



Welcome to October! This is such a beautiful time of year with the crisp mornings of the changing seasons. This is also a very busy time of year for our school! As usual, I want to keep you informed and provide any details that I can about the many ways that God is blessing our school!

**Coffees:** The parent coffees will continue this month. These coffees provide an opportunity for me to inform parents of the growth and development phases of your children, share with you the progress and goals of the school, and encourage you in your parenting.

Please come from 8-9 a.m. in the foyer for the fellowship and conversation!

October 12—3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade coffee

October 18—5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade coffee

October 19—1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade coffee



**Annual Fund:** Have you seen our thermometers in the car pool line? We are on our way to the school goal of \$100,000!!! The board, administration, faculty and staff have pledged right at \$40,000 for the year! We are committed to this school and your children! Some of you have asked for a recommended donation. Well, that is difficult to say because our families are so diverse economically. Some of you can give thousands, while others can barely make ends meet. Just pray for God to guide you, and know that any donation is a wonderful and appreciated gift! You can make your pledge and pay it over the year or anytime before May. Below is a note written by Pat Dorazio, our music teacher, that I thought you might enjoy:

Just wanted to let you know how faithful God is.

Three or four weeks ago, life was moving along. I had started back teaching at PCS, the joy of what I love to do, my private students had begun, and life seemed pretty good. The dryer died in that week, the newer car we had only had for five years started smoking, and eventually died, news came of my husband's health that wasn't very favorable, and it seemed as if an avalanche had begun. At first, I reacted humanly, I panicked. Wish I could say I acted saintly, but I lost it. Then I called a friend who talked with me and prayed for me. My second reaction was, I have lived from breath to breath, with God giving me every breath I breathe.

His faithfulness had never waned. I began to remember stories in my life and how God had always helped me through whatever situation I had in life.

I began to think, Lord how can we afford PCS for my son, what about me working full time somewhere to help pay for the prescriptions my husband would have to take, what do I do? The Lord impressed on me that He would provide if I trusted Him. I answered, Yes, I will trust you and I will stop trying to fix and plan and do it myself. I let go. (For independent me, that is a scary thought) but it became a peaceful thought. Three days later, a dryer was given to us. Works beautifully. The medicine that would have cost Daniel's tuition each month, will only cost a fraction of that amount. Someone, anonymously, from my bible study supplied enough money to pay for 4 months of Gery's prescription. This all happened in about 2 weeks. I have to tell you that my faith is increasing every day. Gery and I are convinced that Daniel belongs at PCS. We love this school and Daniel is thriving. We must trust in the Lord and He will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory. The car situation is not fixed, but we are waiting on the Lord to give us direction and supply that need. Is there anything too hard for God? Absolutely not. Psalms 34:4-8-"I sought the Lord and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and saved Him out of all his troubles! The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him and delivers them."

Christ is showing us His plan and way for our family. I pray that you will trust and obey the Lord. He has good things planned if we trust and wait on Him for all our needs. Our family is living proof of that.

Blessings to you and yours.

Pat Dorazio



**Open Houses:** Please invite your friends and neighbors to the open houses on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. or Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. We will meet in the foyer of the auditorium. If you would like the school to mail an invitation to your friends, just call Torrie with the address. We are also continuing the “Bring a Family” campaign again. You can find out more about this at the parent coffees!

**Sports update:** The middle school cross country team is nearing the end of their season. Check the website for their schedule and come cheer them on! Basketball and cheerleading will start in a few weeks! Go Eagles! If we have enough parent volunteers, we will also have a pep squad for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls! If you are interested in helping as an assistant basketball coach or assistant cheerleader sponsor, please call me!



**Drivers:** Please remember that all drivers for field trips will need to submit your insurance information, your drivers license copy, and permission for a DMV report at least a week in advance of the trip. The DMV report will be run by Lee Thrasher in the church office, and it will remain completely confidential by him.

**Reading:** Research indicates that the single most important factor in a child’s reading success is if the parents read to them! Keep reading to your children everyday! They will learn how good readers read based on this precious time together! Even middle school students enjoy a good story!

Finally, I really appreciated all your kind encouragement during my recent back attack. I loved reading all the cards from the students! What a blessing children are in the eyes of the Lord and in my eyes!

May God continue to bless PCS with amazing children and families!

His Servant,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Fern Dallas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Fern Dallas, Superintendent  
Providence Christian School