



Head of School Update **Winter 2026**

Dear PCS Community,

I hope this message finds you well and that you had a wonderful Christmas filled with cherished moments with your loved ones as you celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior. As we welcome the new year, I want to extend my best wishes for a successful and fulfilling year ahead for you and your family. I believe God has great things in store for your family and for Portland Christian School in 2026. Thank you for your continued partnership in our school community. Together, let's make this the best year ever at PCS!

This is a lengthy update, covering four primary topics:

1. The Process Timeline for Securing our Next Upper School Principal
2. Happy Birthday, America!
3. The Life & Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King
4. Exciting School Updates from the 1st Semester

This is not required reading. There is no action requested of you other than to celebrate God's goodness with us and pray in earnest for next year's Upper School Principal and for the successful launch of our new *Anchor Program* in August of 2026. I pray this communication encourages you in how God is blessing and advancing our school and inspires you to be a champion for PCS in the community. Thank you for taking a few minutes to catch up on what's happening at PCS.

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Head of School

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Love God.
Love People.
Live Differently.

"God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. If your gift is teaching, teach well." - Romans 12:6-7



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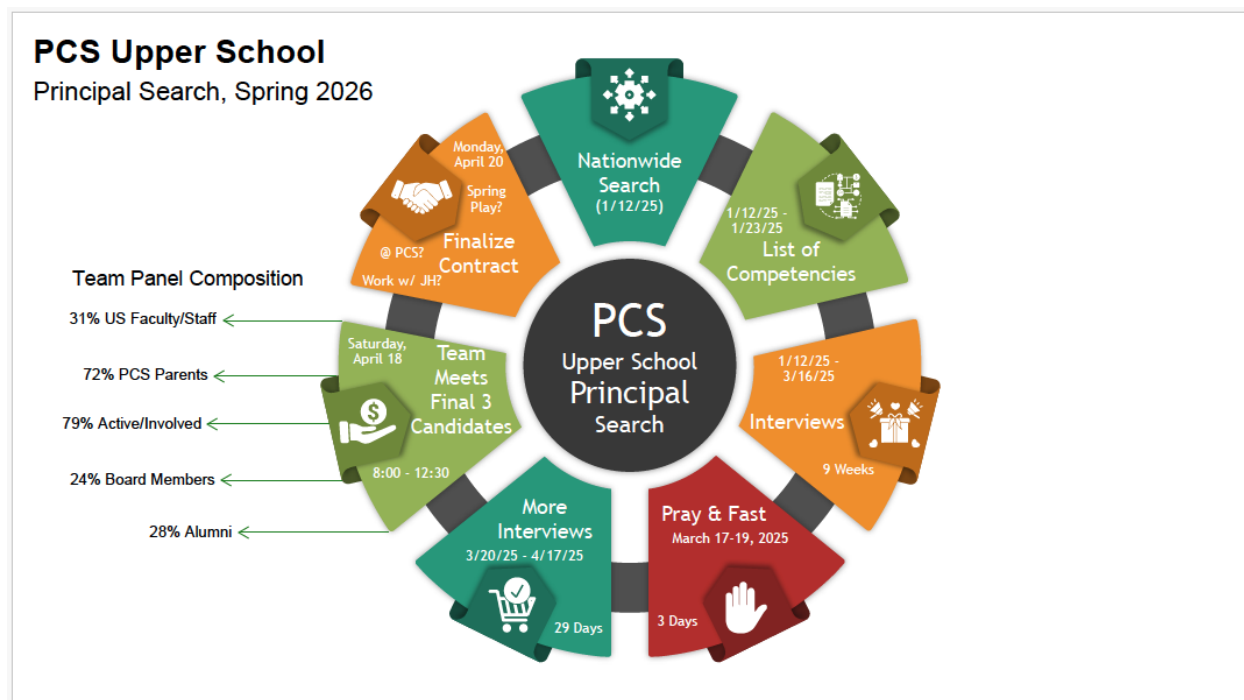




Our nationwide search for Upper School Principal has begun. We are working with a local HR firm to facilitate the search. As I prepare for candidate interviews, I have targeted a select group of 29 individuals representing a broad swath of PCS stakeholders to provide a list of competencies they would like to see in our next leader.

These same individuals have been invited to serve on a team panel to meet each of the final three candidates on Saturday, April 18th. This team will have an opportunity to meet and interact with the final candidates and provide meaningful input. The composition of this team is noted on the graphic below.

I have asked God to bless this timeline, as I would like to finalize the contract near the end of April and announce our new Upper School Principal soon after. This timing would allow approximately one month for collaboration and potential on-site interaction between our new principal and Mr. Hobbs. Please pray with me for God's will and timing.



