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# A PROUD STUDENT OF PORTLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

WRITTEN BY LIZZIE PHELPS

I have been at Portland Christian for six years now. I grew up going to public school but my life has changed completely since I've been at Portland. I have better friends, better teachers, a better relationship with God, and a better education. Before going to Portland, I was shy and very withdrawn in school. It felt as if I could not ask questions, which in turn made my education worse. I also did not have a lot of great friends. Since coming to Portland, I have made great friends who have helped me get through some very tough times and I don't know where I would be without them. Portland Christian is the reason why I made those wonderful connections.

At Portland, I can now finally learn in a safe environment and a quieter space. The curriculum is great and very useful in everyday life. Although the actual school aspect of Portland is excellent, the main thing at Portland Christian is how they helped my relationship with God. Every week in Portland there is a chapel, giving me another opportunity to worship God during the week. We always do prayer, a message, and a game. Chapel is the highlight of my week and is very fun and reviving. The Bible classes have informed my theology in such ways that I now know things I would not have known by myself. Being in chapel and having Bible class everyday has strengthened my relationship with God immensely.

Another way I got closer to God through Portland Christian is my friends. Without Portland I would not have these amazing friends that I can rely on and walk with in this life together as we grow closer to God. While my friends and peers at school have impacted my life, our teachers set the foundation for my new life at Portland Christian. The teachers actually care about you and want your wellbeing. They wanted me to learn and fully understand the topic before moving onto the next one. I can now finally ask questions without feeling embarrassed for not knowing the answer or even asking the question. In every single teacher, I can see God through them. God is reflected in the whole school.

So in conclusion, Portland Christian School has changed my life in a lot of ways. My education is very advanced thanks to all the wonderful teachers who truly care for me and my peers. My relationship with God has grown so much as I've learned a lot and gotten a lot closer with Him. Finally, I have found great and loving friends who have helped me become a better person and more comfortable with myself. I am so thankful for Portland Christian School for all these blessings.

**"God is  
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school."**



## **RESPECTING OUR HERITAGE, PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

**WRITTEN BY DANNY TAYLOR**

My name is Danny Taylor, and I graduated from Portland Christian School (PCS) in 1967. I'm married with two children and four grandchildren—all of whom, along with many other relatives, have attended PCS. I served on the PCS Board from 2004 to 2009 and as Board Chairman from 2009 through December 31, 2024.

My family's connection to PCS dates back to the mid-1930s. My grandmother Taylor was inspired by the Christ-centered singing of PCS students, including a young Joe Blansett and his sister Billie (later Billie Searcy). That experience led our family to relocate from Tennessee to Louisville so her children could attend PCS.

My dad and aunt enrolled, were baptized through the influence of PCS and their church, and remained committed to Christian education. My dad eventually left school to support the family and later served in World War II. My aunt, Lorene Brown, graduated from PCS in 1947.

After losing their parents, my aunt and dad prioritized raising their families in Christian education. My aunt adopted two children—Terry and Karen Brown—who both graduated from PCS. During my high school years, my parents welcomed Darryl and Jerry Witten into our home; they attended PCS and came to know Christ.





In 1967, shortly before graduation, I met Kathleen Cummins. We married in 1970 and have now been together 55 years. Her mother also valued PCS and made sure Kathy had that foundation. When we had children, Kathy and I chose to continue the legacy. Although we lived 30 miles away and both worked full-time, we prioritized Christian education.

Today, our children and grandchildren have all been exposed to God's Word daily through PCS and remain connected to the school community. When I reflect on our family's journey, I'm reminded of PCS's mission: "Teaching truth and transforming lives." Because of my grandmother's faithful decision and my grandfather's support, generations of our family have been shaped by that truth.

**"In today's world,  
the need for truth is  
as great as ever."**

In today's world, the need for truth is as great as ever. I'm thankful God continues to bless PCS and expand its impact. May we honor its heritage and continue serving others through Christ.

# BUILT ON PURPOSE: AN OPERATIONS UPDATE

WRITTEN BY GARY MOUNCE



As I conclude my third year as Director of Operations, I continue to be amazed by God's guidance in my journey. From my early days teaching with JCPS, to 21 years at Christian Academy, and leading Whitefield Academy, God has faithfully opened doors. I joined PCS in 2018 as Middle/High School Principal. In 2021, after much prayer and consideration, I accepted the newly created role of Director of Operations—an answer to prayer that aligned with my gifts and experience.

