

# KNIGHTLINE



## News and Announcements

### **Reminder Portraits will be held tomorrow, October 6, 2020.**

Students in grades 8-11 may wear the following:

**--Gentlemen:** Dress slacks, dress shoes or Sperry-type topsiders, dress socks, belt, collared dress shirt--no polos; ties are optional. You may wear a sweater if you wish. All young men should be clean-shaven.

**--Ladies:** Dress slacks or skirt and modest blouse or dress (skirt and dress should be no shorter than the top of the knee), dress 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 makeup day for formal Senior Portraits on November 17.)

**Appointment Times for Virtual Students still available:** Virtual students may make an appointment between 7:50AM and 9:00 AM using [this form](#). Students who are unable to come to this portrait sitting or the makeup sitting on November 17 will be "Not Pictured" but will have their name in the yearbook. Please contact [Mrs. Minella](#) if you have any questions.

**Do you know someone with a love for STEM?** Invite them to learn more about PC's STEM programs on Thursday, October 8th from 6-7pm. Both live and virtual demonstrations begin at 6 and 6:30pm. Sign up [HERE](#)

**You are invited to attend our Knight's Fest Virtual Auction** on October 17th from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Join us to bid, reconnect, and raise much needed funds. Click [HERE](#) to hear from our Auction chairs.

### **Are you interested in a \$2,000 tuition credit?**

Current families may refer up to 2 new students each school year (maximum of \$2,000) through the New Student Referral Program. New students may be from any school EXCEPT Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Saint Mary Star of the Sea School or Portsmouth Catholic Regional School to be eligible under this program. New students must be enrolled at the beginning of each term and attend classes for one month prior to award distribution. For more information, please contact [Mrs. LeMaster](#).

**Join us for Coffee with Mrs. Lisa Candella**, Tuesday, October 20 from 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM. Learn how you can donate to Catholic school scholarships and get 65% of your money back in tax credit. Don't worry if you can't make it on Tuesday. We will have another tax credit session in the evening, Cocktails with Candella on Thursday, October 22 from 7:00 pm-8:00 pm. [Register](#) for a session today! Questions contact [Robin Thomas](#) at 757-596-7247 Ext. 117.

### **The Catholic Virginian**

The Office of Communications of the Diocese of Richmond is pleased to announce the launch and digital makeover of The Catholic Virginian website. The unveiling of the redesigned website and additional online content went live this week! After several months, we have completed a total overhaul of the site in order to better organize our coverage of local, national and global Catholic news. It's designed for easier navigation and information on both the desktop and mobile platforms. The upgraded, online platform expands the reach of our Office of Communications' digital communications and enhances our ability for seamless sharing of content to social media. Besides being able to easily access Bishop Knestout's biweekly column and communications, visitors will find new features such as photo and video galleries, a kids' section, and book and movie reviews! Please take the time to visit [www.catholicvirginian.org](http://www.catholicvirginian.org) and see how we are telling the "Catholic" story – locally, nationally, and internationally – with material that offers information, instruction and inspiration. This launch is a beginning. As our site evolves, we hope it will become a site for Catholics who wish to grow in their faith and stay connected to our local Church. The redesigned website was a collaborative undertaking between our office and the Office of Information Technology. We are grateful for their support and appreciative of their partnership. Enjoy [www.catholicvirginian.org](http://www.catholicvirginian.org).

### **Read all the way through to find out the GIFT Mrs. Franklin gave the whole school in honor of PC's 117th Birthday!**

Today is Peninsula Catholic's 117th Birthday! PC was originally established in 1903 as St. Vincent de Paul School for Girls by the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Catholic philanthropists Thomas Fortune Ryan and his wife, Ida Mary Barry Ryan, donated a brick school and convent as the first home of St. Vincent de Paul School. The school became co-educational in 1929. In 1966 the school's name was changed to Peninsula Catholic High School to emphasize its role as an institute of learning for the entire region.

PC was relocated to where it sits today on Harpersville Road in 1995.

We went from a drafty four-room brick building to the modern facility where, today, our students learn, play, and pray.

The true reason that PC has thrived as long as it has is because of the amazing educators and students who have graced the halls both back in the days that we were St Vincent's and today as Peninsula Catholic. But, this year has been particularly challenging with COVID impacting our lives in so many ways. As we prepared to teach students both in person and virtually, we had to figure out how best to do that and keep them as safe as possible. While that was going on, teachers were determined, committed and steadfast in their desire to return to school and to give you the best learning experience possible. And the students wanted to come back. And in their desire to return, they have donned your masks and sat 6 feet away from others, adhering to the staggered schedule and lunch break guidelines. As a community, we have not only accepted the challenges this year brought, but we have been determined to not allow those challenges to keep us from our school and from each other. The students, their teachers, and the staff have worked hard and done everything that has been asked of them--and it has been both exhausting and stressful at times.

