



NEWSLETTER

Providence Christian Academy



NEW K4 & HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9 & 10

We are delighted to share the news of our school's expansion, doubling in student body size and now welcoming students from K4 through grade 10. This significant growth underscores our dedication to fostering a nurturing environment where each student can excel academically, spiritually, and socially, guided by God's blessings and provision. We are grateful for the overwhelming interest from families eager to join our community, and we look forward to embarking on this journey of growth and learning together, trusting in God's plan for our school's future.

END-OF-YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Parents, Students, Faculty, and Supporters,

As we reflect on this past semester, we are grateful for the growth and achievements within our school community. Our students have engaged in exciting learning experiences, from exploring new topics in history and science to diving deep into novels and literary analysis. They have embraced challenges, shown creativity in projects, and demonstrated a commitment to their faith and learning.

Our dedicated faculty have continued to inspire and guide our students with passion and excellence. Over the summer, they are diligently planning and preparing for the upcoming year, ensuring that each child's educational journey is filled with opportunities for growth and success.

As we look ahead, let us continue to pray for wisdom and unity among our school community. May God guide us as we embark on this journey together, preparing to welcome students back with renewed enthusiasm and readiness for the new school year.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in the education and growth of our students. Wishing you all a restful and rejuvenating summer break filled with God's blessings.

-Linda Temby, Principal

KINDERGARTEN 5

Kindergarten has been a year filled with growth, learning, and countless memorable moments. Watching each student develop academically, socially, emotionally, and most of all spiritually, has been a joy and a privilege for all of us at PCA. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents for their unwavering support and to our benefactors for their partnership throughout the year.

As we celebrate the achievements of our K5 students, we're excited about the adventures they'll embark on in First Grade. It has been a joy to watch them grow and thrive academically throughout the year.

In our Phonics lessons, the class successfully completed reading group books, exploring exciting stories and expanding their literacy skills. I'm thrilled to inform parents that each K5 student received a Summer Learning Packet, providing 50 days of review activities to help them stay sharp for First Grade. This packet includes one page each of phonics, reading, and math review. Consistent practice over the summer will ensure that your child enters the next grade with confidence and readiness.



In our math curriculum, the students made significant strides in numerical understanding. They learned to count by 2's, laying a solid foundation for future concepts like multiplication. Additionally, in May, we wrapped up our focus on addition math facts 0-10 and introduced subtraction facts, starting with minus 0 and 1. These skills are essential building blocks for mathematical proficiency, and I encourage you to continue practicing them at home.

We also completed our Science curriculum, and the students had an incredible experience planting seeds and watching them grow. Each day, we watered the seeds, and over three weeks, the students observed as the seeds sprouted. Their eyes were filled with wonder. Before school ended, they took home their seedlings, and we encouraged them to plant them at home.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the school year. It has been a pleasure working with each student, and I am proud of their growth and accomplishments. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer break filled with learning adventures!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Angela (Kindergarten Teacher)

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

 **Class of
2024**

As the school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've shared with our first Kindergarten class this year. It has been a year filled with growth, learning, and countless memorable moments.

I am honored to have watched each child develop academically, socially, emotionally, and most of all spiritually. From learning to write their names to counting, from exploring God's wonders in science to learning phonics and reading stories for the first time, the achievements of our kindergartners are truly remarkable. They have also developed essential social skills, learning the importance of sharing, cooperation, and telling others about God's love.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parents for their unwavering support and partnership throughout the year, and to all our PCA donors. As our K5 graduates move on to new challenges and opportunities, we ask for God's continued presence in their lives. May they always feel His love and guidance, and may God grant them confidence and courage as they step into the next phase of their education. We pray that the seeds of faith and knowledge planted in their hearts this year will grow and bear fruit throughout their lives.

Thank you for being a part of the Providence Christian Academy family. We look forward to continuing this journey together, celebrating the achievements and growth of our students in the years to come.

In gratitude and faith,

-Mrs. Angela



FIRST GRADE

Our First Grade continued to work on scripture memorization. Their Bible study focused on Jesus' specific directions to his disciples about how they were to spread the gospel: first in their local Jerusalem, then to Judea, then Samaria, and finally to the ends of the earth. The Bible study concluded with Paul's First Missionary Journey and the spreading of the gospel "to the ends of the earth."

They also learned that their job is the same as the disciples'. They can be little missionaries wherever they are. Whether at home, in their neighborhood, on their soccer team, or even in the grocery store, they can share their verses, Bible songs, and Bible stories with others.

First Graders had fun reading advanced readers about Science, Health, and History. As they read about metamorphosis, the class raised tadpoles and caterpillars. They also made an ant farm and watched God's plan for the worker ants to create tunnels and carry food.

In Arithmetic, the class was introduced to multiplication, adding and subtracting three-digit numbers, and counting paper money as well as coins. They also worked with fractions and found $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, and $\frac{1}{2}$ of a group of animals.

They continued to write amazing stories, which were sometimes two or three pages long.

