



**PROVIDENT**  
CHARTER SCHOOL WEST

September 2024

## PCS FAMILY FLYER



### Important Information:

- [2024-2025 School Calendar](#)
- Picture Day is Monday, October 21st
- Make-up Picture Day is Wednesday, December 4th

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Dear PCSW Families,

It's been wonderful to settle back into our routines and see so many smiling faces both new and returning! We're thrilled to have everyone back.

In light of recent events, I wanted to take a moment to reassure you about the safety measures we have in place at PCSW to ensure the well-being of our students and staff. Our school is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for everyone. We have a dedicated Safety Committee Team that continuously evaluates and enhances our safety protocols. Our front entrance is equipped with a keyless fingerprint reader to control access. Each classroom is fitted with a Night Lock door stopper, which can be quickly engaged to prevent unwanted entry. We also have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) located in the front hallway for medical emergencies.

For added security, we have installed over a dozen cameras throughout the campus, and our student information system includes features that allow for immediate emergency notifications. Additionally, our staff undergoes annual

ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training to ensure they are well-prepared to respond to any critical situation. PCSW received a \$70,000 allocation from the PA Department of Education Grant through the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency. These funds will be used to purchase more cameras and make additional safety upgrades. Additionally, each school in PA is required to have an established relationship with their local police department. The Economy Borough Chief of Police has visited and collaborated with our Principal and part time School Resource Officer. We expect that a representative from the Economy Borough Police Department will present to students on the importance of reporting anything unusual.

Should there be some kind of crisis or emergency in which the students and staff at PCS West need to relocate, all information would be communicated through PowerSchool rapid messaging. **For this reason, please verify that all of your information is correct in Powerschool and that all beginning of the year documents are complete.** The reunification site for PCS West is St. Josephs, 1020 W. State Street, Baden, PA 15005. Please know that your child's safety is our top priority, and we are continuously working to maintain a safe and supportive environment. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher Night. As a parent myself, I understand how busy the first few weeks of school can be, and I truly appreciate your time and commitment in making these evenings a priority.

We're looking forward to an exciting and successful school year ahead!

-Mrs. Maria Paluselli, CEO

## PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Families,

Thank you to all the families who joined us for Meet the Teacher Night! If you haven't done so already, please log into Powerschool and complete the school documents. It is important that families complete these forms each year. Please see the following for help.

Visit <https://providentcs.powerschool.com/> and select the PowerSchool Parent Portal icon. From the Parent Portal:

1. Select the student you wish to register along the top
2. Select the Annual Re-Registration Icon on the left-hand side menu.
3. Agree to the terms and conditions
4. Select Begin Forms

**New Staff / Provider information:**

Jenna Hannum - 5th Grade Co-Teacher

Lori Zorn - Orton Gillingham Practitioner  
Rachel Johnston - Psychology & Learning Therapist  
Joanna Graham - Vision Therapist  
Alyssa Litwin - Occupational Therapist  
Robin Mansor - Speech Therapist

**Our Spirit wear fundraiser was a huge success!** Sales were \$1577.00 and the school earned \$189.00. We will utilize the funds to purchase PBIS t-shirts for students who receive an award for being in a row or column filled on the Golden Bulldog Board. Thank you to all the families who purchased spirit wear items. Students can wear their spirit wear instead of uniforms at any time and often on gym and TKD days.

PCS West will be holding an **Open House on September 24th from 4:00-6:00**. This open house is for potential new students and families. Please share this with any families that have a child that could benefit from our school. Please join the PCS West social media pages and share our posts.



Below is the link to the PCS West Scholastic Book Club Fundraising Campaign. All funds will be used to purchase additional books for the school library.

[Scholastic Book Club Fundraising Campaign](#). Also, families can purchase books through Scholastic Book Clubs' monthly flyer by going to <https://clubs.scholastic.com/>, select "connect with teacher", enter the school's zip code (15005) and select "Provident Charter School West" (select Connie Joseph).

Fall Picture Day is scheduled for **October 21st**. More information will follow.

