



## Important Dates in September

Monday, 9/1  
No School.  
Happy Labor Day!

Wednesday, 9/3  
School Pictures

Monday – Friday, 9/22-26  
Homecoming Week

Friday, 9/26  
No MHD busing  
Alumni Homecoming Event  
Homecoming Game

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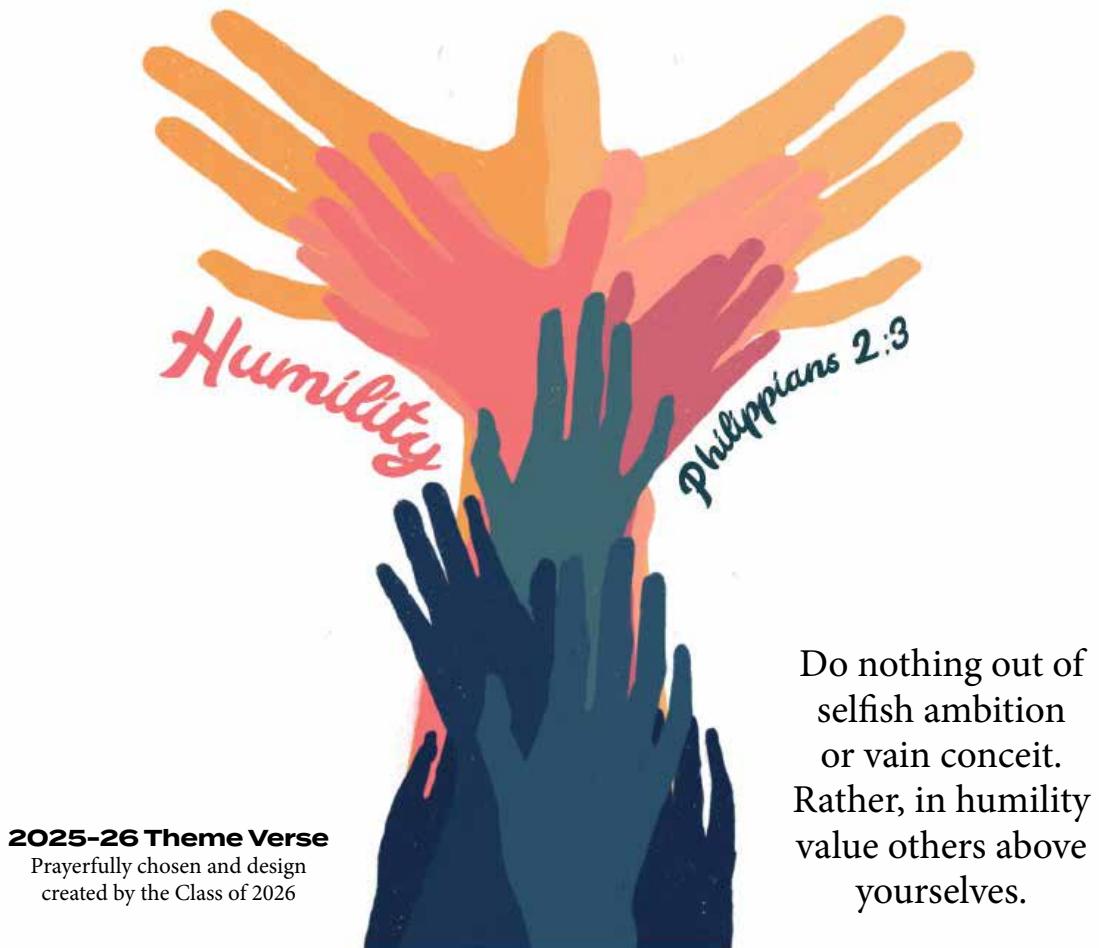
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PARK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

# Falcon Flier

September 2025



### 2025-26 Theme Verse

Prayerfully chosen and design  
created by the Class of 2026

Do nothing out of  
selfish ambition  
or vain conceit.  
Rather, in humility  
value others above  
yourselves.

Park Christian School is so thankful for the faculty and staff who serve faithfully! While it is never easy to say goodbye, we rejoice in the impact on the PCS family, and the new journeys ahead, trusting in the path God has prepared for each faculty and staff moving on.