Altogether, they are showing how ready they are for next year and Second Grade!

Happy Summer!

Mrs. Pauli (First Grade Teacher)



SECOND GRADE

What a year for Second Grade! Full of adventure, learning, and fun! Second Grade has ended the year strong and with intention. They spent time in Bible class learning about the Fruits of the Spirit and what it means to be patient, kind, and faithful, and how, apart from God's help, we are unable to do so. Second grade also enjoyed growing some onions so that they could witness the roots burrowing into the soil. And yes, all of the second graders enjoy eating onions! In Math, they have been learning their multiplication tables and division, as well as using and making bar graphs and line graphs. In Reading, they have learned how to pick out the important information and then tell others what the reading was about.



They finished their weekly journals, sharing what they did over Memorial Day weekend, and were very excited to do so. Second Grade has also been working hard to learn a couple of songs and their parts in a skit for the end-of-the-year celebration. It's a joy to hear them sing praises to God. They have also enjoyed some sensory experiences, playing and creating with water beads, kinetic sand, cardboard, and a ball. They are looking forward to what the next year brings!

-Mrs. Keiderling (2nd Grade Teacher)

THIRD GRADE

May has been a busy month for our 3rd graders. While fluent reading and language remain our top priorities, we also enjoyed exploring new topics in history and science. In our history lessons, we studied the modernization of America, focusing on new inventions and accomplishments. The students particularly enjoyed designing and building their own inventions.

In science, we completed an entire unit on body systems and conducted experiments on lungs and breathing. It's exciting to see how enthusiastic the children are about learning new things and ideas! Praise God for all of this!

-Mrs. Lashtur (Third Grade Teacher)



FOURTH GRADE

Fourth Grade had an eventful May as we dove deep into health and wellness. We discussed proper nutrition and exercise, physical and online safety, and the importance of saying no to drugs and alcohol. We completed our study of American History with a demonstration of a self-driving car as we discussed how technology has changed the way our nation works and communicates.

We ended the year in Reading by discussing the novel *The Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden. We discussed fiction versus non-fiction, wrote paragraphs comparing real crickets to the character Chester Cricket, and analyzed literary devices such as allusion, metaphor, personification, and simile. We wrote our vocabulary words in shaving cream for a fun, kinetic learning exercise, and finished drawing the different body systems onto our outlines. It has been a privilege and a pleasure teaching this amazing group of scholars.

-Mrs. Krueger (Fourth Grade Teacher)

Volunteers
needed

Call for Volunteers: Join Our School Community!

Volunteers play a crucial role in the vibrant life of our school, contributing to various aspects such as lunchroom monitoring, event decoration, library organization, classroom assistance, janitorial support, grounds-keeping, and more. Your involvement is instrumental in enriching the educational experience of our students. If you are interested in becoming a valued volunteer, please apply through our school website (pcama.org). Together, let's make a difference in the lives of our students and community!



MUSIC

This year at PCA, we have been able to testify to God's goodness to our school has been through our seasonal concerts. During Thanksgiving, the students prepared a special presentation that shared our gratitude to the Lord for His daily provisions and loving hand. At Christmastime, the student body presented a Christmas concert where each class represented a different part of the Christmas story. Throughout the program, Scripture verses were put into a song to remind people of the incredible gift of Christmas – Jesus Christ.



The Easter concert was perhaps the most meaningful to me as a teacher. The students walked through the Passion Week – from the palm branches waved on Palm Sunday, to Christ's sacrifice on the cross, to His Glorious Resurrection. The concert ended with the song "Is He Worthy?" and each student powerfully declaring "He Is!"

As the year came to a close, we graduated our Kindergarten class in a special ceremony full of song and story. The kindergarteners showcased their new skills and the everyone had a chance to share specific ways they had experienced the Lord's faithfulness this year. As the students sang and played instruments, I as a teacher was greatly encouraged to see how much these kids have grown this year – not just in inches, but in their understanding of and sensitivity to God's Hand in their lives. May they always remember to walk by faith and not by sight.

-Mrs. Emberley (PCA Music Teacher)



ANNUAL SPRING FELLOWSHIP COOKOUT

We are thrilled to share the tremendous success of our 1st Annual Spring BBQ Fundraiser! The event, held under bright, sunny skies, was a day filled with delicious food, exciting activities, and endless laughter. Parents, students, and community members came together to enjoy mouth-watering BBQ, games, and fellowship. A big Thank You to God for blessing our event, Ray and the Great BBQ Crew for their amazing BBQ services and our community's generosity. We raised \$6,240 that will directly benefit our school's expansion and upcoming programs, ensuring we continue to provide a Christian centered learning environment as we extend our educational offerings from Grades K-4 through 10.



We express our deepest gratitude to our donors, as well as our dedicated volunteers. Your contributions were invaluable and greatly appreciated by our entire school community. With your continued support, we know we can achieve great things. Thank you once again to everyone who attended, donated, and volunteered—your involvement made our 1st Annual Spring BBQ Fundraiser a resounding success. Please join us at our BBQ Fundraiser in October and our 2nd Annual Gala in November as we continue this journey together.

