



# PCS Pulse



September 1, 2023

*"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love, Honour one another above yourselves". Romans 12:9-10*



## We are Thankful!

We have **71** students enrolled at Plattsville Christian School this Fall (8 new families)!

We are excited to see all that God has in store for the coming months!



- 5 First Day of School**
- 6 First Day of School for 3-day Kindergarten class**
- 6 Welcome Back Chapel (9 am)**
- 8 School Picture Day (Lifetouch)**
- 13 Chips for sale at recess - can be purchased for \$1.00**
- 14 Family/Staff Potluck (5:30-7pm)**
- 20 Chips for sale at recess**
- 27 Chips for sale at recess**
- 28 Parent/Membership Meeting (7 pm)**
- 29 Soccer Tournament (Gr.5-8) in Brantford**

## Welcome To PCS

We are excited to welcome all of our returning students back to PCS. We are also thrilled to welcome 19 new students joining us for the coming school year!

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| Hudson (JK)  | Elias (JK)  | Ezra (4)   |
| Olivia (JK)  | Levi (JK)   | Katie (5)  |
| Eleanor (JK) | Marcus (JK) | Holly (5)  |
| Sybil (JK)   | Abram (JK)  | Sarah (7)  |
| Colton (JK)  | Enid (2)    | Isaiah (7) |
| Josiah (JK)  | Lilly (3)   |            |
| Cole (JK)    | Elise (4)   |            |



## Meet the PCS Staff

All of our staff have been hard at work getting the classrooms ready and can hardly wait to start the new school year at PCS! We are so excited to share how God has blessed us with some wonderful new staff members this school year!



- Mrs. Drews (JK/SK)
- Mrs. Plato (JK/SK)
- Mrs. Hoffman (Gr. 1/2)
- Mrs. Peters (Gr. 3/4)
- Mr. Boronka (Gr. 5/6)
- Ms. Fischer (Gr. 7/8)
- Mrs. Gadsby (French)
- Mrs. Valenta (Principal & Music)
- Mrs. Doll (Resource/Kindergarten EA)
- Mrs. Luloff (Custodian)

## School Supplies

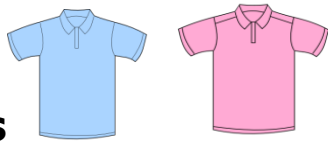
Please make sure that your child brings all of their school supplies with them on the first day of school. For your convenience, see the PCS School Supply List (e-mailed on July 19 & attached again to this email) to see what is needed for each grade.



## Happy September Birthdays

- 1** Ryan
- 5** Emily
- 12** Mrs. Drews
- 16** Abram
- 20** Leighton
- 23** Allie
- 27** Jude
- 28** Julia V.





## Uniforms

There are lots of sales right now so it's a great opportunity to pick up some new uniform clothing!

Also remember to investigate McCarthy Uniforms Blue and White website or retail store.

*Just a reminder that all students need both a pair of indoor running shoes and outdoor running shoes.*

## School Picture Day

Picture Day is early again this year and will take place on Friday, September 8. Students should wear their nicest, cleanest uniform that day. If you would like your child to wear something different for their individual picture, they should come to school wearing that outfit and bring their uniform to change into after the picture has been taken.



## Plan to Protect

Every current volunteer will need to do a refresher course in Plan to Protect to be able to continue volunteering. Mrs. Valenta will set up several training dates and send this out in an email. You are only required to complete one of these sessions. Please sign up for a time that is convenient for you (note the refresher is approx. 1 hour long).

New volunteers must complete the orientation training course (approx. 2 hours). Times will be sent out to any interested volunteers for these dates when this will be offered as well.



## Family/Staff Potluck – Sept. 14

Please plan to join us for our Family Potluck and Membership Meeting on Thursday, September 14 (5:30-7:00 pm). The evening will start at 5:30 pm with a quick opportunity to meet your child's teacher(s). At 6 pm, we will gather to share a potluck meal. Please bring a main course and either a salad or dessert to share. Please do not bring anything containing tree nuts as we have students with life-threatening allergies. This is simply a time for families to get to know each other as well as meet with our teachers. We will NOT be having a meeting after the potluck this year.

