

Distinctively Christian. Decidedly Academic.

An Emphasis on Biblical Education

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We welcome you...



...to become a part of our PCS Family.

Dear Prospective Family,

Thank you for your interest in Peoria Christian School! We are excited that you contacted us about our school. What you will find at PCS is a family that cares about you and your child. God has blessed us with a wonderful, caring staff; comfortable, updated facilities; and families like yours who value a biblical worldview approach to a top-notch educational experience. Inside this packet you will find curriculum information, school facts, and application materials for all grade levels, PreK 3-year-olds through 12th grade.

We welcome you to review the information, call or email us with questions, and come visit us to see how you can become a part of our PCS family!

Trusting Him,

Becky Gardner

Becky Gardner Superintendent

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What can a Christian school provide that others cannot?

The answer is PreK-12 worldview training. A person's worldview determines the way he/she views reality or the questions of origin, identity, meaning, morality, and destiny. The answers to these questions will be determined by how a person thinks. A naturalist and a theist will answer these two questions differently based on their respective worldviews. Students without a biblical worldview will answer these questions incorrectly, while students with a biblical worldview will answer correctly. Salvation does not imply that a student has a biblical worldview.

George Barna states in his book, *Think Like Jesus*, that only 2% of Christian young people possess a biblical worldview. A biblical worldview is developed over time with proper training. This is the opportunity that is provided at Peoria Christian School. Graduates of Peoria Christian will be able to explain the correct answers to the most important questions of life.

A study done by William McQuire shows that ideas are transferable and the most effective way to prepare our students to think correctly is to help them develop convictions about their worldview. It is the vision of Peoria Christian School to raise up a generation of young people who will impact culture for Jesus Christ. Students at PCS are not sheltered from the world but rather prepared to engage.

If you would like more information about worldview training or training at Peoria Christian School, please contact me, Joe Paris, at jparis@peoriachristian.org.

Joe Paris, MDiv Spiritual Life Director



School Profile Distinctively Christian. Decidedly Academic.

The School

Peoria Christian School is a nondenominational private Christian school for grades PK - 12. Established in 1950, the school's mission is to support the Christian home and church by preparing students to lead Christ-like lives through a biblical approach to education. Peoria Christian School's vision is to produce academically skilled students who are equipped with a biblical worldview and who will impact the world for Christ.

The school is recognized by the State of Illinois Department of Education and accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International with college preparatory curriculum.

The Administration

Becky Gardner, Superintendent Angie Lyons, HS Principal Tom Schlich, MS Principal Sandy Wiele, EL Principal Joe Paris, Spiritual Life Director Jay Bruer, HS Athletic Director Cory Hynek, MS Athletic Director Barb Claxton, Guidance Carey Weaver, Guidance Peter Kim, International Director

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CEEB Code

143434

Enrollment

PK - 4th: 349 5th - 8th: 219 9th - 12th: 280

Faculty

Full-time: 60 Part-time: 8 Percent with Advanced Degrees: 35% Faculty/Student Ratio: 1:20

High School Graduation Requirements

PCS students are required to complete 25 credit hours: **Biblical Studies** 4.00 Language Arts 4.00 **Mathematics** 3.00 (1 algebra, 1 geometry) Science 3.00 (1 life, 1 physical) Social Studies 3.00 Physical Education 0 75 (3 competers)

(5 semesters)	0.75
Health (1 semester)	0.50
Electives	2.75
Mini-term	4.00

ACT Composite Score

Class of 2013	24.7
Class of 2012	24.8
Class of 2011	24.2
Class of 2010	23.0
Class of 2009	24.6

School Profile

High School Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Percent	GPA
A+	99-100	4.0
А	95-98	4.0
A-	93-94	3.7
B+	91-92	3.3
В	87-90	3.0
B-	85-86	2.7
C+	83-84	2.3
С	79-82	2.0
C-	77-78	1.7
D+	75-76	1.3
D	72-74	1.0
D-	70-71	0.7
F	0-69	0.0

AP Classes

AP Calculus	AP Spanish
AP Chemistry	AP US History
AP English Literature	Summer: Various AP

Honors Classes

Honors ChemistryHonors PhysicsHonors English 11AP Pre-Calculus

PCVHS - Peoria Christian Virtual High School

Through a partnership with SevenStar, PCS offers an online experience for transcript enhancement with an additional 100+ dual credit offerings from 3 different colleges. Classes are offered above and beyond tuition costs.

Mini-Term

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Extra-curricular Activities

Apologetics Club Business Plan Team Chess Team Drama Key Club Model UN Photography Club Speech Team Student Council Student Outreach Tech Crew

IHSA/IESA Sports and Activities

- Boys' and Girls' Basketball Boys' and Girls' Soccer Boys' and Girls' Track Boys' and Girls' Swimming Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Boys' Golf Girls' Volleyball Baseball Softball Cheerleading Scholastic Bowl Parochial Soccer League
 - Grades 1-8

Distinguished Scholar Diploma

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Graduation, Accepted & Matriculation

To continue and broaden their dreams and visions, our graduates have been accepted and/or matriculated at the following colleges and universities:

Abilene Christian University Adrian College Albion College American University Arizona State University Aquinas College Augustana College Barnard College of Columbia University Benedictine University Black Hawk Community College Boston College **Boston University** Bryan College **Butler University** Bradley University Calvin College Campbell University Carnegie Mellon University Case Western Reserve University Cedarville University Chinese University of Hong Kong The Citadel Clearwater Christian College College of DuPage Colorado School of Mines Concordia University Corban University **Cornell University** Culver University Culinary Institute of America **Denver University** DePaul University **DePauw University** Drury University Dominican University Eastern Illinois University Elmhurst College **Emory University** Eureka College Florida International University Georgia Institute of Technology Georgia Washington University Grace College Greenville College Hamline University Hannibal-LaGrange University