My current role involves overseeing Building & Grounds, Food Services, Health Services, IT, Safety & Security, and Transportation across both campuses. While the responsibilities are vast, I'm grateful for the strong team leaders in each area who carry out daily operations. I also manage property rentals and vendor partnerships.



## **Building & Grounds**

Terry Hammond, a PCS alum and skilled leader, manages this department with the support of Mauricio Quesada and Damon Saulsberry. Since joining in 2017, Terry has spearheaded numerous improvements, including roof replacements, major Lower School remodels, relocation of the IT server room, and carpool flow design. Under his leadership, we've opened a new softball field and weight room and are currently developing a baseball field. His hands-on approach has brought substantial cost savings and stewardship.

## **Food Services**

Led by Elizabeth Pulley, our Food Services team ensures daily meal operations run smoothly. Elizabeth brought on Jena Quesada, whose food prep background has been invaluable. Alongside part-time staff, they prepare and serve meals with care and creativity. Under Elizabeth's direction, we've expanded kitchen equipment and cafeteria space, launched themed lunches and the Snack Shack, and introduced daily breakfast options.

## **Health Services**

Managed by RN Paula Tucker and assisted by RN Lee Juarez, our Health Services department ensures student health and regulatory compliance. Paula's experience is instrumental in training staff in CPR, First Aid, and AED use, as well as coordinating field trip safety protocols. Recent accomplishments include a revamped nurse's office, upgraded emergency backpacks, enhanced digital record systems, and the addition of AEDs and LifeVac devices.

## **Information Technology**

Jonathan Lewter leads the IT department with unwavering dedication. With PCS for 19 years, Jonathan transitioned to full-time IT in 2021 and was recently joined by Philip Molenstina. Together, they manage extensive infrastructure and have driven major projects like relocating the server room, upgrading to fiber internet, launching a 1:1 student device program, and improving network and inventory systems.

## **Safety & Security**

This area, managed by me, has evolved significantly. We've enhanced safety measures with a modern emergency alert system, expanded camera coverage, implemented secure door access and staff ID systems, and installed bullet-resistant film on vulnerable glass. We also rekeyed campuses to tighten security.

## **Transportation**

Although PCS doesn't provide regular student transportation, we comply with state/federal guidelines for occasional student travel. The primary focus has been improving carpool logistics and parking lot functionality. In recent years, we've implemented consistent patterns, addressed van requirements, and restriped lots for better flow.

Operations are the unseen backbone of PCS. I believe God used every step of my career to prepare me for this role. It's a privilege to serve Him and the PCS family daily.

Please keep our team in prayer as we strive to honor God through our work.

Blessings,  
Gary



The Operations Team, from left to right: Mallory Vandgrift (Cafeteria Staff), Gary Mounce (Director of Operations), Michelle Poland (Cafeteria Staff), Jonathan Lewter (IT Manager), Elizabeth Pulley (Director of Cafeteria Services), Philip Molestina (IT Assistant), Jena Quesada (Cafeteria Staff), Mauricio Quesada (Building and Grounds Assistant), Paula Tucker (School Nurse), Terry Hammond (Director of Facilities), Lee Juarez (Health Room Assistant), Daija Anderson (Cafeteria Staff), Damon Saulsberry (Janitor).



# PORTLAND TAKES THE STAGE

WRITTEN BY MEREDITH ELMORE

As a Portland Christian student, Portland was an oasis, a home away from home. It truly felt like a second family, and this familial atmosphere is something I still cherish to this day. The Theater Department at Portland Christian was truly my safe space—a place where I could express myself more freely than in any other class. This program meant so much to me and so many others, and every day I am in awe of the Lord's kindness for giving me the opportunity to oversee this program.

As an elective teacher, I have the unique opportunity to see a side of the students that many other teachers don't often get to witness. I get to watch their personalities emerge through the way they express themselves in this art form. I see friendships form and students enhance their communication skills, public speaking, teamwork, camaraderie, problem-solving abilities, and so much more.

No matter where my students fall on the social spectrum—introverted or extroverted, athlete or mathlete, quiet observer or life of the party, and everything in between—they all come together with a common goal: to put on the best performance they can and to do it all in the name of Christ (Colossians 3:17).

We have the opportunity to honor the ultimate Creator with what we create—and what an amazing opportunity that is! As our program journeys into the future, this remains our ultimate goal.

I am so thankful for our PCS community and their continued support of the arts. It's such an enriching experience for our students of all ages. I'm eager to see what the Lord has in store for our program's future.







