

THE PARK PARTNER

SPRING 2020

LEAVING A LEGACY!

UNITY

Serving Together



WHAT I SEE...

Chris Nellermoe, *President*

We serve a mighty God who loves us so very much! Nothing can separate us from His love. Christian education at Park Christian School continues to bring a personal relationship with Jesus Christ into all that we do. The power we have in His name is claimed over PCS. There is nothing more important than allowing the Spirit of God to call our students into this relationship. What a blessing to partner with your home, your church, and every one of the teachers, staff, and administration to point our students to how much they are loved by God. Eternity matters, and we are thankful to have this partnership to help create an environment where God can move in mighty ways in the lives of our students. We say, "Go, God! Have your way at Park Christian School!"

We welcome you to our chapel services at PCS. Every Tuesday morning, we set aside a time of worship and simply being quiet in the presence of the King of Kings, reflecting and allowing God to move! At a recent chapel, we experienced a powerful time of God's nearness, affirming His love for us, and that nothing—NOTHING—can separate us from His love. As you read this, would you stop and pray for our students and our staff at PCS? Pray that hearts would turn to Him, that we would continue to walk in obedience to our mighty God, and that our students would surrender and commit themselves to Jesus Christ!

This is what makes Park Christian distinct. Yet, we are also so very thankful for the expansion work that has taken place over the past years. Our facility has changed in such amazing ways, and we are grateful. The new classrooms, commons, lighting, remodeling, and all the enhancements are an incredible blessing. We say thank you to so many who have

made it happen. We are GRATEFUL and we are encouraged by the excitement it has created. The facility upgrades are in place to create places and spaces for students to do their best work. We will continue to create an environment that invites more and more students to this phenomenal place we call Park Christian School, a place where the truth and love of Jesus Christ will be proclaimed and where students will be prepared for excellence in academics. We are distinctly a Christ-centered academic community, equipping students to think Biblically, to live wisely, and to serve faithfully. Praise God!

**FOR I AM CONVINCED THAT
NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE,
NEITHER ANGELS NOR DEMONS,
NEITHER THE PRESENT NOR
THE FUTURE, NOR ANY POWERS,
NEITHER HEIGHT NOR DEPTH,
NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL
CREATION, WILL BE ABLE TO
SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF
GOD THAT IS IN CHRIST
JESUS OUR LORD.**

ROMANS 8:38-39

PCS HITS NEW RECORD

Donations totaling
\$252,441.89!

Thank you to all 261 Donors



GIVING HEARTS DAY





A PERFECT ENDING TO A BELOVED CAREER

As a child, school was not easy for me. Learning was hard except for language arts and music. Knowing what I loved to do, I went on to graduate from college with a degree in elementary education and music.

Over the past fifty years, I have taught at several different schools. Because learning did not come easy for me, my goal as a teacher was to make every lesson interesting and understandable for all students. I really wanted to reach the ones who needed a little extra boost because I had been one of those kids myself.

A few years ago, my daughter, Mrs. Weinberger, and I had this crazy wish to teach at the same school at the same time. Little did we know that Park Christian School would provide that opportunity for us!

After retiring from teaching in 2013, I realized that I wasn't quite ready to give up my beloved profession just yet. So I volunteered at PCS, helping Mrs. Browning in her Kindergarten classroom. Since then I have been so honored and thankful to be a small part of this amazing Christ-centered school for the past seven years as a substitute teacher! The staff, parents, and students have made me feel so welcomed and loved. It has also been a very special blessing to see my grandchildren, Jack and Mackenzie Weinberger, in the hallways – making it three generations of our family at PCS.

In this day and age, our children need to be grounded in faith. Christian music and Scripture memorization at PCS are just two of many ways they can become nourished in their faith. PCS families are lovingly enveloped in prayer and the word of God; no one can ever take that away from them. I praise God from whom all blessings flow. Park Christian has been an unforgettable blessing in my life. What a beautiful way to end my beloved career!

Ardella Schwartzwalter



Ardella Schwartzwalter and her daughter,
PCS 6th grade teacher Kris Weinberger

WRITING WORSHIP SONGS

Elementary music teacher, **Miss Fogderud**, walked the 4th and 5th graders through the process of writing worship songs.

They prayed to ask Jesus for ideas through verses and pictures. They filled the white board with their ideas and thoughts. They looked for a common theme. They were amazed at how a common theme appeared. Each class then wrote lyrics with Miss Fogderud helping write the tune.