Howard University Illinois College Illinois Central College Illinois Institute of Technology Illinois State University Illinois Wesleyan University Indiana State University Indiana Wesleyan University Iowa State University Joliet Junior University Kettering University Knox College Lewis University Lincoln Christian University Loras College MacMurray College Maranatha Baptist Bible College Marguette University Maryville University McKendree University Methodist College Michigan State University Milliken University Milwaukee School of Engineering Missouri Univ. of Science & Technology Monmouth College New England Culinary Institute New York University North Central College North Georgia University Northeast Michigan University Northeastern University Northwestern College Northwestern University Norwich University Ohio State University Ohio State University-Columbus Olivet Nazarene University Pace University Pennsylvania State University-Univ. Park Polytechnic Institute of N.Y. University Purdue University Purdue University-Lafayette Rend Lake Community College

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute **Rice University Robert Morris University** Rochester Institute of Technology Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Savannah School of Art and Design School of Art Institute of Chicago Seoul National University St. Francis College of Nursing St. Louis University SIU-Edwardsville Suffolk University Syracuse University Taylor University Temple University Triton College Truman University University of California University of Colorado University of Illinois University of Iowa University of Massachusetts University of Michigan-Ann Arbor University of Nevada University of Rochester University of Southern California University of Wisconsin-Madison Valparaiso University Vanderbilt University Washington University-St. Louis Wheaton College United States Air Force Academy United States Military Academy at West Point



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Pre-Kindergarten Program

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North Campus (Grace Presbyterian Church) 8607 N. State Route 91 • Peoria, IL 61615 Phone (309) 686-4500

Pre-Kindergarten Facts

Teachers

All of our teachers are ACSI certified (Association of Christian Schools International) and hold a Bachelor's degree.

Class Size

• 1:10 or 2:16

Technology

All classrooms are equipped with a Smart Board to enhance student engagement.

Requirements

Children must be 3 years old or 4 years old, respectively, by September 1st to be enrolled in our classes.

Children must be completely toilet trained.

A physical examination and birth certificate, as mandated by the State of Illinois, are required for each child prior to attendance.

Curriculum and Activities

We use a biblically-based curriculum, Scripture Bites, for a theme-based approach involving circle time, learning centers, singing, and gross and fine motor development. Children learn through painting, puzzles, water and sand tables, and games, among other activities. They also grow socially and emotionally by practicing good manners, sharing, helping, and obeying. Our 4-year-old classes identify the letters of the alphabet and are introduced to the sounds of the letters. They identify numbers 1-20, count objects using one-to-one correspondence, and identify shapes. Science, Social Studies, Art and Music are also weaved into the Scripture Bites curriculum. This curriculum focuses on a 'learning through play" approach.

School Hours (Main Campus):

- PreK3: 8:30 AM 11:15 AM
- 2-day option (T, TH)
- 3-day option (M, W, F)
- 5-day option (M-F)
- PreK4: 8:30 AM 11:15 AM
- 3-day option (T, W, TH)
- 5-day option (M-F)

School Hours (North Campus):

- PreK3: 8:45 AM 11:30 AM
- 2-day (M, W)
- PreK4: 8:45 AM 11:30 AM
- 3-day (M, W, F)

Spiritual Life

Children hear a Bible story and learn a Bible verse each week along with intentional discussions of biblical truths in all activities.

Before- and After-School Care (Main Campus only)

Before-school care is available from 6:30 AM - 8:00 AM for PreK3 and PreK4.

PCS Extended Care is available for PreK3 and PreK4 students as space permits, from 11:15 AM - 3:15 PM.

After-school care is provided by Rogy's Learning Center at PCS for PreK3 and PreK4 from 3:15 PM - 6:00 PM.



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Elementary School Grades K - 4

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Elementary School Facts

Teachers

All of our teachers are ACSI certified (Association of Christian Schools International).

Professional growth is promoted through conferences, course work, and visits to other schools.

We have a high level of teacher retention - the average amount for teaching at PCS is 9 years.

Class Size

- Kindergarten: Avg. of 17 students/room
- 1st-4th: Avg. of 19 students/room

Technology

- Computer lab with 25 computers
- Weekly computer lessons in grades 1-4
- Promethean boards in each K-4 classroom

Curriculum Enhancements

- Accelerated Reader Program
- Math Olympics
- Spelling Bee
- Speech Meet
- Science Fair
- Clubs (Drama, Legos, Sports, etc.)
- Field trips
- Summer camps
- Grandparents' Day
- Music programs
- Field Day
- Grade level-specific enhancements

Regular School Hours (Main Campus):

- Half-day Kindergarten: 8:30 AM 11:45 AM
- Full-day Kindergarten & 1st Grade: 8:30 AM - 3:10 PM
- 2nd-4th Grades: 8:30 AM 3:15 PM

Spiritual Life

- Development of biblical worldview
- Scripture memory is part of daily Bible curriculum
- Biblical truths are integrated throughout the school day
- Weekly chapels
- Service projects

Parent Involvement Opportunities

- Field trip chaperones
- Room moms
- Lunchroom helpers
- Library or computer helpers
- Prayer groups
- Bible studies
- Picture person enrichment program
- Speech Meet and Science Fair judges
- Sports team coaches

Before- and After-School Care (Main Campus only)

Before-school care is available from 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM for PreK3-6th grade students.

After-school care is provided by Rogy's Learning Center at PCS for PreK3-6th grade students from 3:15 PM to 6:00 PM.

Elementary Student Assistance Coordinator

Tutoring by teacher is available during the school day for an additional fee.

Both learning gaps and enrichment needs are addressed.

PCS is not equipped to meet all special education needs.

Kindergarten

Bible (ACSI)

The students will discuss familiar Bible stories and characters that provide a foundation for living. The emphasis is on God's love and care for us. The students will also learn a weekly Bible verse and participate in weekly chapels.