## PCS ROBOTICS IS HEADED TO THE NETHERLANDS

After our PCS Robotics team received the distinguished THINK Award at a regional tournament held at the University of Kentucky this spring, they received an exclusive invitation to compete at the **FIRST Tech Challenge Premiere Event in the Netherlands in July**—an international competition hosting 96 of the world's top robotics teams from 25 countries.

This remarkable opportunity will allow our students to not only represent Portland Christian School but our country and Christ on a global stage.

We want to take a moment and thank our community for their extraordinary generosity. We have received **over \$23,000** in pledges toward this journey. This support reflects the steadfast commitment of families, alumni, and friends like you to empowering a generation of faith-filled problem solvers and Christian leaders.

But we're not done yet.

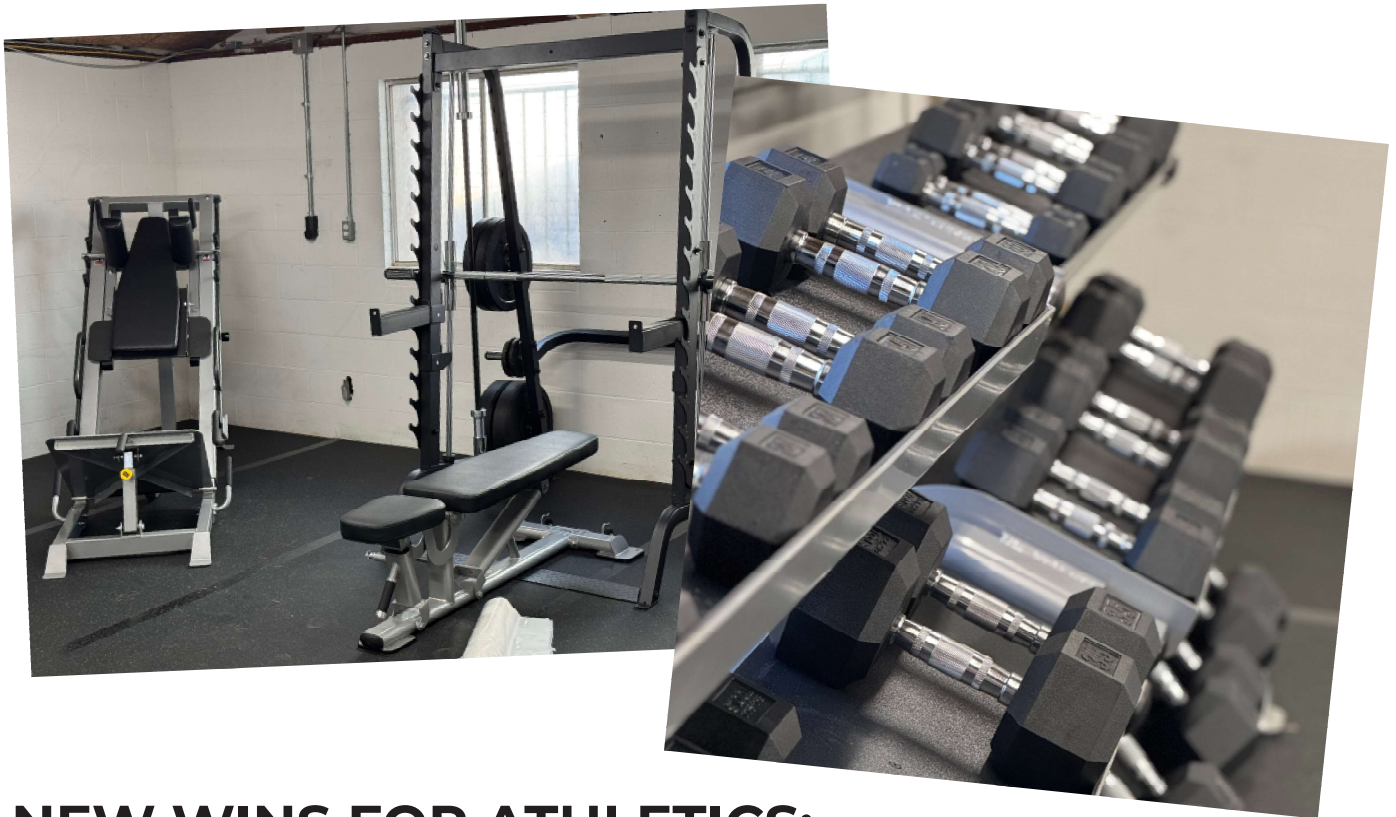
To fully fund travel and accommodations for our six students and their coaches—and to complete the development of a competition-ready robot (a project with costs exceeding \$7,500)—**we are prayerfully working toward a total goal of \$40,000.**

If you would like to support the PCS Robotics Team, feel free to visit our online giving page and select "Robotics" on the project menu, or you can send us your contribution and let us know you'd like your gift to support the Robotics team's efforts.