**Parent & Family Group Meetings** will be held monthly on the third Wednesday of the month. Our first virtual meeting will be held on **September 18th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM**. The meeting links will be shared out through email prior to each monthly meeting, but you can use the

following link to the first meeting: [Parent Group Meeting Link](#) or join by phone 1 513-717-0122 PIN: 979 351 648#

I am hoping to establish a formal parent group this school year, and I have created a Parent & Family Group Survey. Please use the following link to complete the survey prior to our first meeting: [Parent & Family Group Survey Link](#).

Our cafeteria now offers snacks for purchase. Students will have the opportunity to purchase snacks halfway through lunch. The items listed below are available for purchase. Students must have money in their account in order to purchase snack items, or have the exact cash the day of purchase. The cafeteria cannot provide change. Please speak with your child about whether or not you allow them to use their cafeteria account money to purchase snacks. If you would not like their cafeteria funds to be used, please email Kala Williamson at [kwilliamson@providentcharterschool.org](mailto:kwilliamson@providentcharterschool.org).

\$1.00 items: Doritos, Cool Ranch Doritos, Scooby Fruit Snacks, Rice Krispie Treat, Very berry juice box, Chocolate/vanilla blue ribbon ice cream cup (Offered on Friday Only), Blue ribbon ice cream sandwich (Offered on Friday Only). \$.75 Mini-bottled Water.

As the weather gets colder, please make sure that your child has a uniform approved sweater (solid navy, light blue, white or gray) or crew neck sweatshirt to wear at school if they are cold in the classroom. Students are not permitted to wear hoodies or winter jackets in the classrooms.

-Mrs. Connie Joseph, Principal

## INSTRUCTION & LEARNING

### *It's CDT Testing Time!*

The Pennsylvania Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT) are assessments given three times a year to students in grades 3-8. These assessments cover Reading, Writing, Mathematics, and Science. The CDTs help teachers understand how well students are grasping key skills and concepts based on Pennsylvania Core Standards. This information allows teachers to provide targeted instruction to address individual student's learning gaps. Results from the Fall CDT will be shared with families by the first week in October.

### *Changes in Grading Policy for the 24-25 School Year*

Check out this [quick reference sheet](#) to learn all about grading at PCS.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

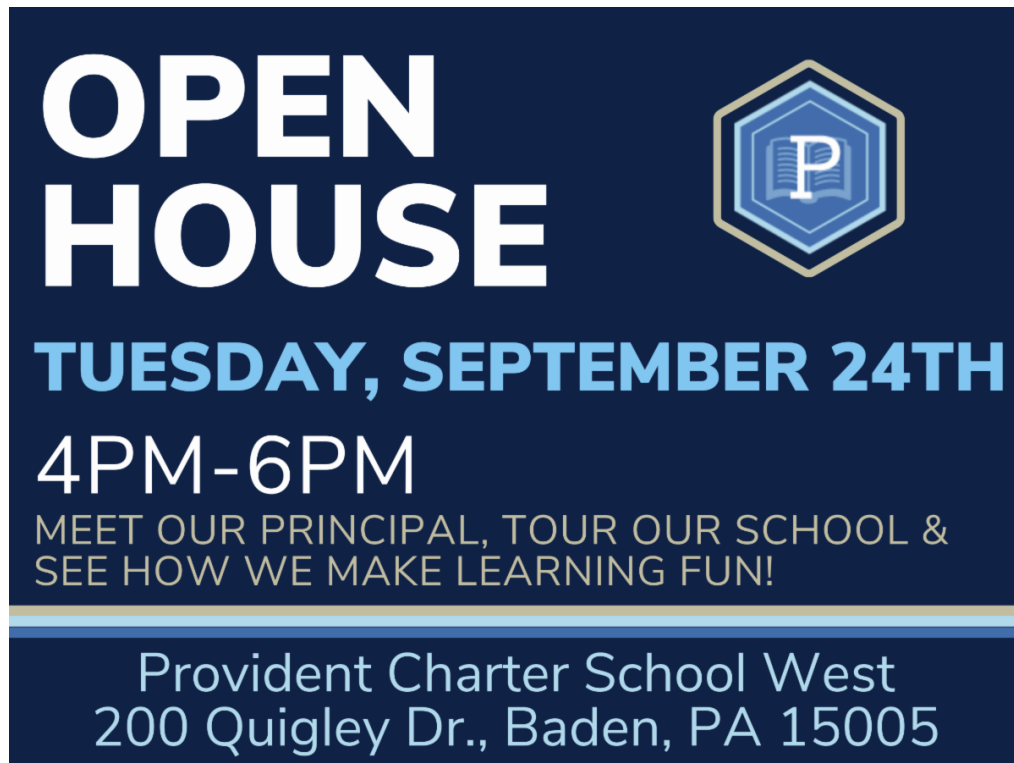
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Along with our commitment to safety, we are also committed to spreading awareness about dyslexia. This October we are hosting a Dyslexia Simulation where participants will experience firsthand the challenges students face academically. If you haven't had the chance to attend one of these simulations before, we invite you to join us on October 24th.