Language Arts-Reading (ABeka)

The students will be introduced to and develop skills including:

- Beginning phonics (letter sounds, blends, words)
- Oral and silent reading practice (reading groups formed in November)

Language Arts-Creative Writing

The students will be introduced to and develop skills including:

- Producing a topic for writing
- Organizing multiple sentences
- Choosing specific words in their writing
- Using correct punctuation

Math (GO Math!, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

The students will be introduced to and develop skills including:

- Whole number representation to 20
- Addition and subtraction
- Describing shapes and space
- Measurement and data

Science

The students will explore science through discussion and hands-on experiences:

- Insects
- 5 senses and human body
- Magnets and forces of nature
- Planets
- Ecology
- Ocean life
- Plants
- Animals

Co-curricular Classes

- P.E.
- Music
- Library/Computers
- Spanish

First Grade

Bible (Building on the Rock, Summit Ministries)

All students will attend weekly chapel. All students will memorize various Scripture. The students will learn 20 biblical truths to help develop a biblical worldview.

Language Arts-Reading (ABeka, Reading A-Z)

Accelerated Reader is used by all students. The students will develop reading proficiency through:

- Phonics skills
- Comprehension strategies for fiction and non-fiction texts
- Oral and silent reading practice

Language Arts-Language/ Spelling/Handwriting

The students will develop Language Arts skills including:

- Proper sentence structure
- Capitalization and punctuation
- 6-trait writing
- Spelling
- D'Nealian handwriting

Math (GO Math!, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

All students will memorize basic math facts through Rocketship Math. The students will be introduced to and develop skills including:

- Addition and subtraction strategies
- Number relationships and place value
- Linear measurements
- Time
- Graphs to represent data
- Geometry

(First Grade Cont.)

Science (Christian Schools International)

The students will explore science through discussion and hands-on experiences:

- Scientific investigation
- Senses
- Living things
- Investigating changes
- Properties of materials and objects

History (ABeka)

- America and our World
- Symbols of America
- Famous Americans
- Famous places in America and around the world
- Community
- The first Thanksgiving

Co-curricular Classes

- P.E.
- Music
- Library/Computers
- Spanish
- Art

Second Grade

Bible (Building on the Rock, Summit Ministries)

All students will attend weekly chapel. All students will memorize various Scripture. The students will learn 20 biblical truths to help develop a biblical worldview. Second grade continues the Old Testament survey including Exodus through Judges.

Language Arts-Reading

(Reading Street, Scott Foresman)

Accelerated Reader is used by all students. The students will strengthen reading proficiency through:

- Phonics skills
- Comprehension strategies for fiction and non-fiction text

• Oral and silent reading practice

Language Arts-Language/ Spelling/Handwriting

The students will strengthen Language Arts skills including:

- Proper sentence structure
- Capitalization and punctuation
- Introduction to grammar
- 6-trait writing
- Spelling
- D'Nealian handwriting (introduction to cursive)

Math (GO Math!, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

All students will memorize basic math facts through Rocketship Math. The students will be introduced to and develop skills including:

- Numbers to 1,000
- Addition and subtraction strategies & fluency
- Money and time
- Measurement
- Graphs to represent data
- Geometry and fraction concepts

Science (Christian Schools International)

The students will explore science through discussion and hands-on experiences:

- Scientific investigations
- Bones and muscles
- Health and safety
- Animals
- Liquids and solids
- Position and motion
- Buoyancy and boats

History (ABeka)

- Citizenship
- American symbols
- Patriotic songs and holidays
- Native Americans and colonists
- Pioneers
- Cowboys
- Future America

(Second Grade Cont.)

Co-curricular Classes

- P.E.
- Music
- Library/Computers
- Spanish
- Art

Third Grade

Bible (Building on the Rock, Summit Ministries)

All students will attend weekly chapel. All students will memorize various Scripture. The students will learn the 20 biblical truths that make up the House of Truth, focusing on the Image-bearing wall. The end of the year focuses on the first three kings of Israel: Saul, David and Solomon.

Language Arts-Reading

(Reading Street, Scott Foresman)

Accelerated Reader is used by all students. The students will strengthen reading comprehension skills through:

- Various types of literature
- Oral and silent reading practice
- Vocabulary development

Language Arts-Language/ Spelling/Handwriting

The students will strengthen Language Arts skills including:

- Proper sentence structure
- Capitalization and punctuation
- 6-trait writing
- Parts of speech
- Spelling
- D'Nealian cursive handwriting

Math (GO Math!, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

All students will memorize basic math facts through Rocketship Math. The students will be introduced to and develop skills including:

- Addition and subtraction within 1,000
- Multiplication & division strategies & fluency
- Representing and interpreting data
- Developing an understanding of fractions
- Measurement (time, length, volume, mass, perimeter, area)
- Geometry

Science (Christian Schools International)

The students will explore science through discussion and hands-on experiences:

- Scientific investigations
- Circulatory and respiratory systems
- Plants
- Forces and electricity
- Heat and temperature
- Soil
- Natural resources
- Structures

History (ABeka)

- Political figures
- Native Americans
- Explorers
- Pioneers
- Inventors

Co-curricular Classes

- P.E.
- Music
- Library/Computers
- Spanish
- Art

Fourth Grade

Bible (Building on the Rock, Summit Ministries)

All students will attend weekly chapel. All students will memorize various Scripture. Students will learn biblical truths and how those truths are seen in Scripture and how they are to be applied to daily life.