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America is celebrating its 250th anniversary in 2026! What a momentous opportunity to educate our Christian school students about the Judeo-Christian heritage of our nation, the wonderful and expansive diversity that reflects God's creation and makes our nation uniquely special, and the courage and bravery of those who champion equality, opportunity, and protection for all, in keeping with the promise of the [Declaration of Independence](#). "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. To secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men..."

As we seek to partner with families through Christian education, encouraging our students to know and demonstrate Christlike love to all, operate in biblical unity, promote justice, and love mercy, I have linked two supplemental educational resources from our accrediting body, the *Association of Christian Schools International* (ACSI), that you can share and enjoy with your younger children. We hope that these resources will be a valuable tool for our families to promote scripturally sound social engagement concepts that honor God and mold the character of little ambassadors of Jesus Christ in accordance with our school motto, "Love God, Love People, Live Differently."

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God."
- Micah 6:8 (NIV)

[Ellis Island Activity](#)

[Equality for Women Activity](#)



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At PCS, we celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. Here are a few words and a 40-second video from ACSI President, Dr. Larry Taylor:

“As the United States celebrates 250 years as a nation this July, we are reminded of great men and women who have influenced our history and shaped its culture. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is an example of someone who stood against injustice and strived to bring unity and racial reconciliation. In his short 39 years of life, King traveled over six million miles speaking over 2,500 times. He wrote five books and numerous articles, including his [Letter from Birmingham Jail](#), and delivered his famous [I Have a Dream](#) speech.”

“At age 18, he wrote an article called [The Purpose of Education](#) for the campus newspaper at Morehouse College. King reminded readers that ‘We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.’ Together, let’s continue to be and to build ambassadors for Jesus Christ. Let’s remain committed to reconciliation with God and to one another as we prioritize discipleship and community in Christ.” – Dr. Larry Taylor, President, ACSI

The video from Dr. Taylor and additional resources you may find informative and engaging are linked below:

[MLK Video, ACSI](#)

[Letter from a Birmingham Jail](#) (full letter)

[I Have a Dream](#) (key excerpts from speech)

[Convict Leasing](#)

[Jim Crow Laws](#)

[Black Like Me](#)

[1964 Civil Rights Act](#)

[Ruby Bridges](#)

The links above provide information and resources that enhance our appreciation for the magnitude and importance of Dr. King’s life and work. Phil Vischer, the creator of [VeggieTales](#), provides contemporary commentary in two YouTube videos, [Race in America, Part I](#) and [Race in America, Part II](#). I encourage you to consider his thoughtful insights.



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Exciting News & Updates from Fall 2025



Our first semester was a smashing success! We are successful because God is blessing our efforts and because we have great people. PCS has incredible students from amazing families, and we have the best educators in Louisville. Thank you for being the best part of PCS!

1. Spiritual Life Update

- a. Weekly Chapel Services
 - i. PCS continues to have vibrant chapel services that engage and inspire students.
 - ii. Worship is heartfelt, and our guest speakers bring the Word of God alive.
 - iii. Students' lives are being impacted weekly.
- b. Ignite Conference
 - i. Students had a blast, once again.
 - ii. The most common post-conference comment was, "Make it three days next year!"
 - iii. Students received Jesus as Lord and Savior and were baptized during chapel!!
- c. Bible Bowl = Many Championships

2. Academics Update

- a. Fully Staffed (Preschool, Lower School, Upper School)
- b. Academic Interventions: Closing Gaps & Increasing Test Scores
- c. Junior High Robotics = Winning Competitions & Applying for Patents
- d. Targeted Professional Development Emphasis for Faculty and Staff

3. Athletics Update

- a. Successful Fall Sports Seasons
 - i. Excellent Participation Numbers
 - ii. Increasingly More Competitive & Victorious in Multiple Sports
- b. Successful Calendar Fundraiser
- c. Successful Parent Volunteer Operation

4. Facilities & Operations Update

- a. New Parking Lot
- b. New Playground Fencing
- c. New Heating Infrastructure (Lower School)
- d. Safety Grant Submitted (Impacts Both Campuses)

5. Fundraising Update

- a. Year-End Campaign = Goals Met (Pledges & Cash)
- b. Many New, First-Time Donors
- c. Many Reengaged Donors

6. Communication Update (Consistency with Week Ahead Achieved; New Additional Communication Tool Coming Soon)

7. Reenrollment & New Enrollment News (It is Reenrollment Season; New Enrollments are Aggressively Trending Up)



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