



PACIFIC CHRISTIAN
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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 8, 2009!!

School will resume on Tuesday, September 8 with a **full day of school** for all students in **Grades 1-7**. Kindergarten and Pre-School children will have a gradual entry for the first week of school, according to the schedules sent home by their teachers earlier (see below).

The Elementary School will start with Opening Day Chapels on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at our usual chapel location—the Victoria Christian Reformed Church right beside the school. All parents, especially new families to PCS, are encouraged to come and join us.

Opening Chapel for K-4 elementary students **plus Pre-School** is at **8:30 a.m.**

At this time, Grade 5-7 students will go directly to their classrooms. Grades 1 and 2 will be transported to the primary campus after chapel.

Opening Chapel for Grades 5-7 will be at **10:45 am**

On Sept. 8th, please check the class lists on the doors of the church or the wall of the school near the office, so that all students in will know which classrooms to go to. Students should bring all their school supplies for their first full day of school. For those who ordered supply packages through the school, they will be distributed that morning.

KINDERGARTEN & PRE-SCHOOL

Kindergarten- Opening Week:

Children from both kindergarten classes are invited to the Opening Day Chapel and then following chapel can go directly to their classrooms for a visit. Gradual entry sessions and regular classes will begin as per letters sent home earlier by each of the Kindergarten Teachers.

Pre-School – Opening Week:

Pre-School children and their parents are invited to the Opening Day Chapel on Tuesday, September 8 at 8:30 a.m. After chapel, they should go home with their parents and return for their classes as per the letter sent home earlier by Mrs. Joanne Brown. With our delayed entry system, smaller groups of children will come with their parents as previously notified. The 4 year old afternoon class will begin on Monday September 14th and the 3 year old morning class will start their regular schedule on Wednesday September 16th.

Which Classroom will be Mine? Which Teacher will I Have?

As the first day of school approaches, students wonder if they will be in their friend's class and who their homeroom teacher will be. At the end of the last school year, teachers of each grade level, plus counsellors and other staff, met to make a careful initial division of classes. They look for student combinations who will work well together, considering the academic, social, and emotional needs of each child. The first drafts are prepared by the teachers who have taught the students over the past year, and then shared with the administration and the teachers for the next year. When the teachers return to school in August, the lists are reviewed one last time, considering any changes that have occurred over the summer. When everyone is satisfied that the wisest decisions possible have been made, the lists are finalized and posted. In cases where parents or students are disappointed, we trust that it is helpful to know how carefully these decisions have been made.

PRIMARY CAMPUS NOTES

Grades 1 and 2 (five classes) will again be accommodated at the primary campus at the corner of Wilkinson Road and Santa Rosa Avenue. Cheryl Byng is the designated "Head Teacher" at the primary campus. Donna Adams is the primary campus secretary. For families who require it, PCS provides a free shuttle bus service for the short trip from our main campus on Agnes St. to the primary campus in the morning (leave at 8:20), and then back again at the end of the day (return by 3:00). There is a slightly later start time (entry bell rings at 8:30, class starts at 8:40) and earlier closing time (2:50) at the primary campus to allow shuttle time for these children.

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ELEMENTARY BITS & PIECES

Grade 7 Clubs:

We are again offering Grade 7 Clubs this year. In the past, we have had a great variety of clubs led by teachers, parents and grandparents. Clubs have included: chess, cooking, sewing, knitting, golf, mountain biking, triathlon, guitar, crafts, ping-pong, self-defense, calligraphy and many more. We would love to offer a strings or orchestra club this year. If you are interested in volunteering to lead a club of your choice, and you are available from 12:50 to 1:30 on Wednesdays, even for just a few months, please contact Mr. Will Wild at the office.

School Photos are scheduled for Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

Milk Cards and "Munch Cards" (for Pizza, Hot Dogs, and snacks) can be purchased from classroom teachers when school starts. See order forms and calendar for the year included in this newsletter.

Hot Dog Helpers:

If you would like to volunteer to help out with the Hot Dog Program (every Thursday), the coordinators—Ann Hietkamp—volunteers (388-4998), and Bonnie Kamsteeg—supplies (479-8511), would love to hear from you. We'll also take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting our Hot Dog program. Our menu is in line with "Healthy Food Guidelines for BC Schools". This greatly appreciated program has raised nearly \$10,000 per year, providing the funds for our intermediate adventure playground, most of our school buses and vans, school supplies, and other important projects.

Donations for World Vision will be collected every Thursday during Hot Dog & Pizza days, although one-time donations for the year will also be accepted. Our Hot Lunch days are a good time to remember those less fortunate than us. All donations support the eight World Vision foster children that PCS sponsors. Additional funds will help support the Sanctuary Youth Centre in Victoria.

Supervision Volunteers Needed:

If you are interested in volunteering as a regular lunch hour supervisor (12:00—1:20), at morning recess time (10:10—10:35), before school (8:15—8:30) or after school (2:55-3:20), or as an occasional substitute to support our staff supervision, please contact Mr. Will Wild, Assistant Principal. Even if you can only volunteer once a week, we'd appreciate hearing from you!