Language Arts-Reading

(Reading Street, Scott Foresman)

Accelerated Reader is used by all students. The students will learn and develop reading comprehension skills through:

- Various types of literature
- Oral and silent reading practice
- Vocabulary development
- Critical thinking about literature

Language Arts-Language/Spelling/ Handwriting

The students will strengthen Language Arts skills including:

- Proper sentence structure
- Capitalization and punctuation
- 6-trait writing
- Parts of speech
- Written reports through research
- Spelling
- D'Nealian cursive writing

Math (GO Math!, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

All students will memorize basic math facts through Rocketship Math. The students will be introduced to and develop skills including:

- Numbers to 1 million
- Multiplication/division strategies & fluency
- Developing an understanding of fractions
- Equivalence, addition/subtraction/ multiplication of fractions
- Relationship of fractions and decimals
- Geometry & measurement

Science (Christian Schools International)

The students will explore science through discussion and hands-on experiences:

- Scientific investigation
- Organ systems
- Light
- Sound and hearing
- Minerals, rocks, and Earth's structure
- Living things and their homes

History (ABeka)

- United States History
- Discovery of America
- Colonization
- First Great Awakening
- Building a new nation
- Second Great Awakening
- Western expansion
- Famous inventions and inventors
- Civil Rights movement
- Wars
- Accomplishments and challenges of Presidents from Eisenhower to present

Co-curricular Classes

- P.E.
- Music
- Library/Computers
- Spanish
- Art



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Middle School Grades 5 - 8

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Middle School Facts

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Professional growth is promoted through conferences, conventions, in-services, course work, and visits to other schools.

We have a high level of teacher retention - the average amount for teaching at PCS is 9 years.

Facilities

- 12 Middle School classrooms
- Art/Resource Room
- Music room
- Library
- Gymnasium
- Cafeteria

Student/Teacher Ratio

- 5th grade 1:25
- 6th grade 1:23
- 7th grade 1:20
- 8th grade 1:23

Technology

Computer lab with 30 computers.

All students in 5th - 8th grade have computer class for one quarter each year.

Language Arts computer lab - 26 computers in the 7th grade Language Arts classroom.

Interactive Promethean Boards in all classrooms.

17 iPads in 7th and 8th grade science.

Special Needs

A part-time Resource Teacher is available for tutoring in all subjects and for the development of successful learning strategies for students utilizing our resource services. PCMS is not equipped to meet all special education needs.

Curriculum Enhancements

- Accelerated Reader Program
- Interactive Science
- Spanish in 5th 8th grade classrooms
- Physical Education each day for 3 quarters
- Operation Exploration in 7th and 8th grade
- One quarter of computer each year
- High school credit available in 8th grade
- Study Skills instruction

Fine Arts (Electives)

- All 5th grade students have 1 quarter of Art
- Art elective for 6th 8th grade students
- 5th grade Choir
- 6th 8th grade Choir
- Beginning Band
- Middle School Concert Band
- 5th 8th grade Drama club (meets after school one day a week)

Co-Curricular Activities

- School 5K Walk/Run
- Science Fair (optional for 5/6)
- Math Olympics
- Spelling Bee
- Speech Meet (optional for 5/6)
- Field Trips
- Class Retreats to start the school year
- 6th grade Overnight
- Class Trips
- Lego Robotics and First Lego League
- Bradley University Bridge Pal Program
- IESA Scholastic Bowl
- IESA Speech Team
- ACSI Music Festival
- Tech Team

Regular School Hours:

We run an eight period day with last hour being a study hall for all students. Eighth period is when we offer our electives.

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM (5th and 6th grade) 8:30 AM - 3:10 PM (7th and 8th grade)

Middle School Facts

Spiritual Life

- Scripture memory as part of the Bible curriculum
- Biblical truths illuminated throughout the curriculum
- Weekly chapels (Wednesday)
- Life Change Week (February)
- Discipleship / Mentor groups for students (teacher/staff-led)

Athletic Offerings

5th Grade

6th Grade

Boys' Soccer Girls' Soccer Boys' Basketball Girls' Basketball Boys' Soccer Girls' Soccer Boys' Baseball Girls' Softball Boys' Basketball Girls' Volleyball Boys' Track Girls' Track

7th & 8th Grade

Boys' Soccer Girls' Soccer Boys' Baseball Girls' Softball Boys' Basketball Girls' Basketball Cheerleading Girls' Volleyball Boys' Track Girls' Track

Ministry Opportunities

- Leaf Raking (around our neighborhood) November
- ACTS ministry (Advancing Christ Through Service) monthly
- Mission Trip 8th grade to Mississippi (March)
- Peoria area mission team Peoria Christian Serving Peoria (PCSP)
- Satellite Prayer (student-led)
- All-School Service day (spring)
- See You at the Pole
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing 6th grade

Parent Involvement Opportunities

- Field trip chaperones
- Network parent
- Lunch Mom/Dad
- Milk Mom/Dad
- Library volunteer
- Mom's prayer groups

Shuttle Buses

There is a shuttle bus between the Monroe Campus (Middle School) and the California Campus (Elementary/High School). It transports students between campuses so that parents can drop-off and pick-up at only one location.

- Morning Shuttle Leaves California campus around 8:15 AM
- Afternoon Shuttle
 5th and 6th grade 3:00 PM
 7th and 8th grade 3:10 PM

Testing

- Terra Nova Achievement Test given to all students 5th 8th grades (April)
- Aspire (part of the ACT test family)
 8th grade students only (October)

Middle School Curriculum

Fifth Grade

- Bible (Building on the Rock, Summit Ministries)
- History
- Science
- Math
- Grammar
- Literature
- Writing (6+1 Trait Writing)

Sixth Grade

- Bible (Building on the Rock, Summit Ministries)
- History
- Science
- Math
- Grammar
- Literature
- Writing (6+1 Trait Writing)

Seventh Grade

- Bible (New Testament Survey)
- Geography
- Science
- Math 7
- Pre-Algebra 7
- Advanced Pre-Algebra 7
- Grammar
- Literature
- Writing (6+1 Trait Writing)

