

 Newsletter Aug/Sept 2016

**Welcome back to a new school year PCA Families!**

The PTO is very excited about the upcoming school year and we hope you are too! There have been many improvements to our school over the summer, thanks to our Head of School, Chuck Taylor and Principal, Audrey Erschen it will be new and exciting year for all of us! For families new to PCA, our newsletter is delivered electronically and printed every other month. All upcoming events, Movie Nights, fundraisers, and budget updates are included, making it a great source for "happenings" here at school! The PTO Board and committee members are parents and teachers, volunteering their time to give our students the best community support available. We organize family events, support teachers and staff with "extras" the school budget doesn't allow for, and fundraise to supplement many programs here at PCA. The PTO is a great way to meet other parents and get involved. We are always looking for new ideas and all are welcome to become a part of the PCA PTO. Come and check out our first meeting on September 14th at 6:00 pm in the Dining Hall childcare is offered and light refreshments are served.

Website- pcapto.org

Email- PCASaintsPTO@gmail.com

Facebook- Providence Creek Academy PTO

**Special Events**

**September**

* **8/30-9/20** Little Caesar’s Fundraiser
* **2nd - *Fri*- No School**
* **5th- *Mon*- No School Labor Day**
* **14th**  *Wed* – PTO Meeting (6pm-7pm)
* **23rd** *Fri* - Paint Night
* **23rd** *Fri* - Duck tape a teacher (5th-8th grade 2:30pm)
* **23rd** *Fri* - Silly String a teacher (K-4th grade 2:30pm)
* **30th** –*Fri* Nut Day (No uniform today)$2

**October**

* **3rd** *Mon* - **No School**
* **7th** *Wed*-PTO Meeting (3:45-4:45)
* **14th** *Fri*- Nut Day(No Uniform Today) $2
* **15th** *Sat* - Fall Fest (3p-6p) Bonfire (6pm-7pm)
* **17th -21st** - *Mon-Fri* - Book Fair (7:30a-3pm)
* **19th** *Wed* - **PCA Pride Day**
* **28th** *Fri* K-5th Family Halloween Dance (6-8p)

**November**

* **1st-18th**  - Food/Supply Drive
* **5th** *Sat –* Better Bacon Comedy Show 7-9pm
* **8th** *Tue*- **Election day- No School**
* **10th** *Thurs*- Upper School Dance (6pm-8pm)
* **11th** -*Fri* - Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser
* **11th *Fri-* Veterans Day- No School**
* **18th**- *Fri* - Upper School Dodgeball
* **22nd** *Tue*- **PCA Pride Day**
* **23rd-27th-Thanksgiving Break-No School**

**Did you know… With funds raised during the 2015-2016 school year the PTO was able to…**

* Donated funds to the Library
* Donated funds to the Yearbook
* Buy general supplies for the nurses office
* Bought 6 new computers for the main building and 24 new computers for the Upper school
* Gave $200 to each of the lower school teachers

Thank you for Helping Us Make it Happen!

**Volunteer Points Race**

In order to encourage participation at PTO events/meetings you will earn points for every hour you donate your time and 1 point for every fundraiser turned in. At the end of April we will add all the points and award top 3 parents, top 2 teachers, top admin, and top class.

**Survey Answers**

What was the 2015-16 capital campaign money used for? The 2015-16 capital campaign was technology. The PTO bought 30 brand new computers. We were also able to donate to the Library, the nurse’s office, and yearbook.

How do fundraisers get decided? Fundraiser ideas are brought to the board i.e. at meetings, through email, or on survey’s. All fundraisers the PTO does has to be approved through administration.

Can the PTO fund/start new sports programs? No, all sports related activities have to be decided by the school due to insurance related issues.

Can all NUT days be paid at one time? No, not all NUT days are PTO’s. Sports, Ballet, Music, and yearbook also sponsor NUT days.

Can you add shade to the lower school playground? No, during the 2014-15 school year we priced out a shade canopy and we were unable to due to the height of the tallest piece of equipment.

Does the PTO have a Facebook page? Yes, Providence Creek Academy PTO

Does the PTO have a website? Yes, our website is separate from the schools www.pcapto.org

Does the PTO have a email address? Yes, pcasaintspto@gmail.com

**Did you know? ‘Passive’ Fundraisers are a huge success for us**

As a school organization we have a variety of ways of making money without actively fundraising. One of these ways is known as ‘passive fundraising’. These are easy ways for you to help raise money for the school without having to put too much effort into it.

**Shoparoo**- Upload the app (for apple/android),

 shop at any store, take a picture of your

receipt, and PCA will receive a donation

 at the end of the year. During the

2015-16 school year we are up to $**323.13**



 By saving Box Tops for Education

labels we get cash? Ten cents for every Box Top submitted. During the 2015-16 we raised $2000.00 WOW! Those little Box Tops can sure add up to a lot.

**School apparel** is on sale

Gray/Purple/White- Sweatshirts $20-$23

Gray/Purple/White- Long sleeves $12-$14

Black/Purple- Hats $10

Clings 3

Magnets $5

\*Hoodies may be worn in between classes and **all day on PCA pride days and NUT Days**

**PTO Board**

Lori Thomas- President Teresa Craig- Vice President Michelle Kelleher-Treasurer Nicole Cooper- Secretary

 Colleen Owens- Parent Director Kelly Clark- Parent Director April Weaver- Parent Director

 Nathan Ferster- Lower School Representative Amy Roscoe- Upper School Representative

 PTO is now accepting

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