



PCS FAMILY FLYER



Important Information:

- [2024-2025 School Calendar](#)
- Back to School Information Night - August 19th 6:30pm
- First Day of School - Wednesday, August 21st
- Meet the Teacher Night - Sept. 11th at 6:30pm

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Dear PCS Community,

I was reminded of our mission last week when Extended School Year began and smiling students filed in. It is just good to have students and teachers in the building!

I am often heard saying that summer is a “different kind of busy” in our schools. From facility upgrades to behind the scenes plans for new programming, we are busy! Whether your child is new to our community or returning for another year, please know that your child’s safety, health and wellbeing are prioritized as we plan for the 24-25 school year. We are committed to providing a supportive and enriching environment where every student can learn.

I invite you to partner with us and there are a number of ways you can do so. Please see information below about our Parent Group and consider attending their meetings, volunteering and supporting their efforts. This group has already contributed so much to our school! I would also like to mention that we have monthly Board meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm

(except January and July) and anyone is welcome to attend. More information can be found on our website. As we approach the start of the new school year, please keep an eye out for important updates and information to help you and your child prepare.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and see you soon!

-Mrs. Maria Paluselli, CEO

Principal's Post

Hello PCS West Families,

I hope your summer is going great! I wanted to update you on the exciting things that have been happening over the summer. The greenhouse, which was purchased because of a grant PCS received from the Sisters of St. Joseph, is built and will provide a lot of hands-on learning experiences for students in the Fall. The items from the Dick's Sporting Goods Grant that we received last year have also arrived. The grant helped us purchase two basketball hoops for outside, kickballs, 2 pickleball sets, 2 badminton sets, and 2 cornhole games. Our Sensory Garden has a new sensory board and our wildflower garden is in full bloom!



Important Upcoming Dates:

August 19th - I am hoping to see you at our Back to School Night on August 19th at 6:30 pm. Information will be shared about the upcoming school year. The nurse, special education department, technology, teachers and principal will be available to answer any questions you may have. Families will be able to tour the school and students can visit their classroom and find their locker.



September 11th - Meet the Teacher Night will begin at 6:30 PM. Teachers will conduct a presentation in their classrooms about what to expect during the upcoming school year.

Upcoming for next year:

School Supplies: Students will need their own personal supplies in a pencil box: child scissors, crayons, colored pencils, pencils, 2 large erasers. We ask

that families purchase either a drawstring bag or a smaller type of bookbag, as the lockers do not close if the bookbag is larger. Your child's teacher will send a supply list specific to their classroom if one is necessary the first week of school.

School Uniforms: Provident Charter School no longer contracts with Schoolbelles. Uniforms can be purchased at local and online stores that sell uniform pieces.

Provident Charter School will have a new Student Information System for the 2024-2025 school year, which will replace ALMA. Our new student information system is called **Powerschool**. This new system will have some additional features to help our school run even more efficiently. As a PCS family, you will be receiving information about how to log-in and utilize this new system at the start of the school year.

We are working on getting a **YMCA before and after school care program** finalized for the start of the 2024-2025 school year. More information will be provided at a later date.

PCS West will host **Virtual Parent & Family Group meetings** monthly at the start of the school year. The group will be looking to create a formal board and to establish 501(c)3 status this school year. Families will also be asked if they would consider being a part of the initial PCS West Parent & Family board, perhaps as a President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Please consider volunteering for one of these crucial roles.

Parents are asked to complete Act 372 Forms when transportation is being requested. Communication regarding these forms has been sent to families. Please complete them as soon as possible. Transportation companies will often withhold setting up transportation until these forms are completed. If you did not receive information about the 372 form, please reach out to your child's home district to inquire about this form and its completion.

We are excited for the upcoming school year and the growth of our PCS West community!

-Mrs. Connie Joseph, PCSW Principal

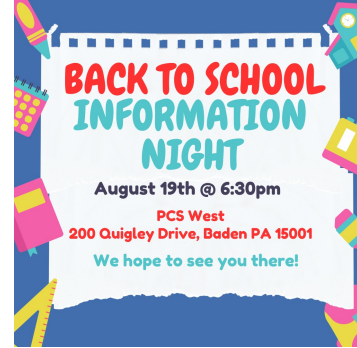
UPCOMING EVENTS

Back to School Night - August 19th

Overview: Join us for our Back-to-School Family Information Session where an overview of PCS items will be discussed. Topics will include information from our school principals, technology, cafeteria, school nurse, and our parent/family group.