Special Note:

At the start of a new school year, we draw your attention to a brief item in our Student Handbook that is very important to some of our staff and some students: "***PCS is trying to meet the needs of students and staff members who have allergies, by asking parents and students to avoid the use of perfumes, after-shaves, and strongly scented shampoos.***" Thank you in advance for your cooperation in addressing the needs of some in our school community.

IMPORTANT DATES:

The next New Parent Information Seminar (NPIS) for parents and families new to PCS will be held on Thursday, September 10TH from 7:00—10:00 pm in the secondary school library. Parents who have registered since May, or who missed the spring seminars, are reminded that attendance at this seminar is mandatory for all parents new to PCS.

Meet the Teacher Nights are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 15th (6:30-7:30 pm) or the Primary Campus (Grades 1&2), Thursday, Sept. 17th (7:00 pm–8:30pm) for the Elementary Campus (Kdgn & Gr.3-7). We look forward to all parents attending these important and worthwhile evenings.

CHILI & DOGS WELCOME BACK BBQ

We would like to invite all new and returning families entering grades K-12 to our annual Welcome back event. We've got chili & hot dogs and drinks, but please bring your own lawn chairs. Come on out and mingle with the PCS community and enjoy a down-home BBQ? There will also be a Jumping Castle, and other inflatables, face painting, snow cones, and other great fun stuff!

Date: Sept 24th

Time: 5:30-7:30

Place: Behind Elementary Gym and on the back field

Cost: FREE

WELCOME BACK STAFF!

We are grateful for the excellent teachers and support staff that the Lord has provided us, and we look forward to a positive partnership between parents and staff again this year. The PCS staff enjoyed a well-deserved vacation time over the summer. Many of them were involved in professional development activities: some took a Christian Perspectives course in July; others attended various workshops, conferences and conventions. Some spent time moving to a new classroom, updating curriculum, and reading professional journals and texts. We hope and pray that each staff member and student will return to school refreshed and renewed, ready for the exciting opportunities and challenges of this new school year. May the Lord richly bless our collective efforts to serve Him here at Pacific Christian School.

CARPOOLING OPPORTUNITY

Hi, we live in North Saanich and are looking to car pool with fellow PCS families. We have a van and one child, if you are interested please contact me, Joni Willies at joniw@telus.net or 250-655-9170

ELEMENTARY STAFF LIST / TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS (2009 / 2010)

Preschool	Joanne Brown (EA--Yvonne Watt)
Kindergarten—A	Candis Gibbs
Kindergarten—B	Margaret Liira
Kindergarten—C	Ruth Schartner
1A	Mary Bomhof
1B	Juanita Ratray
2A	Sigrid Albert
2B	Cheryl Byng
2C	Lois Lampard
3A	Christine Goertzen (W-F,60) / Mindy Rathburn (M-T,40)
3B	Leean Harvie
3C	Moyra Jordan (50), Diane Mann (50)
4A	Tiffany Hawkes
4B	Jeanette Jackson (M-Th, 80), Rachel Goodwin (F,20)
4C	Marty Sytsma
5A	Maria Porter (M-W,60), Anne Piedalue (Th-F,40)
5B	Sean Rathburn
5C	Anna Welle (M-W-F,60), Dalila Reimer (T-Th,40)
6A	Doug Cook
6B	Darcy Dyck (Laura Langley-40, Jan-June)
6C	Tom Snell
6D	Kim Taal (50), Pam Wild (50)
7A	Bethany Dawes
7B	Adam Price
7C	Shawn Taal
Principal	Bill Helmus
Assistant Principals	Karen Konrad, Will Wild
Secretaries	Jean Nelson (elementary), Donna Adams (primary)
Special Education Coordinators	Candis Gibbs, Ruth Schartner
Educational Assistants (19) (Special Ed Dept)	Michelle Barkman, Sandy Bergum, Joanne Brown, Lianne Clarke, Adena Cronk, Leslie Dayman, Becky Ellis, Allyssa Gibbs, John Heard, Rita Henderson, Sharon Hildebrand, Elaine Holmes, Andrea Loussarian, Sharlene MacDonald, Kim Mazzulli, Dawn Mortenson, Catheryn Rogers, Elizabeth Ullrich (also Occupational Therapist), Renee White (Sept-Oct)
Learning Assistance Teachers	Jackie Atkins (1-2), Anne Piedalue (3-4), Greta Vanderwekken (5-6), Karen Konrad (7)
Educational Assistants (4) (Learning Asst Dept)	Corry DeBoef, Angela Foster, Lorraine Hawkes, Cindy O'Dell
Enrichment	Jackie Atkins (1-2), Ruth Rocklin (3-7)
Middle School Athletic Dir. & P.E.	Gabe Kremler
Elementary Music	Sue Strauss (K-2), Jennifer Enns (3-5)
Middle School Band + Choir (6- 7)	Matthew Howe
Intermediate French (Gr. 4-7)	Lara Gates-6, Dalila Reimer-5, Maria Porter-4/5, Bethany Dawes-4/7
Computer Coordinator	Doug Cook
Computer Lab Assistant	Brenda Kalynchuk (T-W-Th)
Librarian	Ruth Rocklin
Library Aide	Eve Christensen
Counselor	Jacqueline Nikolejsin (50)
Print Shop Operator	Lydia Haight
Maintenance Supervisor	Francis Welle

