



UPDATE #8 – May 12, 2020

Greetings PCS community,

During times of crisis, much energy and effort must be spent on how to respond to immediate needs, and that often becomes the focus of our communications. I want to be sure you know, though, that throughout the current crisis, your PCS administration and faculty have remained committed to the main thing: our mission. Students still need to be trained to impact their culture—including their current culture of home and family and close friends—for Christ, and we believe the best way to do this is through Christian education using classical methodology. This is what makes us distinct and what we strive to continue to pour into our instruction. We are about the formation of souls, even if we have temporarily had to form them from a distance.

As we turn our energies to plan for next year, please know that we will be working hard over the summer to be prepared to fulfill our mission in any circumstances:

- We have already formed a taskforce to examine and plan for all of the different aspects of reopening our campus so that we will be ready to conduct classes in person in August.
- Current available information leads us to believe that we will be able to hold in-person classes next year by taking appropriate health safety measures.
- We know that flexibility may be required as families have differing individual needs due to medical risks. If you would like to communicate any of these needs or other matters at this time, we would love to hear from you! Please contact [Melissa Martin](#) for Grammar School and [Carmen Watson](#) for Upper School.
- This year, we had to respond quickly to an “unprecedented” situation. Our teachers and staff have learned much over the past 9 weeks! We will be devoting time this summer to making a plan that builds on this foundation so that, should we be forced to do it at some time in the future, remote learning will be a better, richer experience for students.

Though none of us would have chosen what we have had to endure these past few weeks, it has been a joy to see your children continue to learn and grow. Thank you for the many stories and photos you have shared with us that keep us all connected in community. God always provides blessings in the midst of hardship, and we have been thankful to discover and become familiar with new tools that can enhance the education of your children even as we return to campus. Regardless of the format, we are committed to ensuring that your children continue to hear and see and engage with the teachers they have come to know and trust and to receive counsel,

encouragement, and prayer from them during this time of trial. Roman jails may have contained Paul, but they couldn't lock down his gospel (Philippians 1:12-14), and we know that classical Christian education at PCS cannot be locked down, either.

While we have been and will continue working hard to be frugal with our expenses, we have also been committed to hiring the right personnel to fill vacancies for next year. This year, we have been in the fortunate position to make hiring decisions from a host of qualified candidates. We are excited to introduce the following new employees to our community. Please join me in prayer for them as they make the transition to these new positions.

Richard Halloran
Headmaster
Providence Classical School



Juan Alcala
8th Grade Humanities and Composition & Literature

Juan, Kelly (his wife), and Teo (their son) have spent the past year and a half living in Valencia, Spain. During this time, Juan completed graduate work in language and literature, specifically researching the psychological and spiritual value of the poetry of George Herbert and John of the Cross. He also taught online classes in World History and English to middle and high school students and enjoyed the light-bulb moments students experienced as they worked through the material together. Before moving to Spain, their family lived in Gainesville, Florida, where Juan worked at the Christian Study Center, teaching classes and investing in the spiritual formation of young people. This experience, as well as his time as Chaplain of his college Christian fraternity, make him eager to oversee Providence's House System. Having graduated with a degree in journalism as well as in English, he is also eager to lead students in creating the school's yearbook.

By leading students through the great texts and ideas of the West, Juan hopes to illuminate for them the riches of the Christian tradition's intellectual heritage. In all of his teaching, Juan aims to nurture students in the Christian faith by showing them how their faith tradition is intellectually robust. He is thrilled to join a community of educators committed to the spiritual, intellectual, and emotional formation of rising Christian leaders.



Hillery Hoffmeyer
Staff Accountant

Hillery asked Jesus into her life and was baptized when she was 12 years old. Growing up she was blessed to have her grandmother who always pointed her to the Lord and modeled the importance and power of prayer in all circumstances.

She and her husband, Craig, have been married for 18 years and have four children. Two of which attend PCS. Trinity is in the 8th grade and Emma is in the 4th. They have been a part of the PCS community for a year and a half. Their family currently attends Faithbridge Church.

Hillery holds a Master of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Houston – Clear Lake. Her career experience includes 7 years in public accounting and 3 years in the commodity trading industry. She has also had the opportunity to be a stay at home mom. During that time, she was able to serve in various church ministries including MOPS leadership, AWANA’s leadership, and Sunday School teacher. She is excited for the opportunity to join the PCS staff and contribute to the mission of the school.



Michael Dearman
12th Grade Rhetoric II and Humanities

Michael Dearman was born and raised in Houston and became a disciple of Jesus Christ during his senior year of high school. He holds a B.A. in philosophy and a B.A. in political science from Southern Methodist University. He received his Master of Theological Studies from Duke Divinity School, where he completed his thesis on Thomas Aquinas and natural law, and his J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center.

After practicing corporate bankruptcy law at a large firm in Houston, God called him to return to his

passion—teaching. He is excited to bring his knowledge of persuasion both in and out of the courtroom to 12th grade rhetoric students. Michael also hopes to grow his students’ confidence as researchers and writers through the development of their senior theses. In addition, he looks forward to helping students see the centrality of God for understanding the events of modern history, particularly in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. Michael is thankful to be joining the PCS team and is honored to have the opportunity to shape students intellectually, morally, and spiritually for the glory of God.

He and his wife, Katie, have two sons, Joey (2) and Elliot (1). They are active members of HopePointe Anglican Church, and Katie and Michael lead small groups, Bible studies, and serve in the prayer and youth ministries.



Breanna Johnson
Varsity Volleyball Head Coach

Coach Johnson's relationship with the Lord began at an early age, growing up in a home with a father in leadership in the church. She is a 2008 Channelview High School alum and has been coaching club and school volleyball for eight seasons, including two as the varsity coach. In 2018, she assisted her team in winning second in state in the TAPPS state championship. In high school she played for the Willowbrook Volleyball Club and went on to play at Norfolk State University. While there, she was awarded outstanding freshman and conference player of the week, and she set a record for the most kills by a freshman in school history.

Coach Johnson has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and a Master of Business Administration from Keller Graduate School. In 2018, she obtained her PhD in leadership and organizational change from Walden University. Coach Johnson has been married for seven years and is a mother to three children. As the varsity volleyball head coach, Johnson plans to build a competitive atmosphere while focusing on skill development. She is excited to continue to build on a successful volleyball tradition in the Providence Classical School Community.