**Miss Hoven** is leaving having served in multiple positions for 25 years, most recently as the Guidance Counselor. We will honor and celebrate Miss Hoven's years at PCS with a **Farewell Celebration September 10th, 3:30 pm in the PCS Commons.**

*Everyone is welcome!*



## Senior Outing Day: A Tradition of Adventure, Celebration and Leadership

The senior guys kicked off the school year with their annual trip to Maplewood State Park, where they hiked to the summit of Halloway Hill, swam in Lake Lida, and battled it out in a spirited game of Wiffle Ball. The day continued with a meal at Pizza Ranch and concluded with a bonfire at Mr. Nellermoe's home. There, the seniors were encouraged to embrace their role as leaders, setting a positive tone for the year ahead. Our challenge to them: **Lead like Jesus.**

The senior girls kicked off the school year with their annual trip to the Tennefos Lake Home. The theme was "Aloha"—a word that means both hello and goodbye; a fitting tribute to the beginning of the end of their journey at Park Christian. They played in the lake, each created a personalized bookmark with a guiding word for the year ahead. A couple of the themes were love, intention, Christ-like, and immersion. The day concluded with a devotion focused on discerning God's will, encouraging the girls to seek His guidance as they step into leadership and prepare for life beyond high school with purpose and faith.



## New Family/New Student picnic

We had a fun night welcoming our new families and new students at the New Family/New Student Picnic. Thanks to the Mentor Family Committee – **Allison Gronseth, Katie Dewar, and Becca Gustafson** for connecting all the new families with mentor families, the **Mentor Families**, the **football team** for setting up the tables and chairs (Go Falcons!!!!), the great **parents** who helped set up, serve, and clean up, and the **Boosters** for selling Falcon Gear. It was a GREAT night! **We are Falcon Family!**



## Summer Play Days in the Park

Three evenings in the summer, we gather to Play in the Park. It's a great time of connection!



# Stay in the Know

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## Student Ambassadors

The Student Ambassador program is in year two, with twenty-five 7th-12th grade students being accepted into the program. Their first event of the year was to greet the new 7th-12th grade students at the New Family/New Student Picnic. They are prepared and eager to greet and assist the new 7th-12th grade students the first days and weeks of school – as well as hosting visitors and new students throughout the year.

To become a Student Ambassador, students must apply and have a recommendation from a teacher, staff member, or coach. We are grateful for these student's servant hearts and look forward to this program continuing to flourish and grow. It is led by

**Mr. Burgstahler, Mrs. Bigaouette, and Mrs. Scheid.**

## Congratulations to the Student Council elected for 2025-26

President – Adam Biebighauser

VP – Andrew Larson

Seniors – Mollie Rogness, Daniel Dietrich, Ian Wood

Juniors – Kate Nelson, Zoe Levang, Whitley Tomlinson

Sophomores – Owen Goodman, Daniel Johnson,

Anna Murack

Freshman – Mattea Berge, Meg Rogness,

Levi Torgerson

8th – Louijay Dort, Genevieve Cherubin, Norah Mittag

7th - Beckett Nelson, Myles Baasch, Kaylee Carlson

The Student Council is advised by **Mrs. Isaak** and

**Mrs. Biebighauser.**

## All New 7-12th Grade Student's Pizza

**Thursday, September 18,**

during regular lunch-time.

New 7th-12th graders -

Lunch is on us that day.

Watch your locker for the invitation!



## Chili Cook-off – PCS Promotional Opportunity

We have been given the opportunity to promote Park Christian School at the Annual Triumph Chili Cook-off at both campuses **Sunday, 9/7.**

We need you to help chop and cook, serve, and by all means, if you attend Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church, wear your PCS spirit wear and vote for the PCS Chili at the ministry fair.

Call 218-236-0500  
to volunteer to chop and  
cook **Friday, September 5th,**  
**10:00-11:30 am.**



## How Can I Connect?

### Parent Association (PA)

Participating in the Parent Association is a win-win-win for the school, your child, and YOU! Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the PCS library. **Next meeting: 9/9** Contact them at [parkchristian.parentassociation@gmail.com](mailto:parkchristian.parentassociation@gmail.com) or find them on Facebook at Park Christian School Parent Association.

### Falcons Boosters

Join the PCS Athletic Booster Club at [boosters@falconboosters.org](mailto:boosters@falconboosters.org) or find them on Facebook at falconboosters.

### Join Moms In Prayer at PCS!

The PCS MIP group typically meets for an hour each week at PCS. This group of dedicated moms and grandmoms would love to have you join them. Contact the school office for information or directly contact **Becky Carlson** at 701-271-1075 or **Andrea Almquist** 218-779-0807.

### Weekly Updates

Weekly updates arrive in your inbox Monday mornings at 10:00 am. It recently has had a 74% open rate! It's a great way to know what is happening at school!

