsula Catholic, and for the many other children who rely on this program in our community and all across Virginia. Therefore, this is a request that you **oppose HB 521**.*

*Thank you for your time and attention.*

Sincerely,

**Enter your Name**

- **There will be a baseball meeting for all boys interested in playing baseball** in the spring this Wednesday, January 22 at 3:30 in the gym. Come meet Coach Neighbors and get ready for a great season.
- **There will be a soccer meeting for all girls interested in playing** in the spring on Wednesday, January 22 at 3:30 pm .
- **VOTE FOR PCHS** in Coastal Virginia Magazine Best of Reader's Choice Awards Nominations are Open! Now is the time to nominate PCHS for the CoVA Magazine Best of Reader's Choice Award. Simply visit their [website](#) to nominate Peninsula Catholic High School. If we are not showing up on the private school list, you can submit a write-in and it will count as a nomination. Votes/nominations are accepted daily until Monday, February 3, 2020. Businesses with the highest number of nominations will

proceed to the finalist. Visit the CoVA Magazine [website](#), vote daily and share it with your friends.

- **Get your Catholic Schools and Spirit Week Schedule!** The biggest week of the year is only days away! Here is your [schedule](#) for all the fun along with a mid-year update from Mrs. Franklin!
- **Teacher Appreciation Day** will be held on **Tuesday, January 28th** and a luncheon will be provided to our faculty members. We are still in need of **SIX** parent volunteers to substitute during the Activity Block (11:08 - 11:52), so that all teachers will be able to attend the luncheon. All volunteers must have completed the VIRTUS training prior to Monday, January 27. Please contact [Candice Strickland](#) or 757-596-7247 x105 if you would be able to help. Thank you!

**Some details about the Homecoming Dance** next Saturday, February 1.

The dance is from 7-11 pm for students in grades 8-12.

- Dressy/semi-formal dance, much like the Black and White dance.
- Gentlemen should be dressed in dress slacks, shoes, socks, and shirts and must wear a tie. You are welcome to wear sport coats, vests, and/or suits.
- Dresses for ladies should be age appropriate and tasteful--with a focus on a modest length (just above the knee) and fit.
- If you bring a non-PC guest, they are also expected to follow our dress guidelines.
- While not an expectation, many couples choose to exchange boutonnieres and corsages prior to the dance.
- Tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets are on sale from Monday, January 27-Friday, January 31. **Tickets MAY NOT** be purchased at the door.
- The doors are closed at 8:00 PM and students must sign out if they depart early. Once you have left the dance, you may not return.
- Light refreshments are served.
- Non-PC guests invited to the dance must be under 21 and of the opposite sex. A Special Guest Permission Form can be found [here](#) and online on the Parent and Student pages. It must be signed by both sets of parents or guardians and returned to the main office by Friday, January 31 - no exceptions!
- **It's Great Big Raffle Time!** Tickets and information went home with each student along with their report cards. They are only \$5 and everyone is eligible to win one of our 5 prize packages! Contact [Robin Thomas](#) or [Cody Wiley](#) if you need more tickets.
- **Share your love of PC by volunteering at the following events:**  
Winter Open House February 5, 2020 from 5-7 pm. \*Earn 4 service hours\*  
Catholic Schools Week - Pass out information about PC to our community members. Check the [chart](#) to see when volunteers are needed. \*Earn 3 service hours per mass\*  
For more information and/or to sign up, please contact [Alyson LeMaster](#), Director of Enrollment or 757-596-7247.
- **Mark your calendar! Re-Enrollment for current students for the 2020-2021 school year opens** Monday, February 10, 2020. For more information please contact [Alyson LeMaster](#), Director of Enrollment or 757-596-7247

## Home and School

The HSA has a lot of volunteer and donation opportunities available and can be easily accessed by reading and following the links below.

- **Teacher's Appreciation (TAP) -**  
Please [click here](#) and read all about what you can do to give back to the teachers on Tuesday, January 28.
- **After Prom (AP) -**  
Food Committee volunteers are needed. If interested, please contact [Gena Petersen](#) or you can sign up at the next HSA meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2020, as well.
- **AP Wish List -**  
A Wish List for gift cards and raffle prizes for the Juniors/Seniors attending AP this year is available. Please [click here](#) the link for further details.
- **Booksale -**  
Volunteers are needed to form a team to spearhead the annual HSA Book Sale. Jackie Yau, the current Book Sale coordinator, is available to answer any inquiries about this new team. During the next few months, Jackie will meet periodically to slowly prepare this team to run the Booksale for the next two years.  
This is the HSA's biggest and ONLY fundraiser and we need a team of individuals who can pull it all together. The money raised from the Book Sale goes towards all the years events and activities that the HSA sponsors for the students, teachers, staff, faculty, and parents. Please reach out to [Jackie Yau](#) at any HSA meeting or contact her.
- **Nominating Committee -**  
The HSA Board is looking for at least two people to form a Nominating Committee that would assist in the process of electing a new Treasurer for the 2020-2021 school year. Please reach out to [Lisa Borders](#) at any HSA meeting or contact her.
- **New Treasurer -**  
A newly elected Treasurer this year would be - in training - and able to work with Jackie Yau until the end of the school year so that the transition from one Treasurer to another would be seamless. Please reach out to [Jackie Yau](#) at any HSA meeting or contact her
- **HSA Meeting -**  
Please join us at our next HSA meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 5:30 PM in the PC library. We hope to see you there!

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- **The PC Booster Club is looking for parents to become active volunteers as concession stand and floor worker staff** at Thursday night Bingo sessions at the Knights of Columbus. Please email [Will Robertson](#) to sign up.