## Parent/Members Meeting – Sept. 28

We will be having a parent/membership meeting two weeks later on Thursday, September 28 at 7 pm. This meeting is not for children to attend. We are hoping to have at least one parent from every family represented at this meeting. Mrs. Valenta will share some updates and exciting information about the school year ahead and how to become a volunteer for various school activities. As well, the Fundraising committee will present opportunities to volunteer for some of the fun, creative fundraising options available for the coming school year. Jen Luloff will also explain how buying gas and groceries can help raise money through our Gift Card program. We will then hear about our annual financial report, vote for any nominated board members and hear any updates from our PCS Board. Parents will have a chance to ask raise any questions or concerns. If you would like to nominate a new board member, please send nominations to Mrs. Mary Otto: [pcsboardchair@plattsvillechristianschool.com](mailto:pcsboardchair@plattsvillechristianschool.com).

## Volunteers Wanted!

PCS would be lost without our wonderful volunteers who help with such things as hot lunch, reading with students, lunch clubs, school events, library organization and SO much more. We encourage you to get involved as a volunteer here. There are several requirements to do this that take a bit of time – if you are interested in getting involved in this great ministry, please talk with Mrs. Valenta or email the school office and a volunteer package will be sent home with your child.

## CAASO Sports Tournaments

Permission forms will be coming home mid-September for our grade 5-8 students to attend the soccer tournament in Brantford on Friday, September 29.

Other confirmed tournaments for the fall include:  
Friday, October 13 - Grade 3-8 Cross-Country Run in Fergus (Rain date is Monday, October 16)  
Tuesday, November 21 - Volleyball Tournament (team from grades 6-8) at RIM Park Waterloo



## New Gym Clothes/Used Uniforms

We will be setting up a table with some used uniforms and new gym shirts at the parent potluck on September 14. A big thank you to Baukje and Anita for storing and putting together a spreadsheet of used clothing already. Many items have already been claimed. If you have items to donate, you can bring them with you to either the family potluck or the parent/membership meeting.

Please note that students in grades 3-8 require a school gym shirt. These are \$17/youth sizes and \$18/adult sizes. You may purchase them either at one of the parent events or directly from the school office. If we do not have the size you need, we can place an order for you.

## Embroidering Our School Logo

Stitch Graphix in New Hamburg can do any embroidery for our uniforms if you would like the school logo on your uniforms or spirit wear.

Please contact their store at 519-662-3386 or [sgi@hotmail.ca](mailto:sgi@hotmail.ca).

## Hot Lunch

We would like to continue to offer Hot Lunch at PCS this year! More info will be sent out shortly from our hot lunch committee.

We are looking for volunteers to help with preparing, serving and cleaning up on Hot Lunch and pizza days (please note that this is not required for every week). If you are interested in doing this, please contact Mrs. Valenta at the school office.



## Gift Cards

Participating in our Gift Card Fundraising is a simple and very effective way to help raise your fundraising goals. Since we all go shopping, buy gas and groceries, purchasing gift cards through PCS is an easy way for our school to earn free money (money that you would be spending anyway!). Thanks again to Jennifer Luloff for continuing to co-ordinate our gift card fundraiser. If you would like to purchase any gift cards, please complete the order form that will be sent home in early September. You can also contact:

[giftcards@plattsvillechristianschool.com](mailto:giftcards@plattsvillechristianschool.com)

## Daily School Schedule

Here's a reminder of our school timetable. Please arrive and pick-up on time.

8:15-8:25 a.m. – Outdoor Supervision  
8:25 a.m. – School Begins  
10:20 a.m. – Snack Recess  
12:00 p.m. – Lunch  
12:25 p.m. – Lunch Recess  
3:00 p.m. – Dismissal  
3:00-3:10 p.m. – Outdoor Supervision

— WELCOME —  
BACK TO SCHOOL

## Parking Lot – Drop Off/Pick Up

Because we have grown in numbers this fall, the parking lot will be busier than ever. Please remember to **enter** from Fennel Street and **exit** on Albert Street (we will have new signs shortly as a reminder). Please do not allow your children to run around the parking lot after school. Once they come to you, they should stay in the vehicle. The upper parking lot is off limits at drop off and pick up. Once the pylons have been removed by the staff, you can choose to go with your child to play in the playground at that time, if you wish to stay after school. Please wait in your car until that time.

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