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News and Announcements

- **The calendar for the 2020-2021 school year is here!** View the calendar at www.peninsulacatholic.org. While this is a *tentative* calendar, the first and last day of school, exam dates, vacation dates (Christmas and Easter); Kairos, and graduation (Memorial Day Weekend this year!) are set in stone! Please review these dates and ensure your vacation planning works with these dates. Please remember that absences for vacation that exceed one day will not be excused.
- **Winter Team Pictures Tuesday at 3:00 pm!** All winter athletic teams will have their team pictures taken Tuesday, February 25 directly after school. All athletes need to bring their uniforms with them to take the picture and then to turn into their coach. Please be reminded that missing uniform items will incur a replacement fee, so be sure to bring all pieces.
- **Juniors and their parents/families are invited to attend the College Planning Workshop** on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:30 pm. This presentation focuses on students and families who are just beginning their college search process, and will cover topics such as what students should be looking for in a college, what colleges are looking for in a student, standardized testing, financial aid, and more. For more information please contact our college counselor, [Mr. Batkin](#) at 757-596-7247.
- **Lent: A Season of Simplicity and Solidarity.** Please click [here](#) and review the Lenten Journey our PC Community will embark on beginning on Ash Wednesday. (Please note: Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 10:00 AM)
- **Re-Enrollment for current students for the 2020-2021 school year is now open.** Re-enroll by the Friday, March 13, 2020 deadline for a chance to win a \$1,000 tuition credit! For more information please contact [Alyson LeMaster](#), Director of Enrollment at 757-596-7247.
- **Financial Aid applications for the 2020-2021 school year due March 1!** The deadline for the first round of funding for tuition assistance is Sunday, March 1, 2020, so don't delay in completing your application [here](#). For questions about the tuition assistance process, contact [Melissa Tucker](#), Business Manager, at 757-596-7247.
- **Risky Online Behavior and Child Trafficking and Exploitation an Informational Forum for Parents and Youth (6th Graders and up).**
Join Bon Secours Family Focus and an FBI Agent for a discussion on Internet Safety and Child Trafficking and Exploitation.
The FBI Agent will brief on the dangers lurking on the Internet that target our children and how Traffickers may target minor children through social media, telephone chat

lines, after-school programs, as well as at shopping malls and bus stops, in clubs, or through friends or acquaintances who recruit students on school campuses.

The FBI Agent will speak on how various police departments and Agencies in the area work together to bring these predators to justice. A few cases will be detailed so the audience can grasp how law enforcement is tackling these issues. There will be time for questions at the end of the presentation.

Questions you may want answers to:

How do I talk to my child about Internet safety?

How can I safely protect my child's phone?

Can child trafficking be done on the Internet? What are some Internet safety tips?

What can parents do to protect their child on the Internet?

What are warning signs of a child being targeted by an Online predator?

What are the "codes" my child may be using on their phone? Internet?

Speak Up Kids; Is there an adult you can talk to about these issues?

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital

Conference Center

2 Bernardine Drive, Newport News, VA 23602

FREE and open to Everyone!! **Snacks and Door Prizes for the Children**

Children (6th Graders and up) must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

To register, or for more information, please email delores_price@bshsi.org or call 757-886-6511.

- **EF Tour to Rome, Athens and the Greek Isles Informational Meeting.** Ms. Whitchurch, Mrs. Weser, and Mrs. Strickland will be leading an EF Educational Tour to Rome, Athens and the Greek Isles in the Summer of 2021. We will be hosting an informational meeting on February 27th at 5:00PM in the Cafeteria to answer all of your questions, including how we're keeping the tour affordable. Participation is not limited to students only. Family members are welcome to travel too. **We hope you will at least come and learn more!** Please RSVP [here](#).
****Please note: This is NOT a school sponsored trip.**
- **Please join us for a Celebration of the Arts at PCHS on Friday, March 6th.** Doors open at 6 pm and performances begin at 6:30 pm. This event is free and open to the public. There will be a student art show judged by ODU art professor, Richard Nickel, musical & theatrical performances, and a middle school art show featuring art from our feeder schools.
- **Honor your graduate with a page that will display special memories and commemorate this momentous occasion.** SENIOR ADS will only be available through Tuesday, March 31. Ads will be 10% off for the month of February. Use the coupon code: **SENIORS10**. Ads submitted after Tuesday, March 31 will be subject to space available and may incur an additional fee. Click this [link](#) to submit your Ad today. For questions please contact [Marie Hernandez](#).
- **Have a student who wants to play a new sport?** Our PC softball team is welcoming new players of any skill level, no previous experience required. We meet every Monday during the activity block in Coach Opalka's room (room 102) for team bonding and to discuss gameplay and strategy. We would love to see your student there! It is a great way to stay active, have fun, and earn your Varsity letter by playing in a competitive

softball conference. If you would like more information feel free to contact [Haley Bridges](#).