So today we celebrate our heritage and the history we are making **even today** because of our stalwart commitment to PCHS in the midst of a pandemic.

As you know, on a birthday it is customary to give a gift and since all of us make up Peninsula Catholic, this gift is for everyone--students, staff, and faculty. As Mrs. Franklin thought about what gift to give, she couldn't think of one thing everyone might like--all 300 of us--no matter our age, gender, style, or tastes. Then it hit her...the perfect gift.

And So, Ladies and Gentlemen, as Principal of Peninsula Catholic High School, Mrs. Franklin formally announced that this Friday, October 9, 2020 be declared an official school holiday. There will be no school for students, staff or Faculty and because students also have Monday off, the students will have a four day weekend! Happy Birthday PCHS and we hope each and every one of you enjoys your day off.

**Tell Us What You Think**

We want to hear from you. Please take a moment to complete this [brief survey](#) to tell us what you think about your PC experience so far this year. Thank you for your input.

## Athletics

**Boys Volleyball meets every Tuesday and Thursday** in the Aux gym at 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcomed! You don't know how to play? It's OK. You will learn. You play another sport? That's great! We will work with you. Questions. See [Ms. Gomez](#) in Rm. 106. Go KNIGHTS!

## Student Activities

**Club Meetings begin at 2:30 pm and are open to both Virtual and On-Campus Learners.** Please [take a look](#) at some of our offerings and share with your student. While participating in clubs is not a requirement — it is highly encouraged! Your student, whether in person or virtual will have the opportunity to join! Students should listen to morning announcements AND review the Club And Activity Calendar that has been shared with all students.

### **Service Hours Forms and Projects Due October 16!**

Student Service Hour forms should be turned in to their homeroom teacher by October 16. Projects can be turned in to the google drive for each grade level. Be sure to have a picture of your form (which can be found on our website) in your project. The first 3 homerooms to turn in all forms will be treated to donuts by [Ms. Adinaro](#).

**There will be a National Art Honor Society meeting in the cafeteria during activity block** on Thursday, October 8. All National Art Honor Society members should attend. The zoom link for virtual students is on the activity calendar.

## Parent Organizations

### **Home & School Updates**

If you were unable to make the October 1st Home & School Meeting, please see the [agenda](#). If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please sign up via the links included in the agenda. If you have any questions please email [Sharon Hyland](#). Home & School Email List: If you would like to be on the direct email list for Home & School (for information on service hour opportunities that may come up between meetings as well as occasional updates), please enter your information in this [form](#).

### **Donations Needed**

The Home & School Parent Committee will be providing students with treats before exams. Please click on the [Sign Up](#) to donate needed items. Items are due in the Main Office no later than Monday, October 19th. Contact [Kristi Hynes](#) if you have any questions.

**We need help selling books.** We are in need of one or two parent volunteers who would sell books (no longer used by PCHS) on internet sites such as Amazon and Ebay to support Home & School. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact [Eddie Rusak](#).

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Service Hour Opportunity.** PCHS will be having a Homeroom Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Parents, please [sign up](#) to purchase a healthy-sized pumpkin, hollow it out, and bring it to PC on Monday, October 19th. A reminder that donations of purchased goods can fulfill service hours for the 20-21 school year only. Purchasing \$5 or more of goods per event is equivalent to 1 service hour. For purchasing and hollowing out a pumpkin, you will receive two service hours.

**Bingo is Back and Volunteers are Needed!** The Knights of Columbus Council 5480 has restarted. They are continuing to update their protocols for bingo workers to follow the current

social distancing guidelines. They are in need of adults who are comfortable working with the public under these circumstances.

Masks and gloves will be mandatory for volunteers.

Volunteers are in need from 5:30 pm - 10:30 pm on Thursdays.

It is a NON-smoking environment.

Students are NOT permitted to volunteer.

The Knights of Columbus provide a significant amount of money to Peninsula Catholic each year which allows us to keep tuition as low as possible. Since many of the members are elderly, they are not able to volunteer at this time; therefore, they are expecting a shortage of regular bingo workers. We need your help. If you are able to volunteer for bingo a Thursday in the future, please contact [Patrick McFadden](#) to secure your spot. It is a great way to satisfy your family volunteer hours.