Eighth Grade

- Bible (Old Testament Survey, Theology, Worldview, Spiritual Disciplines)
- History
- Science
- Pre-Algebra 8
- Algebra 1 (HS Credit)
- Accelerated Algebra 1 (HS Credit)
- Grammar
- Literature
- Writing (6+1 Trait Writing)
- Spanish 1 (HS Credit)



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High School Facts

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Graduation Service Requirement

• 10 hours of community service per school year (40 total)

Standardized Testing

- ASPIRE 🚍
- ACT Off campus
- PSAT
- ASVAB
- IMAGE

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- Various missions trips (Korea, Columbia, Haiti, Chicago, Summit)
- Leaf raking (around our neighborhood)
- See You at the Pole
- Praise Team
- Student-led Bible studies
- Weekly chapels (Thursday)
- Life Change Week (January)

Mini-Term

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High School Curriculum

Bible

- Bible 9 Logic, Worldview and Apologetics
- Bible 10 Old Testament Survey
- Bible 11 Bible Doctrines
- Bible 12 New Testament Survey
- Life Calling LDR 150 (Indiana Wesleyan University)

English

- English 9
- English 10 (World Literature)
- Speech
- English 11 (American authors)
- Honors English 11 (American authors)
- English 12 (British Literature)
- Advanced Placement English Literature
- Dual Credit English 110 & 111 (ICC)

Math

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Acc. Geometry
- Algebra II
- Acc. Algebra II
- College Algebra
- Dual Credit College Algebra 115 (ICC)
- Honors Pre-Calculus
- Advanced Placement Calculus AB

Science

- Conceptual Physics
- Biology
- Earth Science
- Anatomy/Physiology
- Chemistry
- Honors Chemistry
- Honors Physics
- Advanced Placement Chemistry
- Dual Credit Biology 110 (ICC)

Social Studies

- World History
- 20th Century
- History of the East
- History of the Early Church
- United States History
- Consumer Education
- Government
- Economics
- Advanced Placement United States History

Foreign Language

- Spanish 1
- Spanish 2
- Spanish 3
- Advanced Placement Spanish Language

Business/Technology

- Marketing and Advertising
- Accounting I
- Robotic Engineering I
- Robotic Engineering II
- Computers I
- Computers II

Fine Arts

- Concert Band
- Crescendos
- Art 1 -8
- Digital Media Design

Physical Education Health Yearbook

College Release

Work Release

High School Clubs & Athletics

Key Club

Key Club is a service organization under the wing of Kiwanis. We meet at lunch for a weekly update on our service projects. Key Club has been involved in the following activities: collecting money and items for Operation Santa Claus to send Christmas stockings for our service men/women; participated and raised money for the A-T Cure walk; helped Kiwanis with peanut sales and a bowl-a-thon; participated in Grandparents' Day; set up a "Read to a Child" day; took ticket money at the Festival of Lights; have had a weekly hot chocolate fundraiser for Spastic Paralysis. Activities for future may include: 40 Days of Prayer, Apostolic Nursing Home, Letter Writing Campaign for PCS, and Work Day service. All high school students are welcome to join. Key Club collects minimal dues each year. Officers keep records of attendance and involvement in events. For more information, contact Mrs. Hauter - thauter@peoriachristian.org.

Student Council

Student council is the high school's government run by students. We work with administration to implement policy change in the high school. We also plan and fund all of the student banquets (there are at least 3 every year). Student council is responsible for fundraising, planning and follow-through on a variety of activities. Some of our fundraising projects include concessions, babysitting, and Market Day. Student council committee members consist of 2 representatives from each homeroom. A president and vicepresident are also chosen for each class by the cabinet. The cabinet consists of 4 elected officials who are chosen at the end of each school year. Meetings are every Wednesday at lunch. All student council extra-curricular activities must also be attended by committee members. If you have any questions, see Mrs. Bennington - jbennington@peoriachristian.org.

Scholastic Bowl

Scholastic Bowl is a team that competes in areas of academics. They participate in IHSA competitions and Tri-County competitions. PCS Scholastic Bowl team has been the Tri-County Conference Champions, IHSA Regional Champions, and taken the IHSA State Champion title for Scholastic Bowl Class A for two consecutive years. For more information, contact Mr. Baker - Ibaker@peoriachristian.org.

Theatre Club

Theatre Club is open to any high school student interested in drama. In the Fall there is a play and a musical in the Spring. Tryouts occur right before school begins in August and again in December. Theatre Club meets once or twice a week right after school. Contact Ms. Schaffner with any questions or for more information - d.schaffner@gmail.com.

Book Club

The book club meets for lunch in the library on Tuesday & Thursday. We choose a book to read and everyone reads the book on their own. Two weeks after everyone has had a chance to begin reading, we start to watch the movie video for the book. Then we discuss the difference between the book and the movie. For more information, contact Mrs. Abelkabel@peoriachristian.org.



Speech Team

Our speech team is not a club. It is an IHSA competition, just like the sports teams or Scholastic Bowl. We are in Individual Events, which is performance speaking including Dramatic/Humorous Interpretation [most common form is monologue], Verse or Prose Reading, Radio Broadcasting, Humorous/ Dramatic duet acting. The speaking events include: Original Oratory [persuasive speaking], Special Occasion Speaking, Declamation, Impromptu, and Extemporaneous. Contact Mrs. Abel for more information or if you have any questions - kabel@peoriachristian.org.

History Through Board Games

This club seeks to create a culture of community and education that allows students to play games of redeemable value that are not wild fantasies played on a computer or PC. Instead, they deal with actual events and require interpersonal skills and teamwork in a face-to-face game versus a real opponent. Students are taught sportsmanship and cooperation, not to mention the mental exercise of playing a complex strategy game. History Through Board Games meets after school one day a week. This club is open to all, but it is requested that students at least be able to stay until 5:30 (so that a complete game can be played before they leave). For more information, contact Mr. Baker - Ibaker@ peoriachristian.org.

