

October 4th, 2021

New Updates & Reminders



Trunk or Treat!

Friday, October 29 from 6:00-7:30. Mark your calendars now for the return of our exciting Community Event that you and your little ones will not want to miss!

We want to hear from you!!

Do you have a student on an athletic team? We want to showcase them on our Facebook and website! Please don't hesitate to send any photos and stats to Mrs. Minella. She helps run our Facebook, website and the PCHS yearbook. Email her here





Picture day is this week, Thursday, October 7, 2021. Students grades 8-11 will have their portrait taken. Hayne photographers will send a packet of proofs to the school to be distributed to your student by homeroom (we will let you know when this happens). After reviewing the proofs and deciding what package you want, you may either send in the

order form with a check and submit to the front office or you may order directly online with the website provided on the form--this is the easiest option as there is a specialized code for each student.

Students in grades 8-11 may wear the following: This includes:

--Gentlemen: Dress slacks, dress shoes or Sperry-type topsiders, dress socks, belt, collared shirt--either polo style or dress shirt; ties are optional. All young men should be clean-shaven. --Ladies: Dress slacks/skirt and blouse or dress (skirt and dress should be no shorter than the top of the knee), dress shoes--not sneaker style shoes, no off the shoulder or "cold shoulder," dresses/blouses with straps should be covered with a shrug or sweater, no midriff bearing tops, no open toe or open heel shoes. Moderate and appropriate jewelry and make-up.

--Students who do not wish to dress up in the manner just outlined are required to be in forum dress instead.

--Seniors should wear their regular M-F uniform and will have their Student ID pictures taken if they did not get a senior portrait taken this summer. (Seniors will have a make-up day for formal Senior Portraits on November 16)

EF Tour to France and Spain Summer 2023

Summer of 2023 will be here before we know it, so it's time to start planning our next trip.

On this tour, our group will have the chance to discover more about the beautiful countries of France and Spain. Paris, Barcelona, and Madrid each offer world-class art and culture that, experienced together, will amaze you. From iconic architecture like the Eiffel Tower and Park Güell, to savory regional cuisine like steak frites and paella, each day offers new and unforgettable experiences.



We will be hosting an informational Zoom meeting for this trip on October 13th at 6:30pm.

If you have questions or are unable to attend the Zoom meeting contact Mrs. Strickland here

RSVP using this QR code to receive the Zoom link: *This trip is not sponsored by Peninsula Catholic



Student newsletter: Knights Round Table was sent to all students on Friday, October 1. Check out the <u>latest</u> issue with news on athletics and student activities.

Upcoming Events



Coming soon - FAFSA Night! Senior Parents, PC will be hosting our first ever FAFSA Open House on **Tuesday, October 5 from 5-7:30 pm**. Join our College & Career Counselor, Mr. Batkin, our Econ & Personal Finance teacher Mrs. Weser, and our Hispanic Representative Mrs. Torres as we help families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This is an essential step in ensuring our students receive as much need-based aid as possible for the

colleges they hope to attend next year. We will be meeting in the cafetorium and computers will be available, or you are welcome to bring your own device. Families would also need their student's social security number or alien registration number and federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned from the 2020 calendar year. For more information please contact **Mr. Batkin**.

Flu Clinic at PCHS- PC will be hosting its annual Flu Vaccination clinic again this year Wednesday, Oct 6th. Your student was given a form during homeroom, should you <u>choose</u> to have them vaccinated during the clinic, complete and return the form to the clinic no later than TODAY to ensure we have a correct number of vaccines needed. Forms will not be accepted after the 4th- there will be no exceptions. The Flu clinic is open to PCHS students and immediate family members within the household over the age of 5. You will need to complete one form for each family member. Flu Vaccination form. Please contact Mrs. Silcox for further information



News from the Home & School Association



The Home and School Association really need parents to sign up for upcoming volunteer opportunities!

Click here to sign up for a time: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44adaf22a1fc1-home

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 in to Mrs. Hyland.

We are also in need of belts.



Volunteer Opportunities

The library is in need of parents to bring discarded library books to 2nd & Charles Used bookstore. We have many boxes that would need to be dropped off, with unsold books picked up the same day. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Sharon Hyland.





Cafeteria Help

Our cafeteria ladies are looking for volunteers who would be open to helping in the mornings from 9:00am-12:00pm. These opportunities are typically on short notice so those interested will need to be flexible. This is an excellent way to take care of those service hours. Interested in helping?? **Click here to chat with Cathy!**

The Scoop from the CCC Tidewater/Eastern VA area is HERE.



Have you signed up for Bingo yet? Simply commit to 4 nights at bingo and you will get a FREE t-shirt, what a deal!. Our *Give 4 For Bingo* program provides volunteers for bingo to support the Knights of Columbus Council 5480.

