



UPDATE #7 – May 6, 2020

Dear PCS community,

It's hard to believe that it is May, with just two and a half weeks left in the school year. This has certainly been a school year unlike any other; however, our God has been good and faithful in the midst of these momentary trials.

UPDATES:

- **Calendar Updates**

- National Day of Prayer Zoom Meeting:

Tomorrow, **Thursday, May 7**, is the National Day of Prayer. We have arranged for David Goodwin, the President of the Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS), to join us in a community-wide zoom meeting at **12:00 PM**. Mr. Goodwin will share a word of encouragement, pray for our community, and share about an exciting ACCS opportunity for all of our parents this summer (see below). Please join us by clicking directly on the link below. If you do not have a Zoom account, you will be prompted to create one. You can create one at no charge. With such a large gathering, please log in early and mute your microphone.

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86876672766?pwd=eFVYQnJVUndkdGZkUUxqWjlhcUZRQT09>
- Meeting ID: 868 7667 2766
- Password: 6xhkr

- Summer Parent Education opportunity:

On June 18-19, ACCS is hosting its annual conference via telecast. For the first time, they are providing this free to member schools and offering special sessions for parents. More details about this event can be found at <https://repairingtheruins.org/>.

- Summer Camps:

We are continuing to monitor recommendations for summer camps and to plan accordingly for the PCS Exploration Camps. We will update you as soon as we are able to provide concrete information.

- **Next school year:**

- As you know, information and predictions regarding the coronavirus over the next 12 months are continually shifting. We fully anticipate starting **on campus** next

school year and are already working on plans to deliver our mission with excellence and safety. Our campus provides unique advantages to be able to accommodate social distancing if that is still necessary in the fall. This means that we will have more flexibility than Klein and other local ISDs to conduct classes on campus. Current predictions indicate that the fall will have the fewest potential disruptions due to the virus, and we need to take advantage of this. It is for this reason that we will be beginning the 2020-21 school year on **Monday, August 24**. This will now be the first day of school. We do not anticipate other significant changes to the Academic Calendar but will provide a revised version by May 22.

- **Other Important Updates**

- Rainy Day Tuition Assistance for 2020-21

We recognize that the pandemic combined with the current crisis in the oil and gas industry has caused some within our community to experience significant financial loss. We want to do as much as we can to help these families continue with us next school year. We are therefore looking at our budget for next year, cutting other expenses and allocating some cash reserves so that we can increase the funds we have available to help families who find themselves in temporary financial need. Check your email for more information and click here to apply if your family may benefit from this assistance <https://www.ismfast.com/FastPage.php?id=9bdfd1e847d6d9dd586549c5f1b1fe35>. If your family is in a healthy place financially and you would like to donate to this **Rainy Day Tuition Assistance fund** to help other families, you can do so through the Giving tab of the PCS website <https://www.pcsclassical.org/giving/>.

- Communication:

- For questions regarding individual class plans, contact your child(ren)'s teacher(s).
 - For technical questions, email tgatlin@pcsclassical.org.
 - For academic questions, email cwatson@pcsclassical.org (Upper School) or mmartin@pcsclassical.org (Grammar School).
 - For financial questions, email bstevenson@pcsclassical.org.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we look forward to the days ahead when we can gather together. I count it one of my great privileges to serve your family and to pray for all of you.

Richard Halloran
Headmaster
Providence Classical School