-Heidi Corona (PCA Fundraiser Coordinator)



PINE BROOK FIELD TRIP

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The students of PCA enjoyed an exciting day out on their final day of school, marking the end of a fantastic academic year. Pine Brook Camp organized a full schedule of activities and games for our field day!

The day commenced with an exciting surprise as a bright yellow school bus awaited us in the parking lot, providing many children with their first-ever school bus ride. Earlier this month, students participated in a school-wide contest to design t-shirts for the occasion. Congratulations to Nyah Parayson (Grade 4) and John Doncev (Grade 1) for their creative interpretations of PCA, which graced our field day attire.

Upon our arrival at Pine Brook Camp, the staff warmly welcomed us and introduced the day's lineup of activities. These included a nature hike and scavenger hunt, a challenging rope course, gaga ball, parachute games, an obstacle course, various races and competitions, and table tennis.

The children were fully engaged throughout the day, reluctant for it to end, and expressed mixed feelings on the bus ride home as they reflected on the conclusion of the school year.

It was truly a beautiful day to celebrate the achievements of every student at PCA! We give thanks and praise to God for an incredible year.

-Inna Falceanu



ATHLETICS

WRESTLING



Thus far, our wrestling program has been nothing short of incredible and has greatly exceeded my expectations. What started as a small idea has grown into a legitimate program of strong, dedicated, and courageous boys who have the faith and perseverance to continue learning and proudly call themselves the PCA Wolverines.

That first day, as I walked out on the mat and spoke deeply to my team about the merits of the sport, I could immediately see their potential. The warrior spirit was there; despite their immaturity, you could feel a sense of pride in being a PCA Wolverine. It was clear that they wanted to be a part of something special, a brotherhood of wrestlers who support each other on and off the mat, and who represent the morals and ideals of PCA.



However, I thought to myself, will all these boys really make it? Do they have the fortitude and the desire? Here were a bunch of pre-pubescent boys who were about to be exposed to the oldest and hardest sport in existence. A sport that is only reserved for the toughest and hardest working human beings on the planet. Would they stick with it?

Fast forward to 18 practices later and the answer is an unequivocal yes! Their results have far exceeded my expectations; the sport has been transformational for them. I see better focus, stronger bodies, more discipline, better technique, more confidence, and a deeper investment in their own personal growth. And amazingly, we still have the same number of enrollees as when we started the program! Incredible!



As we enter the summer months, we will continue to build a strong foundation of technique and focus more on strength and conditioning. Our training programs will progressively become more rigorous, and I am confident that these amazing young gentlemen will live up to the task, fully embracing the spirit of the Wolverine's strength and endurance. God Bless, I very much look forward to seeing you all soon!

With love,
Coach D

ATHLETICS

SOCCER



As we wrap up the first season of the PCA Girls Soccer Program, we can reflect on the incredible growth and achievements of our young athletes. Over the past few months, students from various grade levels have eagerly participated in skill-building drills, engaging games, and valuable lessons in teamwork and sportsmanship. Our program has not only honed soccer skills but also nurtured confidence and camaraderie among its participants.

Throughout the season, our emphasis on skill development has been evident in every practice session. From mastering fundamental techniques like dribbling and passing to refining tactical awareness on the field, each child has shown remarkable progress. Beyond physical ability, our program has instilled essential values of respect, fair play, and resilience, shaping our students into well-rounded athletes and individuals. Beginning and ending each session with prayer, our athletes are learning to honor God with their attitude and sportsmanship on and off the field.



The support and involvement of parents and families have been instrumental in the success of our program. Whether cheering from the sidelines, assisting during practices, or volunteering to help clean up and set up, your dedication has enriched the experience for all involved. As we close out our first season, we look forward to growing the athletic program and expanding our soccer team for this coming school year!



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this season of soccer at PCA a resounding success!

-coach Lauren Sullivan



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To Pray

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PRAY FOR STUDENTS ON SUMMER BREAK

Pray for students to make wise choices and travel safely during their summer break, engaging in activities that foster growth, learning, and positive experiences.

May they find rest and refreshment, returning ready for the new school year.

02

PRAY FOR EFFECTIVE PLANNING AND PREPARATION

Pray for wisdom, unity, and perseverance among the administration, board, grounds and business team, and faculty as they diligently plan and prepare for the school's expansion over the summer.

May their efforts, especially those of the faculty as they plan for their classes, be guided by God's wisdom and strengthened by unity of purpose.

PRAY FOR FACULTY ON SUMMER BREAK

Pray for faculty members to experience rejuvenation and spiritual growth during their break.

May they find joy and peace in their time away from teaching.

03

PRAY FOR SAFETY AND PROGRESS IN EXPANSION

Pray for the strength and safety of the building and grounds team and for progress according to schedule. May they work diligently with God's protection.

"The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

Psalm 121:7-8

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