

BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, August 18th, 2022



Connie Joseph - Building Principal
Kristy Yonushonis - Assistant Principal
Amanda Bilitski - Director of Technology
Jordan Christman - School Nurse
Kala Williamson - Food Services Manager
La'Shawna McHenry - After-School Director

Agenda





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- Welcome Families!
- Information Session from Principals & Departments
- School Stations & Signage of Forms
- Event Closure



Parent Drop-Off Entrance / Gymnasium Doors





Main Entrance



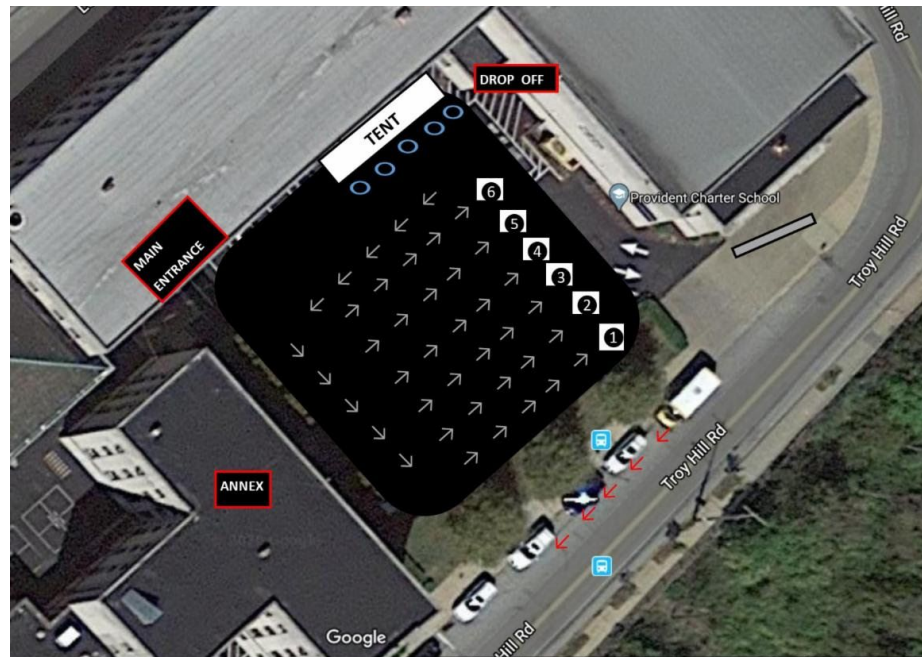


Annex Building Entrance





Parking Lots



Principals





PCS is a 2nd - 8th Grade School

- We will no longer separate as an elementary school and middle school.
 - Mrs. Connie Joseph - **Building Principal**
 - Mrs. Kristy Yonushonis - **Assistant Principal**
 - Mr. Jason Kerr - **Dean of Students**
- **PBIS - Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports**
 - Schoolwide expectations (Way to Go Tickets/rewards, Golden Bulldog Awards)
 - Tier II Support - Check in / Check out with a mentor



Arrival Procedures

- Please notify the office via phone (412-709-5160) or email (office@ providentcharterschool.org) by 7:45AM if your child will be absent. **Send an absence note** into school when your child returns or an email can be sent directly to the office @ office.providentcharterschool.org (Emails or notes are necessary to verify and update attendance and are kept in the student's file.) The note will ensure that the absence is marked as "excused". A doctor's note is required if your child is absent for more than 3 days.
- If you are arriving with your child **after 8:05AM** you must come to the main door, walk them into the building, and sign them in.



Dismissal Procedures

- Notify office via phone (412-709-5160) or email (office@providentcharterschool.org) by 2:00PM of changes to dismissal plans.
- In order to maintain an orderly dismissal period at the end of the day we ask that you not request an “Early Dismissal” after 2:45PM. This will allow you access to the parking lot and enable you to enter the building to sign your child out for the day (parents are required to come into the office to sign their children out of school). Dismissal any time after 2:45 will have to wait until the 3:30 parking lot dismissal. We ask that you limit early dismissals. When students regularly leave school early, the instructional minutes add up.



Transportation Information

- **Busing Issues**

Contact information for bus companies is available on the website. Concerns and complaints should be directed to your home district or the bus company.

PCS does not manage busing.

- **Two-Hour Delays**

If PCS has a two-hour delay and your home district does not, please DO NOT put your child on the bus. Staff will not be available at PCS to admit your child to the building. Please check closing and delay announcements.