**Josh Dahl**, *elementary principal*, holds a BA in Music Education from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, a MS in Education from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, MN, and a MS in Educational Leadership from Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN. He has 15 years of Teaching, 1 year as Instructional Coach, 1 year as Dean of Students, and 3 years as Assistant Principal = 20 years in Education!

**We asked him what he likes to do in his spare time.**

“Carpentry, cooking, and traveling to Disney Parks and Cruises.”

**Your favorite Bible verse:** “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9.

**The best part about following Jesus is...** I have assurance that I am protected. In times of adversity, I know that I only need to be still and know that He is God. It is in my nature to try to control situations, with Jesus I know that I need only to wait quietly and my battles will be fought for me. “The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” Exodus 14:14



**Kelsey Titus**, *Student Life and Academic Specialist*, holds a MS in Education, Teaching and Learning with an emphasis in Health, Physical Education and Coaching, and a BS in Business Education.

**Previous Experience**

2023-2025 - Business Education Teacher at Park Christian School.

2022-Current - Head Volleyball Coach at West Fargo High School

2019-2021 - Business Education Teacher at Fargo North and Ben Franklin.

2017-2018 - Business Education Teacher at Jamestown Middle and High School.

2011-2017 – Assistant Volleyball Coach and Associate Athletic Director at University of Jamestown.

**Why are you excited about your new role at PCS?**

I am excited to help guide students through their middle and high school careers, while also helping prepare them for the next steps after high school. I look forward to meeting with all students to see what passions and interests God has laid on their heart spiritually and academically!

**Your favorite Bible verse:**

Phillipians 2:12-16, especially verse 14 – It reminds me to not complain or grumble about the different things that arise in life and situations. God works in me to will and to do for His good pleasure. His word provides the answers for everything I will ever need.

**The best part about following Jesus is...** The true JOY and freedom that comes from a personal relationship with Jesus. He will guide and provide everything that we need in life if we choose to surrender and follow His plan.



# Welcome!

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**Christian Thompson**, *Athletic Director*, holds a B.A. in Biology and Education from Concordia College, a MS degree from Clemson University in Biology and a MS degree from Jamestown University in Educational Leadership.

**Previous Experience:** He taught middle school and high school biology and anatomy at Northern Cass for 9 years.

**We asked him what he likes to do in his spare time:** Hiking, backpacking, camping, mountain biking, reading, basketball, spending time with my family.

**Your favorite Bible verse:** Colossians 2:6-7. "So then, just as you received Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness" I love how this verse highlights the importance of continuing to live in the same way one received Christ – by faith.

**The best part about following Jesus is...** The peace and joy that is found in Him.



## PCS is delighted to welcome new teachers & staff:

Mrs. Boehning, Mr. Kaiser, Miss Kadrmas, Mrs. Powers, Mr. Dahl, Mrs. Reinowski, Mrs. Vogt, Mr. Batterson, Mrs. Steffen

# Go Falcons!

## Spring Trap Award

**Lexi Scheid** placed 2nd in the Section 5A Conference for Season Average High for Varsity Female with a season average of 22.8 including a perfect score of 25/25 during the season. Trap is coached by **Jon Rude**.

Our amazing kindergarten teachers



## 2025-2026 ATHLETIC EVENT PRICES AND PASSES

\$7 adult

\$5 Non-PCS student/all college students – including PCS alum)/ 65 and older

PCS students/staff – free

\$25 family cap (immediate family)

\$50/person year long pass

\$150 year long pass/immediate family

Booster Pass –  
see <https://wwwfalconboosters.org/>

Season passes good for all regular season PCS home games

**PCS Summer Camps**

The building has been busy all summer with the various summer camps:

**Strength and Conditioning****Volleyball****Basketball****Football****Theatre****Art**

Go Falcons!



2025
HOMECOMING WEEK
SEPTEMBER

MON - SEPT 22 JERSEYS	TUES - SEPT 23 AMERICA	WED - SEPT 24 FORGOT TO GET READY	THURS - SEPT 25 HAWAIIAN VS. BIKER	FRI - SEPT 26 FALCON FEVER

PEP FEST ON FRIDAY AT 2:35 (GRADES 3-12)

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## The PCS Golf Scramble was a success!

What a day on the course! This year's PCS Golf Scramble brought together an incredible community of golfers, sponsors, and volunteers—and together we raised more than \$41,000 with proceeds going toward making tuition more affordable for our students!