Every contribution—large or small—helps send these young innovators across the ocean for a life-changing opportunity to learn and lead. You are investing in more than a robotics team - you are empowering a generation of faith-filled problem solvers and Christian leaders to use their gifts with purpose and excellence.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to uplift and invest in the next generation of Christian thinkers and world changers. We look forward to updating you on their journey!



## **NEW WINS FOR ATHLETICS: PCS'S FIRST WEIGHT ROOM AND SOFTBALL FIELD**

**WRITTEN BY JASON BRAGG**

As the new Athletic Director at Portland Christian School, I'm honored to step into a role that holds so much purpose and potential. From day one, I've been inspired by the spirit of our student-athletes, the dedication of our coaches, and the unwavering support of our families and community. It's clear that PCS Athletics isn't just about competition—it's about character, commitment, and growth.

This spring, we're celebrating two exciting developments that will strengthen the foundation of our athletic program: the opening of a brand-new weight room and the completion of our softball field.

The new weight room is a game-changer for all PCS athletes. It's more than just a place to lift weights—it's a space where students will build strength, confidence, and discipline. It supports our goal of developing well-rounded athletes who train with intention and purpose, both in-season and off-season. The facility will also allow our coaches to implement more structured and effective training programs tailored to each team's needs.



Equally exciting is the completion of the softball field that now serves as our home field.

For the first time, our softball team has a true home—a place where they can practice, compete, and represent PCS with pride. This field represents years of dreaming, planning, and teamwork, and it will serve generations of athletes to come. It's a powerful symbol of progress, and we're thrilled to watch it come to life.

These upgrades aren't just about bricks and mortar. They reflect a bigger vision: that PCS Athletics can be a thriving, dynamic program that teaches life lessons, builds community, and points students toward excellence in all they do. Our goal is to invest in every athlete—mind, body, and spirit—and to cultivate a culture where every student feels valued, prepared, and inspired to lead.

There's more ahead, and I'm excited for what's to come. Thank you for your continued support of PCS Athletics—we truly couldn't do this without you.



**At Portland Christian School, academic achievement is a top priority.**

We use the nationally recognized MAP® test to measure student progress in reading and math. This assessment, taken by millions nationwide, gives valuable insight into student growth. We're proud to share encouraging news about our students' academic progress. Starting with the Spring 2023 MAP scores as our baseline, we now highlight the impressive results from Spring 2025. These recent scores reflect some of the most significant academic gains we've seen. The data demonstrates steady growth and highlights the success of our strategies since adopting MAP as a key evaluation tool.

## UPPER SCHOOL MATH ACHIEVEMENT (MEASURED IN PERCENTILE IN THE US)



The class of 2026 (our rising seniors), went from 54th percentile in the US in achievement to the 64th percentile in the US.



The class of 2027 (our rising juniors), went from 37th percentile in the US in achievement to the 64th percentile in the US.



The class of 2028 (our rising sophmores), went from 38th percentile in the US in achievement to the 63rd percentile in the US.



The class of 2029 (our rising freshmen), went from 38th percentile in the US in achievement to the 49th percentile in the US.

## UPPER SCHOOL READING ACHIEVEMENT (MEASURED IN PERCENTILE IN THE US)



The class of 2028 (our rising sophomores), went from 46th percentile in the US in achievement to the 60th percentile in the US.



The class of 2029 (our rising freshmen), went from 56th percentile in the US in achievement to the 67th percentile in the US.



The class of 2030 (our rising 8th graders), went from 49th percentile in the US in achievement to the 66th percentile in the US.

## LOWER SCHOOL READING ACHIEVEMENT (MEASURED IN PERCENTILE IN THE US)

In 2023, 86% of our classes scored better than the public school national average.

In 2025, 100% of our classes scored better than the public school national average.

**AN INCREASE OF 14%**



In 2023, 43% of our classes scored better than the private school national average.

In 2025, 100% of our classes scored better than the private school national average.

**AN INCREASE OF 57%**





## LOWER SCHOOL MATH ACHIEVEMENT (MEASURED IN PERCENTILE IN THE US)



IN 2023, 71% of our classes scored better than the public school national average.