Photography Club

Photography Club meets to learn and discuss new and unique techniques in photography and graphic arts. This club meets on a regular basis. Bring your camera and yourself! There's a lot to learn and try! For more information, contact Mr. Kim - pkim@peoriachristian.org.

Tech Crew

Open to all grades, boys or girls. Some knowledge of equipment is helpful but you can be trained. Tech crew handles almost all the technical needs for the school. Most common are Wednesday morning chapel for Elementary and Thursday morning chapel for High School. There are many other events during the year and students are used as needed, so time is required. Tech crew is a blessing to the school - they have been tremendously valuable and have been involved in almost every event the school plans. For more information, contact Mr. Doremus - Idoremus@peoriachristian.org.

Student Outreach

The basic purpose of Student Outreach is to encourage individual spiritual development through training and experience that will increase outreach awareness, burden, and involvement. This purpose guides us in the planning of activities that strengthen personal walks with Christ so that members of the Student Outreach can be challenged and channeled toward the fulfillment of Christ's mission on earth. Student Outreach is involved in many local activities. For more information, contact Mr. Paris - jparis@peoriachristian.org.

Sports

Fall

Boys' Golf Boys' Soccer Boys'/Girls' Cross Country Girls' Volleyball

Girls' Swimming

Winter

Boys'/Girls' Basketball Boys' Swimming Girls' Cheerleading

Spring

Boys'/Girls' Track Girls' Soccer Softball Baseball

For more information, contact Mr. Bruer - jbruer@peoriachristian.org.



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Admissions Procedures for All Grades

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Middle School 3725 N. Monroe Avenue • Peoria Heights, IL 61616 Phone (309) 681-0500

Admissions Procedures for All Grades

Submit the New Family Application and Student Information sheet to the Business Office, along with:

- A copy of the student's certified birth certificate
- A copy of the student's last report card (grades 1 12)
- A copy of the student's latest standardized test scores (grades 3 12)
- The application fee

Take the Pastor Questionnaire form to your pastor so that it can be mailed or faxed to PCS within one week if possible. Placement tests will be scheduled as applicable (see below by school). Once all paperwork is in and placement tests are completed, you will be contacted for additional information or to schedule an admissions interview. See interview details below for each school. If you have any questions - call our Admissions Coordinator, Karen Hutchins, at 686-4500 ext. 17 or by email at khutchins@peoriachristian.org.

Elementary School - (3-year-old PreK through 4th grade)

Placement tests will be scheduled for all incoming students in grades 1 - 4 and last about 20 minutes. The Admissions Coordinator will call you to schedule the test. If your student has an IEP, be sure to include a copy with your admissions materials. Please note that PCS is not equipped to meet all special education needs. The admissions interview is for parents only and is held at the Elementary School Office with the Elementary Principal and an admissions committee member, as available, for about 20 minutes.

Middle School - (grades 5 through 8)

Placement tests are required for all students coming in to the Middle School. Plan on about 40 minutes for placement tests. The Admissions Coordinator will call you to schedule the test. The admissions interview is for both the parents and the incoming Middle School student. It is held at the Middle School Office with the Middle School Principal and an admissions committee member, as available, for about 30 minutes.

High School - (grades 9 through 12)

All incoming freshmen must take the math placement test with the High School Office; plan on about 40 minutes for the test. Call Karen at 686-4500 ext. 17 to schedule your math placement test and to pick up a Request Form for High School Classes. Begin completing your class request form as soon as you hear your math placement results from the High School. Additional placement tests may be requested as deemed necessary. The admissions interview is for both the parents and the student and is held at the High School with the High School Principal. Please plan on about 45 minutes for your admissions interview.



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Tuition Information & Fee Schedule, 2014-2015

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Tuition Information & Fee Schedule, 2014-2015

(Times/Rates for PreK North are available online.)

School Hours Grade

3-& 4-year-old PreK Half-Day Kindergarten Full-Day Kindergarten - 1st Grade Grades 2-4 Grades 5-6 Grades 7-8 Grades 9-12 Grades 9-12 (with zero hour class) Regular Schedule 8:30 AM - 11:15 AM 8:30 AM - 11:45 AM 8:30 AM - 3:10 PM 8:30 AM - 3:15 PM 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM 8:30 AM - 3:10 PM 8:50 AM - 3:20 PM 8:00 AM - 3:20 PM Half-Day Schedule

Same as regular schedule Same as regular schedule 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM 8:30 AM - 12:35 PM 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM 8:30 AM - 12:40 PM 8:50 AM - 12:40 PM 8:00 AM - 12:40 PM

Tuition

Tuition may be paid annually or in 12 monthly payments. Monthly payments are to be set up on automatic withdrawal July - June. Textbooks are included in tuition. The following are the tuition rates for the 2014-2015 school year. Registration fees vary by grade level as will be indicated in the registration materials and registration fees are due prior to the students' first day of class.

Grade Level	Annual Cost	12 Mo. Payments	Grade Level	Annual Cost	12 Mo. Payments
PK3-2 days	\$1,380	\$115.00	Half-Day Kind.	\$3,624	\$302.00
PK3-3 days	\$1,836	\$153.00	Full Day Kind.	\$5,004	\$417.00
PK3-5 days	\$2,652	\$221.00	Grades 1-4	\$5,352	\$446.00
PK4-3 days	\$2,292	\$191.00	Grades 5-8	\$5,820	\$485.00
PK4-5 days	\$3,168	\$264.00	Grades 9-12	\$6,228	\$519.00

Multi-Student Discounts

2nd oldest child - \$500.00, 3rd oldest child -\$1,000.00, 4th oldest child - \$1,500.00, 5th oldest child - \$1,500.00, Half-Day Kindergarten - ½ sibling discount, PreK siblings - no discounts.

