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Dear PCA Parents,

Is it really true? July is half gone! With August around the corner comes the realization that summer is nearly over and our thoughts must turn to school once again. Curriculum materials have arrived, the floors are waxed and shining, and teachers are slowly returning to prepare their classrooms and lesson plans. We are excited about this new school year in anticipation of what God will do in and through Princeton Christian Academy during 2018-2019.

A PCA workday is scheduled for Sunday, August 5 beginning at 3:00 p.m. to prepare the facility for the beginning of a new school year. A simple meal will be served. Please come and help clean and polish if you are available!

Orientation will be held on Thursday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m.. It is important for a parent or guardian to attend the orientation. Students are welcome but are not required to attend. During orientation you will meet the staff, learn about PCA guidelines and procedures, visit the classrooms, and fellowship with PCA families.

Registration days for PCA are scheduled for Monday, August 20 through Wednesday, August 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. These hours are set aside to ensure paperwork is completed and students' files are in order for their first day of school. It is the final opportunity before school starts to turn in forms such as physicals, eye and dental exams, medical emergency, prescription, Kindergarten birth certificates, etc.

Once again, please be aware of requirements concerning the health and well-being of your child. The following information must be on file in the office:

- Physical exam with up-to-date immunizations - Preschool, Kindergarten, Sixth
- Lead Test/Screening - Preschool, Kindergarten (if not done at preschool)
- Dental exam - Kindergarten, Second, and Sixth
- Vision exam - Kindergarten
- Birth certificate - Kindergarten

In addition, anyone requesting medication of any kind to be administered to a student (Tylenol, cough syrup, prescription drugs, etc.) must submit to the office a Medical Authorization form that has been signed by your doctor. This form can be picked up in the office. No medication will be given without this form on file.

The first day of student attendance is Thursday, August 23. It will be a full day of school. Hot lunch meals are offered and menus for August and September need to be turned into the office by August 15. Menus are available at the school office or on the school website.

Bus transportation is available for rural families in the Princeton Elementary School District. Students are transported to and from PCA via the Princeton Elementary school busses. The district office needs to be notified if you have a student riding the bus. A "Ride the Bus Day" will be scheduled for those students that are new to the district or going into Kindergarten. The bus will pick a parent and student up, to show you the route your student will be on. This is a great way to get acclimated with the family's new routine. If you would like to take part in this, please call the district office at 815-875-6417. We are so thankful for this service that is offered to our families. If you need more information, please call the PCA office immediately.

As you prepare school wardrobes for your children, please refer to the dress code found in the Parent/Student Handbook. Our intent is for students to dress neatly and modestly. Shirts that show the midriff when arms are raised, as well as scooped necklines and large armholes are inappropriate. Only knee length shorts are acceptable. Skirts and dresses should be knee-length or longer. Jeans and pants should be free of holes and frayed bottoms. Non-marking athletic shoes should be available for recess and PE classes. All other shoes must have backs or back straps on them. Please no flip flops. Help us maintain a God-honoring environment by monitoring your child's appearance prior to school each day. Infractions of the dress code will require the student to wear something that we provide or to sit in the office until appropriate clothes are brought to him or her.

We advise you to sign up for alerts/cancellations for PCA with your mobile phone called BCR Alerts. Go to bernews.com and click on 'Sections'. You will find BCR Alerts located towards the bottom of the list. Go into this tab to sign up and choose Princeton Christian Academy. It is not difficult to do and you are welcome to click on other things such as severe weather alerts, activities for area schools, and community notifications. We are so thankful for this tool as it is a vital link between our parents and staff as to information going out to you in keeping our families notified.

The PCA Board and staff covet your prayers as we assist you by providing an education with a Biblical worldview. We look forward to seeing you at Orientation.

In Christ,

Tom Odell, Principal