In 2025, 100% of our classes scored better than the public school national average.

**AN INCREASE OF 29%**



In 2023, 14% of our classes scored better than the private school national average.

In 2025, 83% of our classes scored better than the private school national average.

**AN INCREASE OF 69%**

Our vision  
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# Education is to advance culture for Christ

WE ASPIRE TO GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, AND LIVE THEIR LIVES IN WAYS THAT MEASURABLY, AND SOMETIMES RADICALLY, IMPACT THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THE WORLD FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST.



# WELCOMING NEW FAMILIES TO THE PORTLAND CHRISTIAN FAMILY

WRITTEN BY KELLIE PLEDGER

When I enrolled as a Sophomore at Portland Christian School in 1992, I could never have imagined the impact PCS would have on me and my family. My family had been connected with PCS for a number of years, as my Dad is a 1968 graduate, but PCS did not become personal to me until my years there as a student. After graduating in 1995 and pursuing a degree in Music Education, the Lord called me back to PCS, where I had the joy of teaching K-12 music for 3 years. After several years of living outside of Louisville as a busy mom with 3 kids, the Lord opened the door in 2015 for me to return to PCS, and to bring my children with me! I am completing my 10th year as PCS Director of Admissions, and have now had a child in every grade at PCS from our 2 year old preschool to graduating Senior. The legacy of faith that began in 1924 has impacted my family for three generations, and I am incredibly grateful for the Lord's provision to allow my Dad, my sisters and me, and now my children to attend.

Through my role in admissions, I have had the wonderful opportunity to meet hundreds of families seeking the Christian education and partnership offered at Portland Christian School. The opportunity to meet and share PCS with students and families is a privilege and gift, and I love hearing the stories of how the Lord has led families here and how He is using PCS to further His Kingdom. The Lord continues to grow the PCS family and provide us the opportunity to share the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ with our community. The legacy of Portland Christian School is one of faith and love, and I am excited to see generations continue to Love God, Love People, and Live Differently. Praise God for His gift of Portland Christian School, and the generations of Christ followers who continue to share our school for His glory!

**“The Lord continues to grow the PCS family and provide us the opportunity to share the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ with our community.”**



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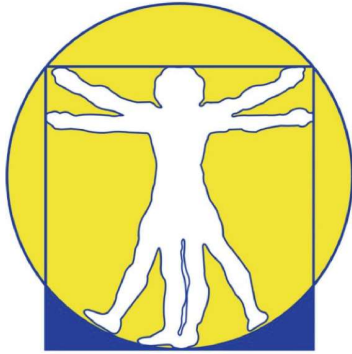
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## **DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR UPDATES: BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE**

**WRITTEN BY ERIC HOWARD**

As we look back over the past several months, I'm filled with gratitude for the incredible ways God is working through the Portland Christian School community. Your generosity, prayers, and encouragement have made a lasting difference—and we are truly seeing the fruit.

This past year brought some exciting milestones. With your help, we completed our long-awaited softball field, giving our athletes a true home for practices and games. We also established a new weight room, now serving our student athletes, team conditioning, and overall wellness—an investment in both physical health and mental resilience. These projects are two tangible examples of how your generosity shapes students' lives.

Now, as we look to the summer months, we are launching a new Summer Capital Project Campaign to continue building out key areas of our campus. From classroom upgrades and safety enhancements to improvements in student gathering spaces, our goal is clear: to create an environment where students can thrive spiritually, academically, and socially.

This work cannot happen without you. And while financial support is critical, we also know that giving can—and should—be intentional and aligned with your values, goals, and resources.

That's why we're here to walk with you as you consider how best to invest in Portland Christian.

There are several donor-centered strategies that may maximize your giving while offering real tax benefits:

- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from your IRA can satisfy required minimum distributions while avoiding income tax
- Donor Advised Funds allow you to bundle deductions, grow assets tax-free, and distribute gifts at your pace
- Charitable Remainder Trusts and Gift Annuities provide income for life and tax deductions today
- Gifts of appreciated stock or property may help you avoid capital gains while supporting our mission
- Naming PCS as a retirement account beneficiary is a powerful and simple legacy gift

