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**July 15, 2020**

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. Everything looks a little different as we prepare for the new school year. **The first day of school is Thursday, August 20. Please make sure to read the “reopening plan” that follows this letter.** We trust God in all areas and know that He has a plan for our staff and families here at Princeton Christian Academy during 2020-2021.

Our school calendar, sports schedule, handbook, and supply list are available on our website: [princetonchristianacademy.org](http://princetonchristianacademy.org). Please keep in mind the schedules and plans we share today may need to be changed as time progresses.

A PCA workday is scheduled for Sunday, August 2 beginning at 3:00 p.m. to prepare the facility for the beginning of a new school year. Please come and help clean and polish if you are available! Many hands make light work!

Registration days for PCA are scheduled for Wednesday, August 12 through Friday, August 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is to help us get a head start on all the files, sign-up sheets, and forms, including physicals, eye and dental exams, medical emergency, prescription, Kindergarten birth certificates, etc., to be handed in for the student's files. This helps in lessening the confusion of doing all this on Orientation Night. Please try to take time to attend during these hours.

K-8 Orientation will be held on Monday, August 17 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.

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.

At this time, we are planning to offer hot lunch meals, beginning the first day of school. Menus will be available later this week at the office and on our website. Watch for the BCR Alert and FB announcement. Both August and September menus need to be turned into the office by **August 10**.

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 buses. The district office needs to be notified if you have a student riding the bus, even if they rode the bus last school year. There is generally a “ride the bus day” for students new to the district or students going into kindergarten. For more information and for any questions you may have, please call the district office at 815-875-6417. We are so thankful for this service that is offered to our families.

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 [bcnews.com](http://bcnews.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. If you have a Facebook account, you may also request to join our PCA page. We are so thankful for these communication tools that provide a vital link between our parents and staff. Signing up for BCR Alerts and/or the PCA Facebook page is the best way for you to receive reminders and notifications of changes.

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

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Our desire here at PCA is to reopen for the 2020-21 school year on time and for on-campus learning as safely and fully as possible.

Our focus is to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ through private Christian education, as an in-person, gathered community of teachers, administrators, staff, parents, and students, to God's glory, our joy, and for the benefit of all connected with PCA.

*Hebrews 10:23-25 - "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

The goal of our re-opening plan is to provide re-entry that fosters the overall health of children, adolescents, staff, and the community we serve. Our plan is based on evidence currently available and will be monitored as new information and situations arise. We believe not opening our school would be counter to scripture and would have a negative impact on the spiritual, mental, behavioral, and developmental health of our students. We trust that this plan will provide a framework for safety when PCA opens on Thursday, August 20, 2020.

The basic steps which will be employed to ensure a safe and secure reopening are as follows:

1. All students, teachers, administration, and staff will have their temperatures checked each morning upon arrival.
2. Our facility will be sanitized before the start of school each day.
3. iWave technology will be installed on all HVAC systems. This technology is COVID-rated to purify the air and help eliminate bacteria, viruses, etc.
4. Hand sanitizer stations will be available at various locations throughout our facility.
5. Reasonable distancing measures will be taken.
6. An isolation room will be available for students who become ill during the school day, until such time as parents are able to pick student up from school.

We know this subject is on the forefront of people's thoughts. These are general guidelines. A more detailed policy & procedure document will be issued at a later date.

Please call PCA for clarification on any questions you may still have. We highly recommend that these guidelines for reopening not be debated on social media for obvious reasons.

Please be in prayer with us as we continue to seek the Lord's direction.

Tom Odell, Principal  
PCA Board

*"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

*Isaiah 40:31 NIV*