We're also in the process of creating a virtual family series tailored to your interests. Please take a moment to complete [this brief survey](#) so we can design the series to best suit your preferences throughout the school year.

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If you know someone who is considering a school change but is still unsure, be sure to tell them about our upcoming Open House on Tuesday, September 24th!



**OPEN HOUSE**



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH**  
**4PM-6PM**

MEET OUR PRINCIPAL, TOUR OUR SCHOOL &  
SEE HOW WE MAKE LEARNING FUN!

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Provident Charter School West  
200 Quigley Dr., Baden, PA 15005

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PCS West is hosting a Dyslexia Simulation on Thursday, October 24th from 6:30pm-8:00pm - [register here](#) and bring a friend!

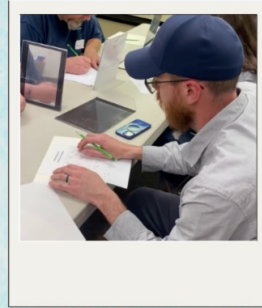
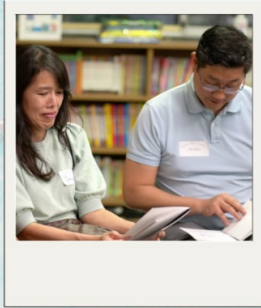
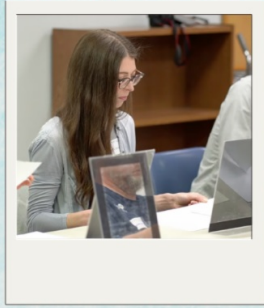
\*There is also a Dyslexia Simulation at PCS Central on September 24th. You are welcome to attend either event and both are free.



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DYSLEXIA  
Association  
Pennsylvania

# Dyslexia Simulation



Experience what it's like to have learning challenges  
and have to go to school **EVERY** day.

**Date: Thursday, October 24, 2024**

**Time: 6:30pm-8:00pm**

**Location: Provident Charter School West  
200 Quigley Drive  
Baden, PA 15005**

This powerful simulation will open your eyes to the daily struggles children can experience. Participants will take part in simulated activities which mimic the experiences and processing of those with dyslexia.

*Register  
Now*



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Halloween Dance - Hosted by the Hopewell Competitive Cheer  
Team - Saturday, October 19th from 5:30-8:00

Hopewell Twerps Competitive Cheer  
is Hosting a

# HALLOWEEN DANCE

## 1ST-5TH GRADERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024  
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Provident Charter School West  
200 Quigley Dr, Baden, PA 15005

**WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUME**

Music, Food, & Drink

Purchase a ticket:

Pre-Ticket Sale:

\$5.00

Venmo:

@dani-miller-03

(4843)

(comment with student name)

At the Door: \$8.00

**Trunk or Treat - Tuesday, October 29th from 5:00-7:00**



  
Provident Charter School West  
200 QUIGLEY DRIVE  
BADEN, PA 15005

# TRUNK *OR* TREAT

A FREE FAMILY EVENT  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024  
5-7PM

VENDORS CONTACT:  
LPARTRIDGE@PROVIDENTCHARTERSCHOOL.ORG  
OR SCAN CODE





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