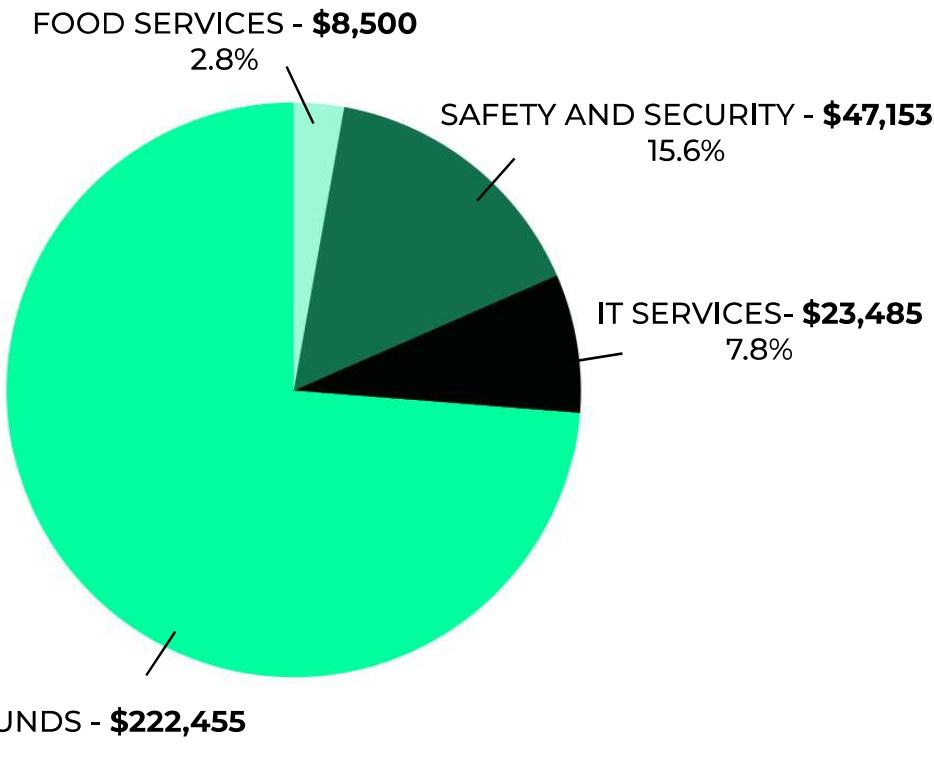


If you've ever thought, "I'd give more if I knew how to make the most of it," we'd love to talk. Whether you're exploring giving options, planning for retirement, or updating your estate plan, we're here to be a resource.

Our mission remains unchanged: to graduate students who love God, love people, and live lives that measurably and sometimes radically impact the world for Christ. Every gift, conversation, and partnership moves us closer to that vision.

Let's continue to dream big together. If you'd like to learn more about the Summer Capital Campaign or want to schedule a conversation, please don't hesitate to reach out. We'd be honored to meet with you.

**CAPITAL NEEDS:**  
**\$301,793**



<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b>		
Add Heat Strips to heating system in the LS (9 rooms)	\$50,000.00	
Paving lower lot and two spots of main lots; sealing / restriping	\$40,655.00	
Window Replacement (Lower School) (3 rooms left)	\$40,000.00	
New flooring in the cafeteria	\$15,000.00	
Blinds (Upper School classroom) & Rms 16, 18 & 17	\$14,500.00	
Repair Gym Roof	\$9,810.00	
Complete reflooring the LS (T-Hall)	\$9,400.00	
Do away with the Awning over Door 4 / add Awning to Door 5	\$9,000.00	
Replace the doors on the Admin building	\$8,500.00	
Remove Trees from behind the gym	\$8,000.00	
Additional Café furniture purchase (Five tables)	\$6,332.00	
Repair flat roof over the nurses office	\$4,258.00	
Replace hardware (door 7) LS T-Hall	\$3,000.00	
Reroute the exposed gas line running though the cafeteria	\$2,200.00	
Reroute the electrical pipe that runs in front of the IT office door	<del>\$1,800.00</del>	
	<b>\$222,455.00</b>	

<b>FOOD SERVICES</b>	
Serving table (hot and cold)	<b>\$8,500</b>
<b>IT SERVICES</b>	
Chrome Book (55 needed, \$427 each)	<b>\$23,485</b>
<b>SAFETY &amp; SECURITY</b>	
Additional Door Security and Cameras	\$22,500
Playground Fence	<del>\$24,853</del>
	<b>\$47,353</b>

# A YEAR IN REVIEW: SPIRITUAL LIFE AT PORTLAND CHRISTIAN

WRITTEN BY JACLYN MILES

This school year has been one of growth, inspiration, and transformation for the Spiritual Life Department at Portland Christian School. As we reflect on all that God has done, we are especially excited to highlight new initiatives and meaningful experiences that have drawn our students—both in the Upper and Lower Schools—closer to Jesus.

