



Knightline 9.8.20

Calendar of Events

Visit our homepage calendar for important dates or [click here](#) to view the entire calendar.

News and Announcements

- **Parent Alert Test on Wednesday, September 9th at 10:00 AM.** Peninsula Catholic High School uses Parent Alert that enables school personnel to notify all households and parents by phone within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that causes early dismissal, school cancellation or late start. (We will continue to report school closings due to weather on the local TV stations and on www.peninsulacatholic.org.) The service will also be used to communicate general announcements or reminders. When appropriate, some messages might be relayed via Email or text. We will test this system by email, text messaging, and phone. Please review [the letter](#) sent home in August for more details. Should you not receive the three different messages, please check your settings in FACTS Parent Portal on the PCHS website. If you need help clarifying the issue, please contact [Mrs. Padilla](#).
- **First Tag Day of the Year--For a VERY good cause!** The Student Council Association will be sponsoring a tag day on Thursday, September 10th in support of Ms. Laffey, a former Peninsula Catholic Teacher and PC community member who is battling cancer. All money raised will be sent directly to Mrs. Laffey to help with the rising expenses. As a former history and government teacher, Ms. Laffey taught many current juniors and seniors. Let us show our support and love for Ms. Laffey by coming out in tag September 10th, wearing her favorite colors: teal or green! For new students here at PC, a "tag day" the traditional dress-down or out-of-uniform day. This tag day costs \$1 but donations above \$1 are gladly accepted. In a change from previous years, tag day money will be collected in Homeroom. Students are asked to bring exactly one dollar as teachers will not be able to make change for bills over \$1. Students should follow the tag day guidelines stated in the Student Handbook. Please keep Ms. Laffey in your prayers.
- **This week your students will be guided through a concussion testing.** All students--on campus and virtual--must take this test. Please remind your students to take it seriously as it is a crucial tool when students get head injuries and helps to identify more quickly when they can return to academics and to playing sports.
- **New Diocesan Publicity Release Form--Please return by Friday.** As part of the new Digital Communications and Media Policy for the Diocese of Richmond, we need all parents to complete, sign, and return the form attached by this Friday, September 11,

2020. This supersedes the media release form signed at the beginning of the year. On-Campus Students should return to their homeroom teacher; Parents of Virtual Learners should either send it electronically to [Mrs. Padilla](#) or you may drop it by the main office.

- **Virtual Back to School Night Postponed to Wednesday, September 16th.** For the safety of all, BTS Night will be all virtual this fall. It was originally scheduled for this week, but for planning purposes and to hold off until after Add/Drop and the switch from Virtual to On-Campus (and vice-versa) is concluded, it has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, September 16th**. More details will be forthcoming next week but there will be a 10 minute Zoom meeting for each class with 5 minutes between classes, starting at 6:00 pm (Band at 5:45 pm).
- **Flu Vaccines will be offered to our students and family members.** Your student will receive the Flu Clinic Letter and Form from their homeroom teacher this week. All forms must be turned in by **Friday September 11th**. If you are in need of more forms there is some located in the main office or you can email The School Nurse, [Maria Silcox](#). There should only be one person per form and you should not be answering question 1 till the day of the Clinic.
- **Parent and Student Responsibilities for Student Absences (on-campus and virtual)**

On-Campus Learners: A student who is usually on-campus but is absent may attend virtually; however, parents must still notify the main office of the absence (either email to [Mrs. Warren](#) OR sending in a note with your student the next day). If no note is presented, the absence will be considered unexcused and the student will receive a zero for the day.

Virtual Learners

The zero policy (see above) is also true for virtual learners who do not attend class. Parents of virtual learners are also asked to email Mrs. Warren in the Main Office the day of the absence **but must also email the teachers**. (This is required since students will not be able to present an admittance slip to teachers. Unless notified otherwise by the principal, teachers will note the absence as excused.)

- **Please remember to pre-order student lunches thru FACTS.** Lunch menus are posted in advance. Each lunch comes with bottled water. Apple or orange juice, as well as white or chocolate milk are available for an additional fee. Should parents or students have questions please send an email to [Mrs. Freel](#).
- **Bus Route Options 20-21.** As a reminder, we have a number of transportation options available for students this year. For safety, there has to be at least TWO students on any bus in order for that bus to be able to run the route. Please see the [Bus Commitment Form](#) for more details.
- **50/50 Raffle is up to a \$500 Payout!** The 50/50 Raffle continues to grow each day. The drawing is only six weeks away, so now is the time to sell your tickets. October 17th will be here before you know it. For your convenience, tickets are also available [online](#). All tickets purchased online will be entered in the drawing as we receive them. Encourage your family and friends to support PC Athletics by purchasing several raffle tickets. Anyone can win! If you need more tickets, contact [Robin Thomas](#).

- **Knights Boys Volleyball.** Boys volleyball will begin open gym play in the aux gym on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30pm. We will start Wednesday, September 9th. All boys welcome! Questions? See [Ms. Gomez](#) in room 106. Go Knights!
- **Want to serve your fellow Knights?** Join the Blue Crew Club! Our mission is to serve our fellow Knights by encouraging and celebrating the great things PC Knights do! Our Blue Crew meetings are held every second Friday of the month. Our first meeting is Friday, September 11th. Questions? See [Ms. Gomez](#) in room 106. Go Knights!

Home and School

- **Home and School Parent Committee ZOOM Meetings.** Home and School Parent Committee Meetings will be held via Zoom the first Thursday of the month (with a couple of exceptions) at 5:30 p.m. for the foreseeable future. When this changes to include in-person meetings we will move to the 6:00 p.m. time to allow for more parents to attend in person, if desired. Join us to reflect on the Home & School events so far and learn more about upcoming service hour opportunities. The Zoom Link below will be used for each monthly meeting.
Zoom Meeting Link:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77352528165?pwd=RUM4SFNXZkh0UnVIZUZzb2JHRHVST09>
Meeting ID: 773 5252 8165
Passcode: dY9ih0

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Are you available during the day to help the Development Office?** The Development Office is in need of a few volunteers to help with our next mailing. This task will take place at PC the week of September 21-25th. [Click here](#) to sign up to assist with this project. Contact [Robin Thomas](#) for more information.
- **It's Spirit Wear Time!** We need volunteers to organize our Spirit Wear. The current inventory needs to be counted and priced to prepare for launching our online catalog. Additionally, we need volunteers to assist with selling Spirit Wear during activity block (2:00-3:00 pm) twice a month. Contact [Cody Wiley](#) for more information.
- **Help with Instagram.** We are looking for a volunteer to help us manage our Instagram account. If you are familiar with Instagram and looking for a way to get your service hours at home, this is a great job for you. Contact [Cody Wiley](#) for more information.
- **Bingo is Back and Volunteers are Needed!**
The Knights of Columbus Council 5480 has restarted. They are continuing to update their protocols for bingo workers to follow the current social distancing guidelines. They are in need of adults who are comfortable working with the public under these circumstances.
Masks and gloves will be mandatory for volunteers.
Volunteers are in need from 5:30-10:30 PM on Thursdays.
It is a NON-smoking environment.
Students are NOT permitted to volunteer.
The Knights of Columbus provide a significant amount of money to Peninsula Catholic each year which allows us to keep tuition as low as possible. Since many of the members are elderly, they are not able to volunteer at this time; therefore, they are

expecting a shortage of regular bingo workers. We need your help. If you are able to volunteer for bingo a Thursday in the future, please contact [Patrick McFadden](#) to secure your spot. It is a great way to satisfy your family volunteer hours.