Cell Phone Policy - Yondr (pouch)

We have a new cell phone policy - Cell Phone Policy

- Students are not permitted to use their cell phones during the school day. Students are required to place their cell phones in a Yondr pouch at the beginning of the school day and the device will be unlocked at the end of the day as students leave.
- If a student does not have their cell phone in a pouch and it is seen, one of the administrators will come to the classroom and escort the student to the office to secure their phone until the end of the day.
- If you need to contact your child, please call the office and we can have your child call you.



Uniforms

Students should be in an appropriate uniform at all times.

- Students can wear spiritwear and sweatpants on gym and TKD days.
- Athletic shoes are acceptable footwear.
- Hoodies cannot be worn during the school day. Hoodies worn to school must be left in the student's locker.
- Since student clothing will look the same, please put your child's name on their clothing if possible. We have a lot of lost & found items each year.
- [Uniform Letter to Families](#)
- [Additional Email sent to Families](#)



Other Information

- Please **do not send** toys and personal items to school with students.
- We have appropriate fidgets at PCS if a student is in need of one to help with focusing.
- Students will have opportunities throughout the school year to perform TKD patterns and earn belts. Earning TKD belts is also tied to the **student's leadership** within the school. You will receive notification if your child is being asked to test for a belt. More information will be sent home at a later date.
- **Lockers**: Elementary students share lockers. Students in grades 6-8 may put a lock on their locker, but it is not required.
- Please send your child to school with a water bottle. Put your child's name somewhere on the bottle.

Nursing Services





NURSING SERVICES

- 2022 - 2023 Nurses
 - Nurse Jordan
 - Nurse Lisa
- Emergency Cards due Monday, August 22
 - Emergency cards are available tonight to fill out and turn in
- Screenings
 - Grades 3 and 7 need a dental screening
 - Smile Dental will be at Provident September 19th-21st, sign ups will be emailed by the end of August
 - Grade 6 needs a physical
- Students that need scheduled or as needed medications at school need a doctor's order and parental consent on file before we can give the medication.
 - Medication order forms available to pick up tonight

Cafeteria





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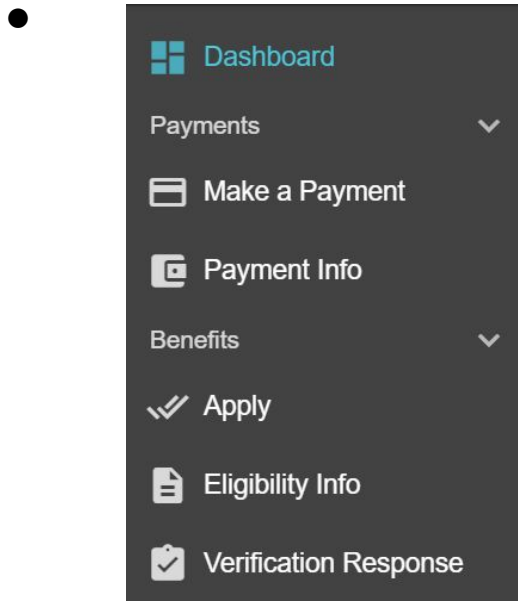
- Create an account at www.schoolcafe.com by going to the website or downloading the school cafe app.
- At the side you create a new account by scrolling down to the bottom of the page. You will type Provident Charter School in as the district.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Need to create an account or contact us?". It contains two input fields: "Select your State" with a dropdown menu showing "PA - Pennsylv..." and "School District" with a text box containing "PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL". Below these fields are two buttons: a "Reset" button and a blue "Go to My District" button.

- If your home district uses school cafe you will need to use a different email address to create a new account.



- Schoolcafe is where you go to find out nutritional information, account balance, to add money to your account, and to fill out applications.
- Apply for free and reduced meals by going to www.schoolcafe.com





- Applications can be filled out during any point of the school year.
- For any allergies that would need to have menu substitutions please have a licenced medical professional fill out a form. <https://www.providentcharterschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/FOOD-ALLERGY-MEDICAL-STATEMENT.pdf> , and this needs updated yearly.

Contact Info:

Kala Williamson

kwilliamson@providentcharterschool.org

412-709-5160 ext 301

After-School Program





21st CCLC After School Program

- [Free for all PCS Students](#)
- We encourage all families to register so that they are able to attend the many after school family events, even if they do not attend daily
- Daily math and reading interventions
- Daily programs (TKD, Attack Theatre, Art, etc.)
- Starts September 6th and ends June 1st, Monday- Thursday, 3:30pm-6:30pm.



