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150-Day Plan



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Extending & Expanding





*The 100-Day Plan
is now . . .*

The 150-Day Plan

These first 88 days have been a whirlwind and an exciting time of learning for me as I am growing into the fabric of the PCS community. I have learned so much from so many of you. Thank you!

One of the most important things I have learned so far is that 100 days is not enough time for my listening and learning tour. There are so many people to meet and so much to learn about this amazing place called Portland Christian. The 100-Day Plan has been extended through Saturday, December 2nd and will now become the 150-Day Plan. I will prepare a summary report to share with our school community sometime in January, 2024.



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Robotics Meeting



I popped into our informational robotics meeting last week and was encouraged by the number of parents and students in attendance. STEM is a growing field, and STEM education is a growing priority for us at PCS. Stay tuned...

If you missed this meeting and are curious about our current robotics efforts or would like information about how to get your child(ren) involved, please contact our robotics coach, PCS parent Robert Toole at RobertLToole@gmail.com or 502-235-0319.

Nick's Story

Parents Know Best

At our 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, I had the privilege of meeting and talking to several PCS alumni. One of those folks, Nick, allowed me to share his table and provided great company during the dinner presentation. He shared his Portland story with me.

Nick first attended PCS, not because he wanted to, but because his parents made him. He was not at all excited about transferring from his current school to Portland. He begrudgingly attended because his parents made him switch schools.

Initially, Nick struggled mightily. He was failing and was in danger of not graduating. Additionally, Nick felt like he did not fit in. One day, something changed.

Then school leader, J.R. Satterfield, approached Nick and informed him he was in danger of failing his senior year of high school. Mr. Satterfield offered to tutor Nick privately in his home. As a result, Nick represents another success story in Portland's rich history of helping kids succeed.

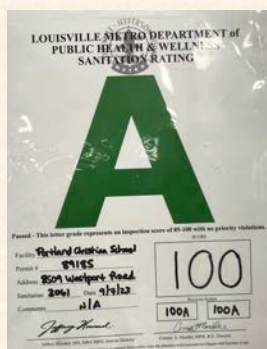
Today, Nick serves the local community in the financial sector. He has remained connected to PCS by attending school events annually with his father. Though his father was ill and unable to attend our recent 100-Year Celebration Dinner, Nick told me, "I would not miss this for anything."

Nick's story is one of many. Over the last 100 years, PCS has changed thousands of young people's lives for the better. As members of the PCS family, we are all a part of Nick's story. As a current PCS parent, employee, or stakeholder, YOU are an important part of what God is doing at PCS today and tomorrow!

Prime Time Cafe

I recently had the privilege of hanging out with our amazing Chef Du Jour cafeteria crew! The food is really good. These ladies are so friendly, and they have a heart to serve your children.

While often overlooked, lunchtime is an important part of a child's school day. In addition to serving great food with a smile, these ladies are true professionals. Note that our health department rating is higher than some of my favorite restaurants... Meet Elizabeth, Jena, and Michelle.



We have four lunch shifts running from 10:35 - 1:15.

Come eat lunch with your children and grandchildren.



K - 3, 10:35 - 11:15

4th & 5th, 11:10 - 11:40

6th - 8th, 11:45 - 12:15

9th - 12th, 12:45 - 1:15

Bo Knows Security

Meet our security officer, Mr. Bo Hatfield. I've spent some time with this guy, and he's a good dude. Or should I say, he's a bad dude, in a good way. I wouldn't want to mess with him!

Mr. Hatfield is loved and respected on campus. With my own children attending here, his presence on campus encourages my peace of mind. It is God who truly keeps us safe, but we must do our part as well. Please wave and smile at Bo as you enter campus for carline. He takes his duty to protect our students, faculty, and staff very seriously, and we are grateful for him.

Employing Mr. Hatfield is one of many measures we take to ensure your children's safety. This communication is not dedicated to sharing all of those measures, but you should be encouraged that our new Upper School building facing Westport Road is fitted with state of the art audio/visual equipment and bullet resistant glass.



ParentPulse Surveys

What do you think?

We want you to know that you are heard. Not only that, we have invested in a process that intentionally and proactively solicits your feedback. We have partnered with an organization called *ParentPulse* to capture valuable information about what you are thinking and how you feel. We are a school community, and we believe everyone's opinion matters. We also believe that everyone has something to offer, and good ideas often come from parents.

This process involves sending out surveys over the course of 90 days. After 90 days, every parent will have received an opportunity to complete a short, 5-minute survey. This survey includes the opportunity to leave written comments that we see and can respond to in real time. You have the option of identifying yourself or completing the survey anonymously.

While we would like for EVERYONE to complete the survey, research indicates that only 22% of you will take this short 5-minute survey. Put another way, only about 1 in 4 or 1 in 5 parents will complete the survey. This means that when we decide to combine your ideas with our own for action steps, roughly 75% - 80% of parental input is missing. Simply put, if you want to be heard, please complete the survey. Of course, I always encourage you to reach out to teachers, principals, and to me directly.

To recap, if you have not already received your survey, please look for it to arrive between now and Christmas. Our administrative team will review fall semester results, and a similar survey will start again in early January to conclude by April.

Please take 5-minutes to complete the short survey and leave comments. As always, please reach out to teachers, principals, and me. We'd love to talk to you.

Family Directory

Coming Soon

We have been listening, and we have discovered that many of you have a desire for a PCS Family Directory (FD). We have researched what many other Christian schools in this area do, and we have decided to provide a family directory. We believe this information may be useful to you for carpooling purposes, for networking, and for building relationships.

Important Notes About the Family Directory

1. The FD will be located in FACTS.
2. The FD will only be as accurate as the information you provide.
 1. Please verify and update your information in FACTS.
 2. Please correct any missing or inaccurate information.
3. The FD will include the following information:
 1. Home Address
 2. Home Phone
 3. Cell Phone
 4. E-Mail Address
4. You must proactively opt-out if you desire to be excluded from the FD.
 1. You may opt-out completely.
 2. You may choose to only provide some of the following information:
 1. Home Address
 2. Home Phone
 3. Cell Phone
 4. E-Mail Address
5. To opt-out, or partially opt-out, e-mail info@portlandchristian.org.
6. Our directory will go live on Wednesday, October 11th.
 1. Opt-out/modification info must be received by October 9th.
 2. All families will be included by default unless opting out.
7. We hope this directory serves as a blessing to our families.
 1. We encourage communication.
 2. We encourage community.