

Peru Catholic School

March 29, 2019

BE NOT AFRAID

As I sit and watch registration for next year come in, it would be easy to let FEAR and DOUBT take over. When I was young a priest friend of mine told me, ***"Amy, sometimes the way beyond fear is just that simple. You can have fear, but you don't have to do fear."*** So, I'm not going to do fear this time around. Instead, I'm going to focus on the space between. What does that mean? Simply the JOY, and the good that happens amid trying to reach our big goals.

One of the things required of me as the principal of PCS is strategic planning. In this process I must set several different goals for the school year, which include student and teacher growth, recruitment, financial stability, and curriculum development to name a few. It essentially becomes my playbook for the year. What's missing from that playbook is all the little stuff that happens while reaching those goals, the space between. How do we see or measure this? It's simple, walk around the building and look at what's happening day to day, hour to hour. It's then that I get a true sense of the work we are doing. It's then that my fears subside.

I've been told that I appear FEARLESS, this couldn't be further from the truth. I have many fears. What I choose to do however, is not let my FEAR paralyze me because if I did, we wouldn't grow.

Peace and Blessings,

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Upcoming Events

March 29

Fish Fry – 4:30pm-7:30pm
JA HAPP Gymnasium
Drive In, Carry Out, Dine In
\$10 Adults
\$5 Kids (12 and Under)
Fried Cod and Fried Shrimp

April 12

Noon Dismissal Spring Break

April 23

Classes Resume

April 26

PCS Art and Talent Show

Proposed Calendar for 2019-20

We appreciate everyone's hard work over the past three years to make our fundraising a success. Since I arrived in 2015, we have raised over to \$300,000. Next year we intend on slowing down and shifting our focus to **higher attendance** and **participation** at fundraising events. To accomplish this goal, I've reduced the number of events per year.

In honor of our 50th year in Catholic Education we are proposing a GALA with a Casino theme. The Golden Gala is tentatively scheduled for October 19, 2019. In addition to the Golden Gala we have our annual TRIVIA NIGHT on the schedule for January 18, 2020. We are looking forward to a FULL crowd at both events which will be opened to PCS families and the public.

To continue with the tradition of having events that are based around family participation we are kicking the year off with an ICE CREAM SOCIAL. Since we are eliminating the carnival, we hope to add a few games/activities for the kids on this night along with LOADS OF TREATS, meet the teacher, unpack your supplies and check out your classroom. This event is scheduled for August 19, 2019. Keeping with the family theme we will celebrate Catholic Schools week with a FAMILY FUN night on January 29, 2019. During the week other activities will include: Grandparents breakfast, PCS Mini Courses, and Dodgeball.

Finally, we will stay with our Lenten tradition and keep our FISH FRY! The PCS dads have this event down to a smooth running system and we are so grateful for their efforts. This will also be when we announce our CASH RAFFLE winner. Let's hope another PCS parent wins the BIG prize of \$10,000.

I'm looking forward to a successful fundraising year in 2019-20 and I hope the changes made to the event schedule encourage more participation and FUN.

NOTE: Numbers for this year's fundraising events are not finalized.

BOOK REVIEW

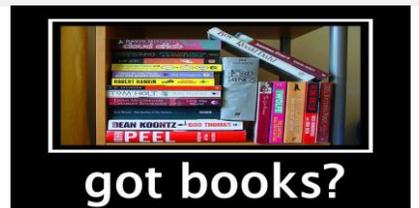
The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life

By: Parker J. Palmer

I read this book a few years ago, and over the summer I will be asking our teachers to read it. This book a moving, passionate, and inspired articulation of the call to, and the pain and joy of, teaching. I believe it is a must read for any and every teacher, at any level.

"The Courage to Teach builds on a simple premise: good teaching cannot be reduced to technique but is rooted in the identity and integrity of the teacher.

Good teaching takes myriad forms, but good teachers share one trait: they are authentically present in the classroom, deeply connected with their students and subject. The connections are held in the teacher's heart."



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Proposed Calendar 2019-20
(Final calendar to be determined)

Online Registration-
July 23,24,25,26 &27

New Teacher Institute (Peoria)

August 3, 2019
*Golf Outing

August 19, 2019
Teacher Institute
Ice Cream Social/Meet the Teacher/Drop of School Supplies 5:30-7pm

August 20, 2019
K-8th School Begins-Noon dismissal

August 21, 2019
K-8th Full Day-no Hot Lunch or Bus Service
Pre-K Begins noon dismissal

August 22-23, 2019
Pre-K noon dismissal

August 26, 2019
Pre-K first Full Day

September 2, 2019
No School-Labor Day

Need Dates
Bus Service Begins
Lunch Service Begins

September 6, 2019
Celebrate Grandparents Day-Mass
*Carnation Sale

October 11, 2019
Noon Dismissal-Teacher Institute
First Quarter Ends(Subject to Change)

October 14, 2019
No School-Columbus Day

October 18, 2019
Report Cards (Subject to Change)



October 19, 2019
*Golden Gala

October 31, 2019
Trunk or Treat



November 11, 2019
Veterans Program

November 26, 2019
Noon Dismissal-Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 27, 2019
No School-Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 28-29, 2019
No School-Thanksgiving Break

December 12, 2019
Prek4-2 Christmas Program

December 20, 2019
Noon Dismissal-Teacher Institute
Second Quarter Ends (Subject to Change)

December 23-January 3, 2019

Christmas Break

January 6, 2020

No School-Teacher Institute

January 7, 2020

School Resumes

January 8-10, 2020

Mini Courses

January 10, 2020

Report Cards (Subject to Change)

January 18, 2020

**Trivia Night*

January 24, 2020

Fun Fair-Kick off to Catholic Schools Week!

January 26-February 1, 2020

Catholic Schools Week

January 29, 2020

Family Night, 6 pm

January 30, 2020

Jr High Dodgeball Tournament, 6 pm

January 31, 2020

*Grandparents Breakfast 8:30-9:30 am
Mass 10 am*

February 8, 2020

**Daddy/Daughter Dance, 6:30-8 pm*

February 14, 2020

Noon Dismissal-Parent/Teacher
Conferences

February 17, 2020

No School-Presidents Day

February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday

February 28, 2020

Noon Dismissal-Teacher Institute

February 28, 2020

**Lenten Fish Fry*

March 6, 2020

Third Quarter Ends (Subject to Change)

March 13, 2020

Report Cards (Subject to Change)
Noon Dismissal-Teacher Institute

March 13, 2020

**Lenten Fish Fry + Cash Raffle*

April 9, 2020

Noon Dismissal-Teacher Institute

April 12, 2020

Easter Sunday

April 10-20, 2020

Spring Break

May 15, 2020

Fourth Quarter Ends (Subject to Change)

May 22, 2020

Last Day-All School Mass

Dismissal 11:30 am

Report Cards

*Indicates Fundraising Event

*All calendar date are subject to change

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See!
I will not
forget you
I have carved
you
on the palm
of my hand.
Isaiah 49:15