- **Service Hours available through Get Set 4 All.** Play and support the disabled community, Wounded Warriors and Veterans through adapted sports and activities. Saturdays at Ft. Monroe Community Center. Interested? See Ms. Gomez in the team room.

Auction Update

- **Don't forget to get your auction tickets for our Great Gatsby Night** Saturday, March 14, 2020. Tickets are \$100 until Friday, March 6 2020. To purchase tickets please click the [link](#) or contact [Robin Thomas](#), Director of Development and Marketing at 757-596-7247 Ext.117.
- **We have an array of Live Auction items.**
 - Eastern Shore Getaway:** get out of town; experience a weekend at the Inn at Onancock with a delicious meal for two at the Island House restaurant and a bird watching tour.
 - Williamsburg Golf Club:** grab four friends and go golfing for the weekend, including cart fees and lunch. No blackout dates.
 - Sportsman Package:** This package includes a fishing trip, duck hunting, turkey hunting, and deer hunting.
- **These Silent Auction items you won't want to miss.**
 - The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center:** enjoy an overnight stay with tickets to Mama Mia and dinner at The Cheesecake Factory.
 - Golfing with Dave Penrod:** Bring your clubs to James River Country Club to play a round of golf with everyone's favorite English teacher.
 - Virginia Museum of Fine Arts:** visit the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts for an entire year with this annual family membership package.
- **Our Fund-A-Need item is a new electronic sign for Harpersville Road.** An electronic sign will help keep everyone informed with customizable messages such as school updates and upcoming events. You do not have to attend our Great Gatsby Night to support this project. If you would like to contribute to our Fund-A-Need, please click [here](#).
- **This year we will be adding an exciting Online Auction.** Select items will be available online for you to place bids prior to the event such as graduation seats, photography package, and a PC Superfan package. Please use this link to preview the Online Auction items. The Online Auction will be open to bidders far and wide from March 2 –March 12, for your convenience click here to view instructions on how to set up your bidding account. Please contact [Cody Wiley](#) at 757-596-7247, Media and Alumni Coordinator with any questions.
- **Wine needed for the Wine Pull.** We are looking for 750 ml bottles of wine valued at \$20 or more for our wine pull. It is a great way to participate in the auction to help satisfy your financial commitment. Drop off your valuable wine bottles at the main office with a donation form and we will take it from there. For questions, contact Robin Thomas.

- **Interested in Volunteering at our Great Gatsby Event?** We have a limited number of spots for PCHS students and parents to volunteer before, during and after our event on March 14. Click [here](#) to sign up. Thank you for your support.

Home and School

We have **many** volunteer and donating opportunities available below, please take a look to see where and if you can help in the many ways we need.

- **After Prom Wish List**

This Wish List is for gift cards and raffle prizes for the juniors/seniors attending After Prom this year. This gives parents an opportunity to look and decide if/what they would like to donate before After Prom with pre-approved gift choices. Follow this [link](#) for gift ideas.

- **After Prom Volunteer List**

Please follow the [link](#) below to many After Prom volunteer opportunities this year.

- **Book Sale Committee**

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 Book Sale. Please reach out to [Jackie Yau](#) at any HSA meeting or contact her.

******* PLEASE NOTE *******

The Book Sale is the HSA's ONLY fundraiser, and we need a team of individuals who can pull it all together with many available volunteers at your side. 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.

- **Nominating Committee/New Treasurer**

The HSA Board is looking for at least 2 people to form a Nominating Committee that would assist in the process of electing a new Treasurer starting the **2020-2021** school year. Interested and consenting individuals will be placed on a ballot from January through the end of February and a vote would take place at the March HSA meeting for those individuals. The new Treasurer - in training - will be able to work with *Jackie Yau* until the end of the school year so the transition from one Treasurer to another would be seamless. In the event that a Nominating Committee and the new Treasurer ballot are not filled during this time period, the Board will follow through with interested individuals as the year progresses. Once an inquiry and acceptance is made, a Board vote will take place and a final approval will be made by the Principal for a new Treasurer. We would like to have everyone involved in this voting process and to do that, we need people to volunteer for this. Please contact [Gena Petersen](#) with any inquiries.

- **Friendly Reminder**

Our next HSA meeting is Thursday, March 5th, 2020 at 5:30pm 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.