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# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Pinnacle Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! It seems like yesterday that we got out for the summer – and we hope that it was filled with fun, relaxing, and educational adventures. The faculty and staff of PCA are very excited to get our sixth school year underway and anticipate an exciting and fruitful year for your student(s).

## **Dates**

- August 13 – Teachers and staff return
- August 14 – Kindergarten Orientation at the K-2 Campus (5:30pm)
- August 14 – K-2 Open House (6:00pm – 7:00pm)
- August 16 – 3-12 Open House (5:30pm – 7:00pm)
- August 22 – First day of school!

## **New PCA Staff**

The growth of the school means that new faculty and staff have been added for the upcoming school year.

- Melissa Harris – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- Amy Hastings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- Katie Barnes – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Former Katie Harte)
- Stephanie Burress – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Tonya Price – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Kelly Barger – Math
- Michelle Hines – English and History
- Chandler Miller - English
- Sally Poynter – PE
- Bradlee Cooper - PE
- Wendy Whitaker – T/A
- Andrea Yates – T/A
- Sherri Folk – T/A
- Julie Taylor – T/A



### **Parking**

You may have noticed that the parking lot at the K-2 Campus has been paved. It was a LONG time in coming and we are extremely excited about this update for our school. It does however bring us to the issue of parking. At both campuses park only in designated parking spaces. We are in the process of installing additional signage (Visitor, 15-Minute, No Parking, etc.). Please follow the sign directions and do not park in unauthorized locations.

### **Uniforms**

This time of the year the word of the day is “uniforms.” We have fielded a number of questions about what is allowed and what is not, where uniforms can be purchased, etc. It can seem a bit complicated at times so we have placed all of the most up to date uniform information on our website at <http://www.pinnacleclassicalacademy.com/policies/uniform-dress-code> . If there are additional questions please contact Mrs. Angela Brooks at the 3-12 Campus and Mrs. Wendy Clary at the K-2 Campus.

### **Approved Vendors**

- Norris Merchandise 704-482-8464, 2011S. Lafayette St, Shelby NC 28152
- French Toast 800-373-6248, (use school code QS5IJE) [www.frenchtoast.com](http://www.frenchtoast.com)
- Casper’s Closet 828-245-7715, 2270 U.S. 74 Alt, Forest City, NC 28043

The PCA Uniform Exchange Facebook group members often have gently used uniform items for sale and/or trade.

### **Field Trips**

Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up have the opportunity to attend overnight field trips each year. These are not vacations but rather intensive field studies related to the content the students have learned in the classroom throughout the year. Parents are encouraged to attend, but may/will be asked to be chaperones and help supervise students.

The following trips are planned for the 2018-2019 school year:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Washington DC (April 30 – May 3, 2019)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – NC Outer Banks
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – New Orleans and Montgomery
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grades – Williamsburg and Richmond
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Charleston and Savannah

The Washington DC trip has their required first parent meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 6 on the 3-12 Campus at 6pm. A \$150 deposit will be required at that time.

The other grade levels are in the process of setting their trip dates and meeting schedules.



### **Math Academy**

Over 50 students took part in the PCA Math Academy held July 30 through August 9. Teachers provided leveled and small group instruction designed to help fill in gaps and prepare students for the challenges of a rigorous math curriculum.

### **Robotics Camp**

The PCA Robotics team recently completed their summer camp for the upcoming 2018-2019 competition season. Mr. Bill Kent of CyberKids and Mrs. Jacobs developed and led the camp and look forward to a strong year.

### **Athletics**

As a rapidly growing school, our athletic program is growing as well. The school offers a number of different sports teams for students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. To get the latest information about sports, tryouts, and other items, please like the PCA Eagles Athletics page on Facebook.