## UPPER SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

### Ignite Conference: “Let’s Gooooooooo!”

In October, PCS launched the Ignite Conference, a two-day off-campus experience for students in grades 6–12. With the theme “Let’s Gooooooo! Answering God’s Call, the event invited students to step away from routine and fully engage with God’s presence through worship, powerful messages, breakout sessions, and intentional community.

The conference centered on four pivotal biblical stories—Abram, Esther, the Woman at the Well, and the Disciples—each showing individuals who were faced with a choice to follow God’s call wholeheartedly. Students were encouraged to consider how God is calling them today and to respond with boldness and faith. It was a time of spiritual breakthrough, commitment, and excitement for what it means to live on mission.

### Missions Week: Living the Gospel Out Loud

Building on the momentum of Ignite, PCS launched its first-ever Missions Week, an opportunity for students to explore what it means to serve locally and globally. Grounded in Matthew 28, students heard real missionary stories, participated in hands-on service projects, and reflected on how to live out the Gospel in practical ways. Portland Christian also sent a team of 24 teachers and students to the Dominican Republic to work in partnership with GO Ministries -the largest group of students we have sent in years! Missions Week helped teach our students that mission work isn’t just something we talk about—it’s something we do.

## LOWER SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Spiritual life in the Lower School continued to flourish through engaging and faith-building weekly Chapel services. Our youngest students experienced God's love through creative, interactive teaching that helped them understand and apply biblical truth in their everyday lives. Here are just a few of the exciting series our Lower School students experienced this year:

### Mystery Manor

In this imaginative series, students became detectives solving big spiritual mysteries—like who God is, what the Bible says, and what heaven is really like. Each week, students discovered that God's Word holds the answers, teaching them to be curious, ask questions, and seek truth through Scripture.

### The Great Outdoors

Through the beauty of nature, students explored how to grow in their friendship with God. They learned to get quiet, spend time in the Word, and open their hearts in worship. Just like exploring the outdoors, developing a relationship with God became an adventure full of wonder and discovery.

### Think About It

This impactful series taught students the power of their thoughts. In a world full of noise, kids learned how to recognize and reshape their thinking through a relationship with Jesus. By learning to catch, check, and change their thoughts, they began to understand how God can renew their minds and lead them in truth.

Beyond Chapel, Lower School students also had opportunities to live out their faith through giving and service. During Missions Week, students collected hundreds of items for our local Ronald McDonald House, learning firsthand what it means to care for families in need. They also participated in a fun and spirited Penny War, with all proceeds going to help send Upper School students on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Who knew that Lower School students could raise \$3,800 in a Penny War! These moments reminded us all that you're never too young to make a difference in God's Kingdom.

## LOOKING AHEAD

From the youngest learners in Chapel to middle and high schoolers stepping into God's mission, this year has been a powerful testament to God's work in our community. We are grateful for every heart stirred, every question answered, and every student who has taken a step closer to Jesus. As we look to the future, one thing is clear: God is on the move at Portland Christian School—and we are all saying, "Let's goooooo!"

## REFLECTIONS FROM OUR SENIORS:

**“What was your favorite memory from Portland?”**



“Chapel has taught me something new every week about who God is and how to deepen my relationship with him.”

- Kaelyn M.

“A fond memory I have from my time at Portland is senior retreat. I was able to make some great memories with my classmates and have great conversations with them. The experience is something I want to cherish and remember after I graduate.”

- Grayson H.



“There’s not a memory that sticks out from the others because I truly love all the memories I’ve made at Portland and they all hold a special place in my heart. I have been blessed with great friendships that make everyday memorable.”

- Mebrate V.



"My favorite memory from Portland has been senior retreat. At that time in my life I just needed a spiritual awakening and that brought me exactly what I needed."

- Brevin P.



"My favorite memory from my time at Portland is all of them. Getting to meet my lifelong friends, and playing sports with them. Getting to experience new things with Christ and having a good support system. Also having my dad as a coach and experiencing my last sports games with him."

- Piper S.

"I can't pick a favorite memory from my time at Portland because that is just picking the best day in my whole life. I can't summarize the impact or shaping that the meaningful relationships my friends and teachers have had on me. But the best feeling in the world is competing with the people you love and striving for excellence."

- Seb B.



