

"The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values." - William S. Burroughs



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Dear PHCSE Families,

The new school year is upon us! We were so excited to welcome students, teachers, and families back on our first day and look forward to an amazing year.



First Day of School Photo via TribLive.com

One of the most important improvements we have made over the summer is the implementation of one-to-one Chromebook technology and a commitment to becoming an eco-friendly and paper free school! Major communication between PHCSE teachers and families will now take place using Skyward.

If you have not yet set up your Skyward account, please do so immediately or contact the main office at 412-793-6471 or info@phcharter.org for your username and temporary password.

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education and thank you for choosing the Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship. We look forward to an exciting year together!

Gratefully,
Ms. Tamara Allen, Principal

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Important Dates

September 7	Back to School Event (School wide)
September 19	8 th Grade – DC Parent Meeting
September 19	Transition Fair
September 20	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m.
September 21 & 22	Eric Johnson Assembly
September 30	Olweus Walk-A-Thon
October 19	Picture Day

PTA Updates

Harvest Door Decorating

Sign-ups start September 29. Meet other families, students, and have fun - show your teachers you appreciate them!

The PTO will provide scissors, tape, markers, and door covering for each classroom... AND PIZZA! Scholars could have (supervised) fun with their friends!

Please contact your homeroom representative to join in on this activity!

Fundraising Events

Pittsburgh Popcorn – Begins September 7!

Shop N' Save S.E.E.D. Program - Help us earn FREE assemblies! Create an account here:

<http://bit.ly/SNSRegister>

Log in to your account and link your Perks card to our school! We are 90% of the way to earning our first free assembly of the year!

Shoparoo – Download the app and take photos of your receipts to help us fundraise.

Upcoming Events

Public PTA Meeting - Wednesday, September 20, from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Childcare and refreshments available at every meeting.

Become a PTA Member!

We need you at our meetings – your voice matters.

Become a PTA Member to make your vote count at every public meeting. Dues: \$7/year.

Join the PTA Facebook Group (Penn Hills Charter PTA) to stay informed of events, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities in the school!

Contact: PennhillscharterPTA@gmail.com



Innovation & Program updates

Academic Update

PHCSE teachers are busy assessing their current level in reading and math through STAR Renaissance. Getting our students current level is vital to increasing student growth for all students. Parent's, please look for your student's STAR report in the coming weeks.

MicroSociety Update (Grades K-5)

Scholars in grades Kindergarten - Fifth Grade are receiving lessons in their classroom learning about different types of government from around the world from their homeroom teachers. Look for more updates on our growing society of Soarmania coming soon!

Entrepreneurial Program Updates (Grades 6-8)

Ms. Vigilante will be teaching Entrepreneurial Development this year. Teaching entrepreneurship changes mindsets, changes lives, and changes the world. Our goal is to equip young people with an innovator's eye and a founder's grit—the skills to excel in an innovation economy. Economists predict the jobs of tomorrow do not yet exist today, meaning entrepreneurial skills are skills for life. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Williams at 412.793.6471 if you would like to volunteer to mentor our Prep Academy students or be a guest speaker. Success starts at PHCSE!

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program

5th Annual Soar Above Bullying Walk-A-Thon

Who: PHCSE students, staff, and families

When: September 30, 2017

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: PHCSE School Grounds

Please contact Ms. Rayburg at 412.793.6471 if you have any questions.

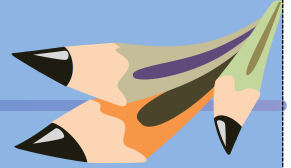
FAMILY REMINDERS

Nurse Update

Thank you all for your cooperation to help our school achieve 100% compliance with the new student immunization requirements.

Family Reading tips!

Reading at home with your child is an important part of making your child a strong reader. Some ways to make reading fun and exciting at home are creating a cozy reading area in your home, reading in silly voices, and reading books on devices such as iPads or Kindles.



PHCSE Highlights

Darrin Walls Touchdown For A's

PHCSE is excited to bring back the popular Touchdown for A's program, an educational initiative founded by former NFL player and Pittsburgh native Darrin Walls!



Photo: TribLive.com from our January 2017 assembly

The program rewarded students who improved their GPA last year, and we are excited for more students to participate this year! If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Touchdown for A's program contact Ms. Williams.

PHCSE partners with PNC School Bank Program

The School Bank Program encourages elementary and middle-school age students to take an interest in saving and banking. PNC partnered with us to provide financial education and empowerment to all of our scholars. The at-school program allows students to make deposits into a real savings account, giving them practical experience that they can use for the rest of their lives. Please contact Ms. Williams for additional information.

