

PCS Family Flyer

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CHARTER SCHOOL

2022-2023 | September 23, 2022

PRINCIPALS' POST

Upcoming Events:

- No School for Students
 - Monday, September 26th
- Shape the Sky
 - Wednesday, September 28th
- PBIDA Dyslexia Conference
 - Saturday, October 1st
- Dyslexia Simulation
 - Wednesday, October 12th
- Family/Teacher Conferences
 - Thursday, October 13th & Friday, October 14th

Conquering **Dyslexia**.
Powering **Potential**.

Quick Links:

- [2022-2023 School Calendar](#)
- [PCS Social Events Calendar](#)
- [6-Day Cycle Calendar](#)
- [School Website](#)

Dear PCS Families,

We are well into our first month of school and overall, it has been a successful start to the school year. It has been wonderful to meet our new students and reconnect with our former students. This past month has been full of authentic learning opportunities and we have had quite a few activities to celebrate various events. **Hispanic Heritage Month** occurs annually from September 15th - October 15th. One way PCS students and staff participated in this event was by decorating their classrooms doors to honor and highlight individuals, music, or literature of Hispanic Culture.

PCS students also took a moment to respect those who lost their lives on September 11th. On Monday, September 12th, classes participated in learning activities in their classrooms and then individually placed **American Flags** on the front lawn of the school. It made me proud to see how respectful our students were as they took the time to remember the events of September 11th, 2001.

In addition to the above events, we rolled out a new and fun initiative where staff and students are sorted into **Provident Houses**. Tied directly to our PBIS system, these "houses" represent character traits that we feel are important for our school community, and when demonstrating these characteristics, students can earn Golden Bulldogs which equates to 5 House Points for their assigned House. Additionally, throughout the year, we will have Schoolwide House Events where the entire school comes together for an activity. Our first event is scheduled for Friday, September 30th where students will play a new game known as Provident Pillars. The four Provident

Houses are named after bridges in Pittsburgh: the **Liberty House**, the **Rachel Carson House**, the **Clemente House**, and the **Hot Metal House**. We are excited to bring this schoolwide initiative to PCS!

-Mrs. Connie Joseph -



ADMIN SPOTLIGHT

Meet Mrs. Yonushonis!

Mrs. Kristy Yonushonis has been in education for 13 years and has been with Provident Charter

School for the past 6 years. She holds a K-6 Elementary Education degree from Clarion University of Pennsylvania, a Master's Degree in Special Education as well as Principal K-12 Certification from California University of Pennsylvania, and she has also obtained her **Wilson Level 1 Certification**. Prior to our Assistant Principal, Kristy has held many leadership roles at PCS including ELA Curriculum Coordinator, Instructional Coach, and ELA Content Specialist and Interventionist. Kristy is a **lifelong learner** and is excited to move into this new role at PCS. Kristy plans to use her strengths to help create a positive and safe learning environment while increasing students' academics, **confidence**, emotional intelligence, and problem-solving skills. Kristy enjoys spending time with her two kids and husband as well as reading and golfing in her free time.



MEET THE TEACHER NIGHTS!

**THANK
YOU FOR
COMING!**



TECH TALKS

School Website, Events Calendar & Classtag

School Website

PCS is excited to share the launch of its brand-new website this school year! After about six years of growth and change within the school,



it was time for a complete overhaul and redesign of the school website in order to improve communication with families and the public. Please take a moment to become familiar with the content provided on our school website located at www.providentcharterschool.org.

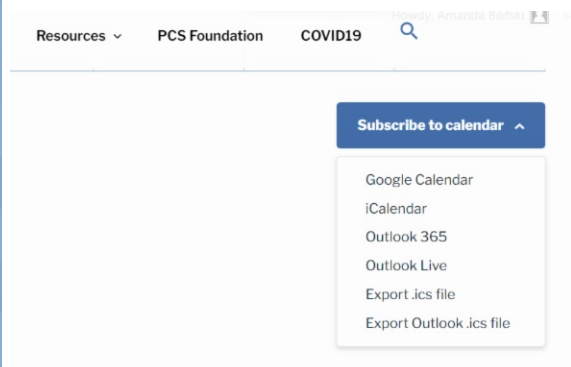
Events Calendar

As we have grown throughout the years, so have our monthly social events. To make planning easier for families, we have toggled on the 'Add to Calendar' feature on our [Events page](#) which allows you to sync any PCS events directly to your personal digital calendar! Be sure to subscribe to this calendar to stay current with all of the happenings around PCS.

Classtag

Classtag operates as our main portal for general family/teacher communication. As teachers often share their class newsletters, student photos, and other important information on Classtag, it is imperative that all families are able to access and utilize the platform. Please read this [handout](#) for more information about how to access Classtag or contact IT@providentcharterschool.org if you need any assistance.

-Amanda Bilitski, Director of Technology



UPCOMING EVENTS

HAPPY FALL!

To promote International Literacy Day, and to remind our PCS Community of the importance of literacy, we ask that you please partake in our Fall Reading Challenge - **#fallintoagoodbook!** More information is listed below.

**WHAT ARE YOU
READING THIS FALL?**

#fallintoagoodbook



Share a photo of your child reading a book on social media with the slogan #fallintoagoodbook and tag @Provident_Charter_School!

All participants will be entered into a raffle!

SHAPE THE SKY

JOIN US FOR:

SHAPE THE SKY

Overview: The Internet and social media are here to stay. Good can come from this kind of connectedness online, but the flipside is filled with false information, risky behavior, cyberbullying, and sexualized and concerning content. Shape the Sky is dedicated to spreading awareness to help families and professionals create safe and responsible children online.

Date: September 28, 2022

Time: 6:00–7:30

Presenter: Mr. Ryan Klingensmith

Location: PCS

*Registration Required

Register at

www.providentcharterschool.org/familyengagement



Shape the Sky - Registration
Form

PBIDA FALL CONFERENCE

44TH ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

Connecting Social and
Emotional Learning
with Literacy

OCTOBER 1, 2022
8:00AM - 4:30PM

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- Build a Rock Solid Foundation:
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Your Lessons
- Brain Processing and the Power of
Emotion
- Have the Courage to be a Different
Voice
- And More!

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