PCS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CALENDAR.....2009-2010

August	3—Sept.4	Staff In-service Week
September	7	Labour Day—No Classes for Students
	8	School Opens (full day)
	10	New Parent Information Seminar
	15	Primary (Gr.1+2) Meet the Teacher Night
	17	Elementary “Meet the Teacher” Night
	17	Band Instrument Rental (Gr.6+7)
	24	Welcome Back to School BBQ
	30 (& Oct.1)	School Photo Days
October	8-9.....	CTABC Teachers Convention-No School for Students
	12.....	Thanksgiving Day-No School for Students
November	13-14	Calico Christmas Craft Fair
	11.....	Remembrance Day —No Classes for Students
	20.....	Local PD Day--No School for Students
	25.....	Annual Fall V.C.E.S. AGM Meeting
December	1.....	First Term Report Cards go home
	3.....	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Evening – Elementary)
	4.....	Parent/Teacher Conferences—No School for Students
	9.....	Secondary Christmas Concert (7-12)
	15.....	Elementary Christmas Concert (K-6, at Glad Tidings)
	18.....	Last day before Christmas Vacation (dismissal at noon)
Dec.19—Jan.3 CHRISTMAS BREAK.....CHRISTMAS BREAK		
January	4.....	School Resumes
	29.....	Local P.D. Day—No School for Students
February	6.....	Spring Auction
	22-26 (12-28—2010 Olympics)	PCS Olympics Emphasis Week
	15.....	Island Curriculum Day (at PCS)-No School for Students
	16.....	Open House Day
	18.....	Grade 5 Science Fair
March	4.....	New Parent Information Seminar
	5.....	Pastors’ Day
March 6-21	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK
	22.....	School Resumes
April	1.....	Second Term Report Cards go home
	2.....	Good Friday
	5.....	Easter Monday
	28.....	Student-led Conferences (K-5)
May	5.....	New Parent Information Seminar
	14.....	Grandparents’ Day
	15.....	PCS 50 th Anniversary Celebration
	19 or 20 ??	PCS Track & Field Meet
	24.....	Victoria Day-No Classes for Students
	26.....	Annual Spring V.C.E.S. Society Meeting
June	2 ??	VISAA Track & Field Meet
	3.....	Kindergarten Orientation Day
	11.....	PCS Elementary Walkathon
	11.....	Special Ed BBQ
	14-17	SALTS (Gr.7) Trip A
	18.....	Primary (K-3) Sports Day
	18.....	Elementary Grade 7 Recognition Ceremony
	21-24	SALTS (Gr.7) Trips B & C
	25.....	Last day for elementary students - ½ day
	28 - 29	Staff In-service Days

ELEMENTARY PIZZA/HOT DOG DAYS 2009-2010

September	17	Pizza	January	7	Hot Dog	April	1	Hot Dog
	24	Hot Dog		14	Pizza		8	Pizza
				21	Hot Dog		15	Hot Dog
October	1	Pizza		28	Pizza		22	Pizza
	15	Hot Dog	February	4	Hot Dog		29	Hot Dog
	22	Pizza		11	Pizza	May	6	Pizza
	29	Hot Dog		18	Hot Dog		13	Hot Dog
November	5	Pizza		25	Pizza		20	Pizza
	12	Hot Dog	March	4	Hot Dog		27	Hot Dog
	19	Pizza		25	Pizza	June	3	Pizza
	26	Hot Dog					10	Hot Dog
December	3	Pizza					17	Pizza
	10	Hot Dog						
	17	Pizza						

MUNCH CARDS FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

Please find below a "Munch Card" order form for the Elementary Hot Lunch Program. To purchase cards, fill in the order form and submit it along with payment to your **child's homeroom teacher**. (This is not mandatory, as cash will still be accepted on a weekly basis.) Thank you.

STUDENT'S NAME:		CLASS:	
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CARDS	HALF YEAR	WHOLE YEAR	YOUR ORDER
PIZZA (\$1.75 each)	\$15.75 (9 slices)	\$31.50 (18 slices)	\$
HOT DOG (\$1.50 each)	\$13.50 (9 hotdogs)	\$27.00 (18 hot dogs)	\$
YOGURT/K.BAR (\$.50 each)	\$ 4.50 (9 desserts)	\$ 9.00 (18 desserts)	\$
MILK (\$1.00 each, available Mon-Fri)	\$10.00 (10 milks)	\$20.00 (20 milks)	\$
TOTAL CHEQUE / CASH:			

Any special instructions: (e.g. only 1 slice per week, etc.) _____