Thanks to their support, we recently resurfaced the tennis courts and repainted our large school bus with proceeds from bingo. Additionally, the Knights provided scholarship funding for over 50 students.



Bingo is held on Mondays and Thursdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Nettles Dr from 5:30-10:30 pm in a non-smoking environment. To be part of our Give 4 For Bingo program, check out this **SignUp Genius** to choose the best nights for your schedule.

For more information, contact **Patrick McFadden**, our Booster Club President. Thank you for supporting the Knights who provide monetary support to PC throughout the year.

Weekly Reminders

School Ties Update: All gentlemen will be expected to be wearing a school tie at this week's Wednesday mass. If



you are the parent of an 8th or 9th-grade boy or you have a male student who needs or wants the new school tie and have not already preordered a tie, please click this form to place your order. The cost is \$30, and parents will be billed through their FACTS family account.

Clarification on Visitor Policy during the School Day.

The Visitor Policy <u>has not changed from last year</u>. This policy is stated in the *Student-Parent Handbook* and was stressed in the Reintegration Materials (both written and recorded) and shared with all parents in August, prior to the beginning of the school year. They are as follows.

To maintain the highest security and safety for our students:

• Parents/guardians/guests will not be allowed past the checkin desk before, during, or after school hours without an appointment with a staff member or teacher or unless otherwise invited to attend a special event. (This does not include parents who are spectators at athletic events.)



- Parents/Guardians may not bypass the check-in window during "open" periods (6:30 AM-7:45 AM or 3:00 PM-4:30 PM).
- Parents/Guardians may drop off and pick up items for their students or conduct minor business via the check-in window, but may not enter the building without an appointment.
- Volunteers must check-in before proceeding to the event or scheduled meeting.
- All visitors must have an appointment to enter the building or have been invited to attend a meeting or other event.
- All visitors must receive and display a visitor's pass if entering the building.
- Only faculty, staff and students will be allowed at Mass and scheduled student events/programs that occur during the school day until further notice.

Please note that some events that had an open visitor policy in years past will have to continue to be modified to account for social distancing in event spaces such as the cafeteria and main gym. In many cases, there will be no visitors allowed in order to ensure our students have the space to distance as required (as was the case for Jr/Sr Showdown). In other cases, such as the upcoming drama production in October and Rite of Passage in November, seating for visitors will be limited and prioritized for parents of students involved, continuing to maintain social distancing guidelines as required. Future events such as dances, the homecoming game, and other special events will be planned based on safety protocols for our students, which is our first priority. While we would all prefer for events to go back to "normal," we are not there yet. And until we are, we appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we do all we can to keep your students safe.



Lunch Drop-off. Parents/Guardians, if you or a family member is bringing your student a lunch they need to have it here NO LATER THAN 11:00! Students should not be eating in their 3rd Block class.

Snacks are available for purchase during lunch including fruit cups, yogurt, chips, and cookies. Occasionally there are other items for \$1. You may see a dish of Mac & Cheese, spaghetti, or corn dogs, etc. Prices are \$1 to \$1.50.

Pre-Order Lunch- Student's lunch must be pre-ordered via FACTS Family online and all orders should be placed **no later than 9:00 am the day of.** As the lunch reports are running daily at 9:00 am. **Click here** for instructions on how to order your student's lunch.

FACTS Family Online: Parents/Guardians please review the

following document regarding important information that must be updated such as Medical forms, emergency contacts, etc... Click the link for the **FACTS Family Online Information**. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact **Mrs. Padilla**. Please make sure to log in and update any necessary information prior to the start of school.





Diocesan Virtus Teen Program- A new diocesan Safe Environment training program "Boundaries Module for Youth Who are Employees or Assisting/Volunteers" for teens ages 13 to 17 years old is now available on Virtusonline.org. In this training program, "Teens will learn about maintaining appropriate boundaries, awareness of inappropriate behavior, proper reporting procedures, and an understanding that their role is not a supervisory one, but that

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they must always assist a VIRTUS-trained and background-screened adult." It is recommended that all diocesan teenage volunteers complete the training but it is not mandatory unless employed by the diocese. Click here for the registration form.

Attention Parents: When logging into the Parents section of the PCHS website please use your FACTS Family log in. These two logins are the SAME.



Do you shop on Amazon? Have you linked your Amazon account to Peninsula Catholic through the Amazon Smile program? Simply log into Amazon Smile with your credentials and select Peninsula Catholic as your organization to support. It's that easy! Just remember to shop through the Amazon Smile page and PC will receive a portion of your purchases.

Contact, Robin Thomas if you have any questions.