Building Fee

The building fee is \$552.00 per family each year or \$46 monthly with the 12-month payment setup. This fee is separate from tuition since it is paid per family rather than per student. Families with students in only PreK 3's (5 day), PreK 4's, or Half-Day Kindergarten only pay \$276.00 per year for their building fee.

Extended Care Program for PreK Students

This program will be available, as space allows, for those families desiring a full day program for students enrolled in the PreK classes at the Main Campus. Students will be dismissed from Extended Care at 3:10 PM. Annual cost for this program is \$2,100.00 for 5 afternoons per week, \$1,260.00 for 3 afternoons per week, \$840.00 for 2 afternoons per week, or \$420.00 for 1 afternoon per week. These fees can be paid annually or divided into 12 months of payments.

Before Care Program \equiv

A fully supervised Before Care program is available for PreK through 4th grade students at the Main Campus each morning from 6:30 - 8:00 AM. A cold breakfast is provided, along with some homework assistance. The fee is \$5.50/student per day used and is billed monthly. PCS teachers staff this program. Email khutchins@peoriachristian.org or call 686-4500 ext. 17 to sign up for days needed.

After Care Program

The After Care program is available for children PreK through age 12 by Rogy's Learning Center using a room in the Main campus. Call Alisa at Rogy's at (309) 686-9155 for details and fees.



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Financial Aid Information

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Financial Aid Information

Families seeking financial aid must file an application through the Independent School Management Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST) Program in Wilmington, DE. The link to this application is available on our website, www.peoriachristian.org, under the Admissions tab, then click the Tuition and Fees tab.

The FAST program is designed to be very responsive to our families. It is flexible in terms of the information it will accommodate, allowing families to represent their own particular circumstances accurately. FAST then provides Peoria Christian School a need-based financial aid analysis service which ensures that our process for establishing financial need adheres to nationally established standards of best practice. All information from FAST is kept confidential, as is all information pertaining to a family's financial aid request.

Financial Aid grants are made for one year only and, therefore, you must reapply each year. New families should have an application turned in to the Admissions Office prior to applying for financial aid.

The application process is self-guided. You may navigate in and out of the program, allowing you to partially complete an application and go back to it at another time. Online e-mail and a 24/7 helpline is provided. The charge for the application is \$38.00, to be paid by credit card at the end of the session.

After completing the online application, you will be required to mail your previous year's tax returns for both State and Federal taxes with all schedules and W-2's to:

FAST Processing ISM 1316 North Union Street Wilmington DE 19806-2594

Including our school's name on the outside of your envelope will ensure faster processing of your application.

Because financial aid funds are limited and demand is high, late filing of materials may result in unavailability of a financial aid grant. If you need more information or assistance, please contact the Business Manager, Gideon Bicksler, at (309) 686-4500 ext. 16. We look forward to working with you on your child's education at Peoria Christian School.

Sincerely,

The Financial Aid Committee at Peoria Christian School



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New Family Application for Enrollment

20____/ 20____ School Year

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- 1. Please fill out the application completely.
- 2. Please fill out a separate Student Information Form for each of your children being considered for enrollment (a form is inside this application.)
- 3. Your application must be accompanied by the application fee in order for it to be considered. The application fee is \$ 105 for the first child and \$ 55 for each additional child.
- 4. If you would like a tour of our facilities prior to your application submittal, please contact the Admissions Coordinator at (309) 686-4500.

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Date Rcd	
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Check #	
Other	

Parents Last Name	First Na	me 	Occupatic	on / Emp	loyer	Primar	y Phor	าe
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Parents Church	Address		Nan	ne of Pas	tor	Primary	Phone	5
Services You Attend E	ach Week:	□ Sunday Mc	•		•			

Why PCS? Please state why you would like to send your child(ren) to PCS.

How did you hear about Peoria Christian School?

Personal Testimony

Father - Have you personally received Jesus Christ as your Savior?
Yes No Please relate the details of this important decision in your life.

Describe the condition of your spiritual walk with the Lord at this time.

Mother - Have you personally received Jesus Christ as your Savior?
Yes No Please relate the details of this important decision in your life.

Describe the condition of your spiritual walk with the Lord at this time.

Statement of Faith

From the Peoria Christian School Constitution: The authority for the constitution of this association is the Holy Scripture and its teaching as understood in the literal, grammatical and cultural sense and shall be binding on this association as long as it exists. Every statement, regulation and provision of the constitution and by-law of this association must be in harmony with and applied in harmony with the relevant teaching of the Scriptures. No statement, policy or action shall be taken that infringes upon or contradicts the teaching of the Scriptures as interpreted by the following doctrinal statement:

Peoria Christian School Statement of Faith

We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are inspired by God, and are inerrant in the original writings, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.

We believe in one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth and His sinless life, and His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His future personal return in power and glory.

We believe that for the salvation of the lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; that they are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Agreement

I agree with the following statements regarding the application of my child(ren):

Yes No

- □ □ It is my desire to have my child(ren) complete the school year.
- □ □ I shall endeavor to attend the meetings of the school.
- □ □ I will abide by the discipline and regulation of the Board of Education.
- □ □ We have read the Statement of Faith and continue to subscribe to it (refer to the above).
- □ □ We are willing to have our child(ren) trained in accordance with the Statement of Faith.
- □ □ We will read the Parent/Student Handbook for the current school year and will cooperate fully with the rules and regulations spelled out in that document.
- □ □ My child(ren) is expected to attend all scheduled field trips and other activities.
- □ □ The school has the responsibility of placing my child(ren) in the proper grade.
- □ □ My cooperation is expected in making regular tuition payments, offering practical help, being faithful in prayer for PCS and my child(ren), and offering special gifts upon the Lord's leading.
- □ □ I understand that the school reserves the rights to dismiss any student who does not respect its spiritual standards or cooperates in the education process.
- □ □ We will enter into a contract with the school for tuition payments.

