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July 11, 2022

Dear PCA Parents,

Is it really true? July is almost half gone! With August around the corner comes the realization that summer is nearly over and our thoughts must turn to school once again. **The first day of school for grades K and up, is Thursday, August 18. Preschool begins on Wednesday, September 7.** We trust God in all areas and know that He has a plan for our staff and families here at Princeton Christian Academy during 2022-2023.

Our school calendar, sports schedule, handbook, and supply list are available on our website: <u>princetonchristianacademy.org</u>. 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 7 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 10 through Friday, August 12 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 15 at 6:30 p.m.. **High School Orientation** is Tuesday, 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.

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**:

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

In addition, anyone requesting medication of <u>any kind</u> 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. <u>No medication will be given without this form on file.</u>

We will offer hot lunch meals for grades K & up, beginning the first day of school. Menus will be available soon at the office and on our website. **Both August <u>and</u> September menus** need to be turned into the office by **August 8**.

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 <u>princetonchristianacademy.org</u> and click the tab for 'BCRAlerts'. You'll then be directed to the sign-up page. Choose 'Princeton Christian Academy' under both categories 4 and 5. 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.

Lastly, we invite you to come on out to **Culver's of Princeton on Tuesday, July 19th** to support our PCA Volleyball team! Parents and players will be serving from 5-8p.m. to raise money for new uniforms!

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

Summer office hours: Generally Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10-3.

