



August 8, 2022

Dear PCS Families:

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to school in September and wanted to share some important initial information with you well in advance.

### **Elementary School**

To provide care for *new elementary students*, and to ease the transition for our youngest students, we are planning a special time on **Tuesday, September 6**. Here are the details by grade level:

- **Kindergarten:** All kindergarten students are welcome to drop in from **9:30 - 10:30** for an Open House to meet their teachers. Parents are invited to join their children during this drop-in time!
- **Grades 1 - 3:** All **new primary students** are invited to a special drop-in Open House from **9:30 - 10:30** to find and visit their classroom and meet their teachers. Parents, you are invited to bring your children during that drop-in one-hour visiting time. **Returning Grade 1-3 Students** are invited to do the same from **10:30 - 11:30**. New students are welcome to join returning students during this second hour of the Open House if they prefer.
- **Grades 4 - 7:** All **new students** are invited to a drop-in Open House from **9:30 - 10:30** to visit their classrooms and meet their teachers. Parents are also invited to join them during this time.

We ask that returning Grades 4 - 7 students do not come to the school on Tuesday unless they have been invited by staff who are organizing the welcome for new students. Please allow staff and student volunteers to focus their efforts on helping our new students get settled.

**Wednesday, September 7, grades 1 - 7 will return for a full day of classes.** Please note that this will be on our "late start" schedule, which means arrival for students no later than 9:05.

Our Elementary School timetable this year is as follows:

M, T, Th, and Fri 8:25 - 8:30 to 2:55, Wednesdays 9:00 - 9:05 to 2:55. (*Please note there is no longer staggered arrival*). Students are encouraged to arrive prior to 8:25 to ease congestion in the parking lot. Supervision begins at 8:10 (M/T/Th/F) or 8:50 (W).

## Secondary School

Tuesday, September 6:

- **Grade 8: All students** (both new to PCS and moving from Grade 7) should attend from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM. They will meet teachers and classmates, have an orientation to the high school, and have a chance to practice using their combination locks :). Grade 8 families should expect more information in late August about the Grade 8 retreat day, scheduled for Thursday, September 8, at Camp Imadene.
- **Grade 9-12:** Meeting for **new students** in Grades 9-12 from 11:00 - 12:00 PM. Students will meet counselors and administrators, tour the school, and have a chance to select a locker.

We ask that returning Grades 9 - 12 students do not come to the school on Tuesday unless they have been invited by staff who are organizing the welcome for new students. Please allow staff and student volunteers to focus their efforts on helping our new students get settled.

**Wednesday, September 7, will be a full day of classes.** Please note that this will be on our “late start” schedule, which means opening/gathering from 8:45-9:00 AM.

The high school morning start times are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: Opening/gathering 8:15-8:30 AM; class start 8:35 AM.

Wednesday: Opening/gathering 8:45-9:00 AM; class start 9:05 AM.

*Please make every effort to have students arrive prior to class start times.*

High school dismisses at 3:00 PM each day; Fridays have a 35-minute flex time built in to end the day, during which students can connect with school staff for catch-up or other learning support.

We’re looking forward to a great 2022-23 and can’t wait for another amazing year of ‘nurturing students in Christ-like living, critical thinking and joyful service to be faithful citizens in God’s world.’

With blessings,  
The PCS Team