Father	Mother	Date

Your application must be accompanied by the application fee in order for it to be considered. The application fee is \$105 for the first child and \$55 for each additional child.



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Student Information Form

20____ / 20____ School Year

Student's Last Name			Middle I			Goes By	
Social Security Number	Grade Requested	Birthday (MM/DD/Y	Y)	Sex	Parent		:
Name of school student w							
Name of public school dist	rict in which stu	Ident resides	:				
Name and address of scho	ol student last a	ttended:					
Address		City _		S	tate	Zip	
Kindergarten Preference: Pre-kindergarten 3 Pre-kindergarten 4 Extended Care: (Until 3:15 PM, available to pre-k AM stude	□ 2-da □ 3-da □ 3-da	E-Day □ Fu ay □ 3- ay □ 5- ay □ 5- casionally	day day day		-	_days per m	onth
Background Does this child need to we Are they required at all time Was this child premature?		ntact lenses?				□ Yes □ Yes □ Yes	□ No □ No □ No
Special Medical Informatio	N (use separate sheet of	necessary)					
List allergies:							
Does your child have any p	ohysical disabiliti	es?				🗆 Yes	🗆 No
If yes, please explain:							
Does your child have any b						□ Yes	
If yes, please explain:							
Is your child under the sup		/= -=->-					
Department of Children an	2					🗆 Yes	🗆 No
Has this child ever been dis						🗆 Yes	🗆 No
If yes, please explain:							
Has this child ever been ch	0					w? □Yes	🗆 No
If yes, please explain:							

Miscellaneous Information

Please attach any other information which would be helpful in our considering enrollment for your child.

These include but are not limited to the following:

Report cards, standardized testing, and/or any other educational testing which was done outside of your normal school standardized testing, a copy of any separation or divorce documents which relate to the parental rights regarding children. These will only be necessary if we accept your child for enrollment and will need to be submitted prior to the first day of school.

Student Covenant (Grade 6-12 only)

The following questions must be answered by each of the students applying for grades 6-12. The answers do not generally affect your acceptance, but rather give us a better understanding of where you are spiritually. We will most likely discuss your answers in our interview with you and your family.

Have you personally received Jes	sus Christ as your Savior?	🗆 Yes	🗆 No
Please relate the details of this in	nportant decision in your life.		
	piritual walk with the Lord at this time.		
Do you think the Lord Jesus wou	Ild be pleased with your current lifestyle?	□ Yes	□ No
Do you genuinely desire to atten	d Peoria Christian School?	🗆 Yes	🗖 No
By my signature (below), I affirm:	My utmost diligence in pursuing my assigned s My cheerful obedience in abiding by the schoo My refraining from behavior that would offend My total cooperation in the educational progra	choolwork. ol's rules and o Christ.	



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Pastor's Questionnaire Form

Part of admissions application for Peoria Christian School

PARENTS, please complete this side of the document. Once you are finished, please give this sheet to your pastor to complete. Complete and fax, email or mail it to PCS in the supplied envelope. We believe that our partnership in the education of your children works best when your family and our staff are all under the care, nurture and teaching of the local church. Additionally, we have found that representatives from your church can affirm the envisioned success of our partnership together.

PASTOR, please complete the reverse side of this document, and fax or mail it to Peoria Christian School. Thank you.

Family Name		Phone	
Address		City	Zip
Children Applying	Grade		
		Your Church	
		Pastor	
		Address	
		City	Zip
		Church Phone	
How long have you and your fami	ly attended this	church?	
Which services do you and your fa	amily regularly a	Ittend?	

Date received at PCS:_____

3506 N. California Ave. Peoria, Illinois 61603-1106 Phone 309.686.4500 Fax 309.686.2569 WWW.PEORIACHRISTIAN.ORG **TO THE PASTOR:** The aforementioned family has applied for enrollment to Peoria Christian School. We believe a vital Christian walk includes significant involvement and regular attendance in a local church. We also believe that the church and school together, support parents in their instruction to train their children. Your comments and insights as reflected below are welcomed in order to ensure the compatibility of your family and the school. Please complete and mail this form to Peoria Christian School. We appreciate our partnership with you, and we wish to express gratitude for all you do to nurture the spiritual health and vitality of your congregation. Only the Admissions Committee and the Administration will read this document. Please feel free to make a copy of this questionnaire before returning it to PCS so that you may discuss its contents with the family.

1. Do you personally know the family? I Yes I No

Our school believes that in order to become a Christian one must acknowledge sin (Romans 3:10,23; Romans 6:23), Believe that Jesus died for their sin (John 3:16; Romans 10:9-10) and ask Jesus Christ to come into their life and take away their sin (John 1:12). At least one of the parents must be a Christian to ensure our partnership with the family.

2. Based on the above paragraph, which members of the family do you believe have committed their life to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Father: 🗆 Yes 🗆 No	Mother: 🗆 Yes 🗆 No	
Children: Name	♀ Yes □ No	
Name	♀ Yes □ No	
Name	♀ Yes □ No	
Name	□ Yes □ No	
-	amily actively involved in your church?	□ Yes □ No
4. Are the children open and	sensitive to spiritual instruction?	□ Yes □ No
5. Do the children cooperate	well with those in authority?	🗆 Yes 🛛 No
6. Do the children cooperate	well with peers?	🗆 Yes 🛛 No
7. Based on your personal kno of the mission of PCS, wou	owledge of the family in question, and your understanding Ild you recommend this family for enrollment at PCS?	g □Yes □No
Signature and Title	Date	

Please mail or fax this sheet to PCS within one week.

If you have a question or need to discuss a situation, please call the Admissions Coordinator, Karen Hutchins, at (309) 686-4500 ext. 17, or e-mail her at khutchins@peoriachristian.org Thank you!