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Upcoming Events

Back to the Classics: Safeguarding the Use of Technology

We are excited to continue our Back to the Classics series on Thursday, Feb. 29, at 6:30 pm, which will focus on safeguarding the use of technology at home, as well as how PCS works to give our students a much-needed respite from phones and screens while on campus.

We are excited to welcome Josh Livingston of pureHOPE, an organization that arms families to confidently navigate technology and our culture.

Additionally, we will hear from SC State Rep. Brandon Guffey, who will share his family's personal story about the dangers of modern-day technology, and Keith Lugthart, PCS parent and technical management consultant, who will provide practical recommendations for safeguarding your family's home internet and technology access. We will conclude with a Q&A panel.

We invite all PCS families, and we encourage you to invite your friends, community groups, church congregations, and anyone who might benefit from hearing this information.

Strong parental discretion is advised; this event is intended for adults only.

From the Desk of Dr. Davis

Last week I had the privilege of attending the annual conference of the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools. We were joined by Ellen Weaver, the SC Superintendent of Education, and the Lieutenant Governor, Pamela Evette, who spoke about the new Education Scholarship Trust Fund Program for eligible SC students.

Though limited in its scope initially, funds will be available next school year with plans to expand the program the following year. As school choice initiatives gain momentum around the nation, we are excited to see the movement making its way to South Carolina. With the scholarship being tied to individual students and not

institutions, lawmakers have ensured that private schools participating in this program may still operate according to their religious convictions.

We are pleased to announce that we have already been approved as an education service provider, and we are hopeful that this program will open up the door for new families to join the PCS community.

Join me in praying that this bill will overcome a court challenge (hearings before the Supreme Court of SC are scheduled for March 6), and that lawmakers will quickly make this program universal so that all families desiring a Christian education for their children are eligible.

South Carolina Education Scholarship Trust Fund Program: *Available to Rising Kindergarteners and Current Public School Families*

The new Education Scholarship Trust Fund Program has launched in South Carolina, making school choice possible for families who desire a Christian education.

For eligible families, this program could mean \$6,000 worth of scholarship money per student for the family's school of choice.

PCS has received



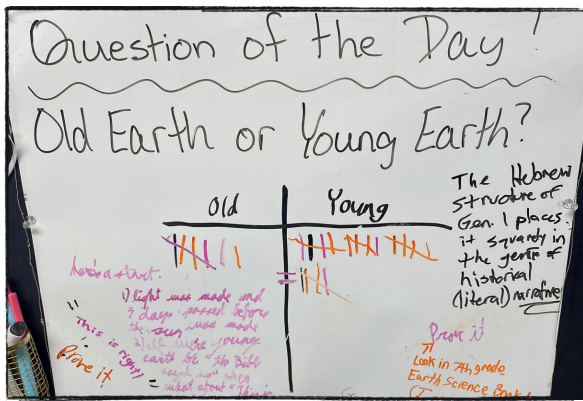
Ellen Weaver, Superintendent of Ed. at SCACS conference

approval from the State this month to be a participating education provider.

While this program is currently open to public

school families and families with rising Kindergarteners, there are plans to expand access to all families across South Carolina.

This is a huge step forward for school choice and PCS. We pray that God uses this new program to draw families in and that this will soon be available to families statewide.



House Board in PCS Upper School Building

Whiteboard Sparks Conversations Among Upper School Students

The Upper School building at PCS has always been abuzz with chatter and laughter as it is home to our upperclassmen.

The House of Mueller has begun a new initiative to inspire camaraderie and conversation.

Lining the hallways of the Upper School building are three bulletin boards, one for each House.

Every week, the Mueller board poses a different question to the student body.

Some questions are fun and simple, gauging students' preference for Goldfish or Cheeze-Its.

Other questions, like the debate between old and new earth theories, inspire deep, philosophical reflection, challenging students to draw upon their Biblical knowledge and critical thinking abilities to rationalize their answers.

Only at PCS would this type of intellectual discourse be met with such enthusiasm and participation from students.

This speaks volumes to the impact of a classical, Christian education and what takes place when students continually meditate on the good, true, and beautiful.

Slow Growth: Deep Roots in a Wilderness of Weeds

Each year, Providence Classical School partners with Memoria Press and the Classical Latin School Association to host a winter conference.

Parents and educators traveled from all across the nation to attend the conference and gain confidence in and understanding of the classical method of teaching.

This year's conference topic was Slow Growth: Deep Roots in a Wilderness of Weeds.

This two-day conference was refreshing to all who attended.

How do we maintain a classical Christian culture? How do we stay true to our mission and vision amidst growth? These are some of the questions addressed during the two days of the conference.

Andy Soujourner, Director of Trademark Schools for Memoria Press, encouraged attendees to have the fidelity to stay focused and continue doing the right things.

We were also joined by Cheryl Swope, author



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and developer of the Simply Classical curriculum, which is taught on our Simply Providence campus.

Swope had the opportunity to visit our Simply Providence location and meet our teachers and students.

As the only school in the country currently implementing her curriculum, she was encouraged by the impact and growth we've seen in our students already.

A therapist who works with a child at Simply Providence shared with Swope that she has seen more growth in the past six months than over the previous six years she has spent working with this child.

This year's conference was a great success and encouragement to all.