21st CCLC After School Program

- Dinner will be provided at 6, students do not have to come every day or stay the entire time
- There will be an after school information session you can register for

Program Director:

La'Shawna McHenry

lmchenry@providentcharterschool.org

(412)-514-6099

Technology Department





PCS Technology Department

- Amanda Bilitski → **Director of IT**
- Justin Matschener → **Technology Specialist**

Technology Help Ticket

Email → it@providentcharterschool.org

Technology Items





PCS Technology Items

- Student Devices
- Technology Policies
- Schoolwide Calendars
- Family Communication at PCS



Student Devices

- Grades 2 & 3 - 1:1 with iPads
- Grades 4-8 - 1:1 with Chromebooks
- Utilize Google Classroom as our Learning Management System
- Traveling with Devices & Synchronous Learning Days - Practice Good Habits



Technology Policies

- [Technology Equipment Loaner Policy](#)
- [Acceptable Use Policy](#)
- [Cell Phone Policy](#)
- [ECF Certification](#) - *Grades 4-8 only*



PCS Calendars

- [22-23 School Calendar](#) - please take note of light blue half days; students will have an 11:30 AM dismissal
- [22-23 Social Calendar](#) - celebratory events throughout the school year
- [Cycle Day \(Days 1-6\) Calendar](#) - specials schedules; will not change with Synchronous Learning Days



Family Communication at PCS

- School Website
- Alma
- Classtag Connect
- Constant Contact
- Social Media





Alma - Student Information System

- Families will utilize [Alma](#) - our SIS - for the following items:
 - Schedule
 - Attendance
 - Gradebooks
 - Report Cards
 - Current Contact Information
- There's an app for this! Please make sure you have access before you leave. [Instructions for installing AlmaNow](#)





Classtag Connect - Classroom Communication

- Families will utilize [Classtag Connect](#) for the following items:
 - Teacher Information
 - Classroom Events
 - Classroom Photos
- There's an app for this! Please make sure you have access before you leave. [Android](#) || [Apple](#)





Constant Contact & School Website

- Constant Contact
 - Gmail users → please remove from Spam folder so that it populates in your main inbox
- [School Website](#)





PCS Social Media Accounts

- Facebook
 - [Provident Charter School](#)
 - PCS Parents
- Instagram
 - [@provident_charter_school](#)
 - [@provident.makers](#)
 - [@provident.performers](#)
 - [@stormythepcspup](#)





FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- **Meet the Teacher Night**
 - Grades 2-5: Wednesday, September 14th @ 6:30 PM
 - Grades 6-8: Thursday, September 15th @ 6:30 PM



2022-23 Fall & Winter *Family Engagement Series*



August & September

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- **Shape the Sky**
 - Wednesday, September 28th @ 6:00 PM -- Location: PCS



October

- **PBIDA Conference**
 - Saturday, October 1st @ 8:30 AM -- Location: Arcadia University & Virtual
- **Dyslexia Simulation**
 - Wednesday, October 12th @ 6:00 PM -- Location: PCS
- **Bookshare Information Session**
 - Thursday, October 20th @ 6:00 PM -- Location: PCS
- **Attention Disorders: Skills, Not Just Pills**
 - Tuesday, October 25th @ 6:30 PM -- Location: PCS & Virtual



November

- **High School Transition Fair - Session I**
 - Thursday, November 10th @ 6:00 PM -- Location: PCS
- **Family STEAM Night**
 - Thursday, November 17th @ 5:00 PM -- Location: PCS
- **Lessons Learned: A Mother and Daughter Talk about Growing up with Dyslexia**
 - Wednesday, November 8th @ 6:00 PM -- Location: Virtual



December

- **Wilson® BINGO Night**
 - Wednesday, December 7th @ 6:15 PM -- Location: PCS
- **Winter Family Event**
 - Thursday, December 15th @ 5:00 PM -- Location: PCS

PCS Family Group Dates

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month

- September 7th (Breakfast - @ PCS - 8:30 AM)
- October 12th (Evening - virtual - 6:00 PM)
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Registration Now Open!



PBIDA Family Support Group

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- September 15th -- virtual
- October 20th -- virtual
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- **Shape the Sky**
 - Wednesday, September 28th @ 6:00 PM
 - Shape the Sky is dedicated to spreading awareness to help families and professionals create safe and responsible children online.



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- Check out more of our Family Events this Fall!

www.providentcharterschool.org/familyengagement



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Meet & Greet / Signing of Forms

- **School Stations**
 - Meet Your Principals!
 - Gymnasium
 - Nursing Services
 - After-School
 - Zang TKD
 - Boy Scouts
 - Urban Impact
 - Attack Theater
 - Improv
 - Technology Support - 102
 - Cafeteria Support - 103
 - General Information - 105
- **Event Closure**
 - Exit through main gym door
 - Childcare - lower level





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