Following the presentation, families will be able to visit a variety of booths and will have the option to complete any paperwork if necessary. If you plan to apply for Free & Reduced lunch, please bring the previous month's pay stub to use with your paperwork. Both new families and current families should plan to attend.

Location: Provident Charter School West, 200 Quigley Drive, Baden, PA 15001

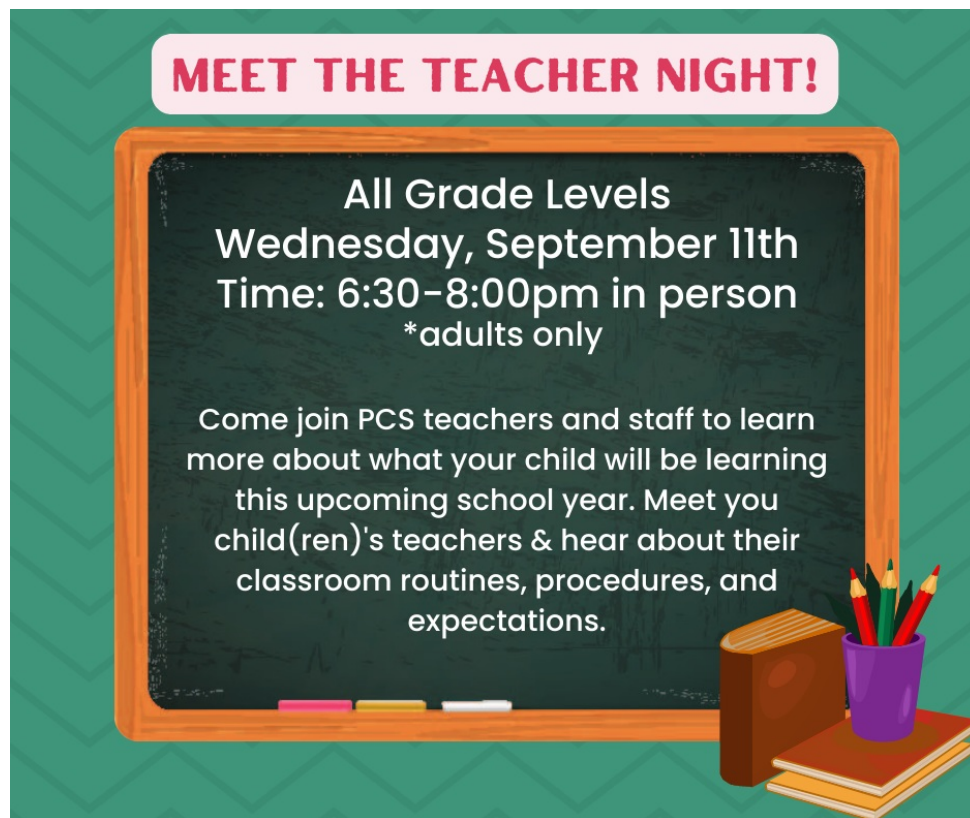


Date: Monday, August 19, 2024

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Questions?

Please email Mrs. Joseph at cjoseph@providentcharterschool.org



INTRODUCING: POWERSCHOOL

Technology System Updates: We are excited to share that we have upgraded our Student Information System (SIS) to PowerSchool! You will receive a notification email with instructions on how to access PowerSchool. This email will contain an access code and password for each of your enrolled students, allowing you to create an account and link your student(s). Please be on the lookout for



these emails, as they are crucial for managing your child's educational information. More information will be provided on PowerSchool in the upcoming weeks. Thank you for your cooperation and support during this transition.

This new SIS will serve as our one-stop-shop which means ClassTag will no longer be used for the 2024-2025 school year. Instead, we will utilize Schoology for all parent-teacher communications.

-Mr. Justin Matschener, Technology Director



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