# SAVE THE DATE!



Join us for the annual **Portland Christian Fall Festival** — a family-friendly celebration featuring live music, food trucks, artisan vendors, and the Portland Christian School community. Last year, we had over 1,700 guests and are expecting even more this year. We hope to see you there!

## **TELLING PORTLAND'S STORIES: EAGLE EYE PERSPECTIVES**

WRITTEN BY HUNTER MITCHELL



Since the turn of the 20th century, technology has evolved dramatically- from Steve Jobs' introduction of the iPhone in 2007 to the widespread use of artificial intelligence that's present today. In 2014, another new piece of technology exploded onto the scene as the general public found a new way to consume news and find entertainment through the medium of podcasting.

As with anything new, podcasting has had its fair share of skeptics. But in today's world, podcasts have transformed our ability to connect with others and discover different ideas. In Portland Christian's case, it's given us a new platform to share the stories and characteristics that make this school so unique.

This year, Portland created Eagle Eye Perspectives, a podcast centered around telling the stories of the students, faculty, and alumni that have helped create the school's 100-year history. As a PCS graduate and working teacher, it's an honor to host this podcast and help share the stories of the community that's had such a profound impact on my life.

In episode one we sat down with current senior Ryan Dolleris, who learned how to be the driving force behind his faith after his father passed away early in RD's high school career. In episode four, crowd favorite Patti Davis stopped by to talk about the impact that teaching at Portland for two decades has had in her life. In episode seven our Spiritual Life Director, Jaclyn Miles, spoke about the spiritual health of our student body and how we're continuing to instill Biblical truths into them in new and exciting ways.

The heart of Eagle Eye Perspectives is a desire to tell stories. As individuals each distinctly created by the Lord, we all have a unique story hand-crafted by our Creator. And these stories are what connect us to one another and provide us with the opportunity to witness to others.

Portland Christian is a school unlike any other, from its emphasis on the power of Biblical community to its continued focus on teaching our children about the truth founded in Scripture. Eagle Eye Perspectives has provided us with the opportunity to speak to those impacted by this school first-hand. Each one of them has an innate story that deserves to be told - and we're here to help them tell it.



## A CULTURE OF INSPIRED SERVICE

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At PCS, our mantra is to “Love God, Love People, and Live Differently.” Jesus set the ultimate example for living differently as He fed hungry crowds and washed his disciples’ feet. In a powerful declaration of who He is and why He came to earth Jesus said, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). In other words, if Jesus Christ himself, the King of Kings, came to earth with a determination to serve, we should humbly follow His example and seek to demonstrate our love for God and others through selfless service.

While Jesus is the ultimate example of a humble servant, God calls each of us to serve and inspire others to service. At PCS, our operation is a large one, with many moving pieces and spinning plates. Like many organizations, much of this movement is unseen. This edition of the Eagle Chronicle is dedicated to those individuals who work behind the scenes and serve well, especially when no one is watching. These individuals know who they are and probably would prefer not to be recognized. That said, I am grateful for all of our faculty, staff, and support personnel here at PCS, and it is an honor for me to honor those who serve so faithfully behind the scenes without fanfare.

As we embrace our guiding principle of “Loving God, Loving People, and Living Differently,” we should also celebrate our students’ participation in our inaugural Missions Week initiative where they had the incredible opportunity to serve in the Dominican Republic and provide strategic supports to 19 local area ministries. Our students’ dedication and hard work exemplified our commitment to making a positive impact both locally and globally through meaningful service. We are working diligently to establish this culture of service in our student body.



Next school year, we will continue to serve dozens of local area Louisville ministries and send students to Appalachia, New York, the Dominican Republic, and Poland. Please be in prayer for these service initiatives and encourage our students in their service. These service initiatives are part of PCS' larger mission to produce Culture Changers for Christ.

Finally, as you read this edition of the Eagle Chronicle, please consider sharing your gratitude with the individuals featured in the articles. These men and women work diligently to serve our operation, and without their efforts, we could not function. Please take a moment to thank our "behind the scenes" service leaders who serve us so well.

As we close another academic year and head into the summer months, we're also beginning to look ahead to the fall. We invite you to join us in prayer for our students, families, faculty, and staff—that they may find rest, renewal, and continued purpose in the good work to which the Lord has called them at Portland Christian.

"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

Galatians 6:9

**Love God.**

**Love People.**

**Live Differently.**

Thank  
You!



“LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND  
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND  
WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.”

**MARK 12:30**



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