

December 2024

# **PCS FAMILY FLYER**



### Important Info:

- 2024-2025 School Calendar
- Friday, December 20th is a half day.
- No School 12/23 1/1 Winter Break. Students return to school on Thursday, January 2nd.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Dear Families,

It has been a long time coming, but on January 2, 2025 we finally will begin using the vestibule entrance (near the gymnasium) for all visitors entering the building.

This entrance will ensure the safety of all students and staff because visitors will no longer be able to access the entire building upon entry. Many of you will communicate with Jennie in the front office through an intercom at that location, as you have done so before, and you may simply be waiting for your child or for a meeting in the vestibule area instead of the front office. Any medication drop off will now occur in that location. Visitors will no longer be entering the front door.

All arrival and dismissal procedures will remain the same with the exception of a late arrival after 8:30 am. Instead of coming through the front door, those later arrivals will enter through the vestibule near the gym.

We look forward to welcoming you back here in 2025! Best wishes to you and your family for a healthy, happy new year!

-Mrs. Maria Paluselli, CEO

## PRINCIPAL'S POST

Dear Families,

It's been a wonderful year filled with learning, growth, and memorable moments in the classrooms here at PCS as we wrap up 2024.

I've been so impressed with the creative projects, kindness towards classmates, goals being met, progress being made, and hearing students read. It's truly inspiring to see the progress students have made at PCS so far.



As we conclude 2024, I encourage you to continue sending your child to school daily. I would greatly appreciate everyone's efforts to avoid taking extra time off after the winter break once school is back in session. As long as your child is healthy, please encourage them to attend school when it is in session. Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to develop personally, socially, and academically. I want to thank our students and their families who do their best to show up daily, even when it isn't easy.

I would also like to remind families to use the <u>Pre-Approved Absence</u> <u>Request Form</u> for planned absences. Please complete this form if your child will be missing school due to travel. Pre-approved absences should be no longer than five school days.

The students have been doing a great job earning **Way to Go Bucks** and **Golden Bulldogs** by demonstrating perseverance, compassion, and self-control. They've also been enjoying using their Way to Go Bucks to shop at our "Troy Hill Mall." However, we are running low on items for our mall. If you're able to donate, that would be greatly appreciated! Here is the <u>PBIS</u> <u>Wish List</u> if you'd like to contribute. Thank you!

I look forward to welcoming you back to school after the new year and embarking on another exciting year of learning.

-Mrs. Kristy Yonushonis, Principal

### **TECHNOLOGY**

#### **Technology Tips for Device Care**

- Chromebooks
- iPads

**Lifeline:** a federal program that lowers the monthly cost of phone or internet service.

- Eligible consumers can get up to \$9.25 off the cost of phone, internet, or bundled services.
- https://www.lifelinesupport.org/

#### How can I qualify?

- You, your child, or dependent are enrolled in government programs like Medicaid, SNAP, or others, or
- Based on your household income
- Learn more about how to qualify.

PCS does not recommend one service over another nor do we receive any financial gain from this service. We are simply providing the information as a service to our families.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 14th @ 6:15pm at PCS Central Hello London - International Group Tour Information Session -Current 6th and 7th graders only

Provident Charter School students will be saying Hello to London in Summer 2026!

When students travel, they expand their knowledge of the world around them, discover more about themselves, and grow more confident. These skills are critical for creating the global citizens of tomorrow, and we would love to have your student join us on this adventure.



We're so excited to tell you more about the trip to England that we're planning with EF Tours, our educational travel partner. Please be sure to register for this info session to be considered for this opportunity: <a href="https://rsvp.eftours.com/bpcvv2n">https://rsvp.eftours.com/bpcvv2n</a>

In this info session, we'll talk about:

- How this opportunity will benefit your student
- What we'll see and do on our trip
- Everything that's included in this experience
- How your child can earn academic credit
- How we're keeping this safe and affordable
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!) during EF's risk-free enrollment period

This trip is open to our current 6th and 7th grade students. (They will have completed 7th or 8th grade by the time of the trip).

BE SURE TO RSVP!







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