The weather was beautiful, the competition was lively, and the fellowship was even better. Congratulations to our top teams and contest winners:

- Gross 1st Place: E&M Electric – **Jon Lein, Kirby Kassenborg, Eric Lein, Lucas Gunkelman**
- Net 1st Place: Team Stueland – **Luther Stueland, Tom Ysteboe, Chris Nellermoe**
- Longest Drive (Female): **Megan Ellefson**
- Longest Drive (Male): **Keagan Card**
- Longest Putt (Female): **Tenley Braunberger**
- Longest Putt (Male): **Steve Martel**

A huge thank you to every sponsor, golfer, and volunteer who made this event possible. Your support directly impacts PCS students and families in meaningful ways.

Mark your calendars now—next year's PCS Golf Scramble is set for **August 5, 2026!**



**PARK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

**K-6TH**

**GRANDPARENTS AND GRAND-FRIENDS DAY**

**OCTOBER 10**

## Blue Preferred Coupon Books

### - All School Fundraiser

Get ready for an incredible year of savings and support for Park Christian School! Our Blue Book Fundraiser begins September 5th. This fundraiser typically raises \$40,000 for PCS tuition reduction assistance. You can be an active part of helping more families make PCS a real possibility! Each student's goal is to sell at least 10 books, (hard copy and/or digital). Each student will go home with five physical books. Please contact the PCS Office if you would like additional physical books. Both the physical and digital coupon book sells for \$25.00 each. Credit card sales are available.

Other organizations within the Fargo-Moorhead community are also selling these books, with the same release date of Friday, September 5th. Early sales are the best!

**All contest sales conclude at 4:00 pm Friday, October 3rd.**

**Pre-sales are OK. You just can't deliver the books until 9/5.**

**Save the Date for the PCS Fall Play**

**Angels of Bataan**

**November 6, 7, 8**

**Auditions are the first week of September!**

# Thinking Biblically

## Join us in welcoming Harvest Valley as a PCS Member Church!

Park Christian School - On Mission with Christian Parents and Member Churches

### The seven Park Christian Member Churches:

**Bethel**, partner since 1981 <https://www.bethelfc.com/>



**Calvary at Village Green**, partner since 2014 <https://www.calvarychurchvg.com/>



**Harvest Valley**, partner since 2025 <https://www.harvestvalley.church/>



**Metropolitan Baptist**, partner since 1993 <https://www.mbcfargo.org/>

**Northview**, partner since 1981 <https://www.northview.life/>



**Salem**, partner since 1991 <https://salemefc.org/>



**Triumph Lutheran Brethren**, partner since 1996 <https://www.triumphlbc.org/>



Why do we partner?

### United in Disciple-Making

Becoming like Christ is a lifelong journey. We believe in the power of church, school, and home all pointing in the same direction. By partnering with like-minded churches, we join hands in the shared mission of making disciples.

### Strengthening Families Together

Families are the foundation of society. The commitment to helping parents raise the next generation in truth and love is valued by both PCS and the Member Churches. The Member Churches stand as a pillar of support.

We are grateful for these gospel partnerships!



We are excited to enter year three of the five-year implementation of Teaching for Transformation. In 2024-25, eleven teachers/staff were fully engaged in TfT. This year, we'll all be on board, with eight Professional Development days being dedicated to the training.

### What is TfT?

Teaching for Transformation is a teaching framework that will equip our teachers to implement biblical integration in all subjects from Bible and History to Biology and Algebra. While the TfT practices will be implemented in all classrooms, this will not make each classroom uniform. Rather, it will help bring out the personality and style of each teacher while remaining focused on the main mission of the school.

For example, one of the practices teachers will implement is crafting something called a 'Deep Hope Statement'. It will be a simple statement that communicates what the teacher truly wants for their students. This statement will connect to their subject matter while also transcending the delivery of information, aiming instead for character formation. Each staff member's Deep Hope will be different, but they will all come together in unity under the school's mission to equip students to think biblically, serve wisely and serve faithfully.

### Why are we adopting Teaching for Transformation?

**We are adopting TfT because we are a good school.** We have phenomenal staff that are committed to our students and to Jesus Christ. We believe TfT will help us rise to another level of intentionality and provide teachers tangible and effective methods of integrating a biblical framework into their classrooms. Particularly, we expect this will be a great aid in onboarding new teachers on how to teach with the biblical framework.

Throughout the year we will continue to touch on the various aspects of TfT and hopefully grow your curiosity and interest in the program. We ask you to pray for us as we move forward in helping students understand and live out our mission, thinking Biblically, living wisely, and serving faithfully. **That is the primary purpose of TfT - to get better at our Mission!**