Their songs are really beautiful, and it's exciting to see new talents unfold.



Mrs. Mickelson's 4th grade class



Mrs. Spaulding's 5th grade class

CONGRATULATIONS PCS ATHLETES!

Karley Motschenbacher has been selected as one of twelve athletes from all levels to the 2019-20 watch list for MN Miss Basketball. (*Breakdown Media magazine*)

Karley hit her 2,000th point at a game in December, joining Grant Gunhus as the only two athletes to ever hit that mark at PCS. She has also signed to play basketball for MSUM.



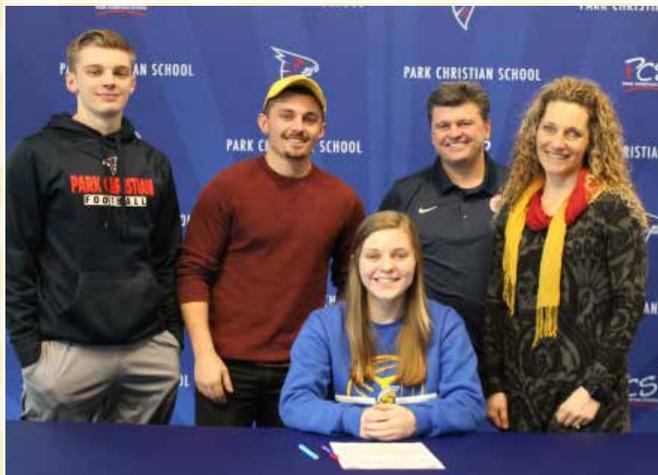
Photo by Best of Times Photography

Jacob Jelinski and his doubles partner, Kai, took 6th place in the ND State Tennis tournament for Shanley/OG/PCS.

Jacob was chosen as captain of the team, was selected to the All-EDC team, and received the Deacon Award at the tennis banquet.



Danielle Heckaman took 7th place in the 500 free at the ND State Swim & Dive meet. She also had her personal best time in the 200. She was captain of the team and awarded MVP.



Allison Lien becomes a Spartan, signing to play volleyball at M-State Fergus Falls.



Thank you to the **PCS Booster Club**, **Joe Pytilk** at **Short Printer**, and **John Nore** at **Visto's Trailer Sales** for the fantastic new PCS trailer!! Our teams will look pretty sharp rolling down the road with this rig!

PCS ALUMNA

NATALIE ROISUM, '18

My name is Natalie Roisum, and I graduated from Park Christian School in 2018. I am currently in my sophomore year at Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa, where I am pursuing an Elementary Education degree. I attended PCS for third grade and from eighth to twelfth grades, and I am deeply grateful for the impact it had on my life.

Although I didn't have the privilege of attending PCS for the entirety of K-12, there is honestly not one part of my life that has not in some way been touched by my time there. If anything, my experiences in other schools just increased the appreciation I feel toward Park. The academic rigor at PCS produced in me a desire to work hard and achieve academically. This mindset has carried over into college and made the transition to college a smoother one.

Even though the academics at PCS were great, it was the people and the sense of family that shaped me the most. Some of the friendships I made at Park are lifelong and having the chance to grow up not only physically but also spiritually with my peers was a blessing. The teachers' genuine concern for me and the relationships I built with them made my education all the more beneficial. Classes like theology greatly challenged me to clearly know what I believe and helped me make the decision to transfer from the secular university I was attending last year to the Bible college I am currently attending.

My desire to become a teacher stems from my time at Park and the opportunities that were given to me to work with kids. From the Educational Training class where I got to shadow an elementary teacher and help in the classroom, to tutoring to coaching fourth grade volleyball, these experiences enhanced my desire to be a positive influence in kids' lives. Also, the relationships I built with many of these kids have carried on until today, which makes visiting PCS now an even greater joy.

Right now God is teaching me that I need to fully and joyfully submit to his will for my life. He has put me in a place where I can continue to build meaningful relationships and learn about His word and His character.



PARK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IS INTRODUCING A NEW CLUB IN 2020 **EXCLUSIVELY** FOR ALUMNI!

FALCON ALUMNI COFFEE CLUB

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MAKING AN IMPACT FOR ETERNITY

Doug Johnson – Christ Follower, PCS Fan, Mentor, Advocate, Sports Enthusiast, and LEGACY GIVER!

You will often find Doug Johnson at Park Christian School cheering on our athletes at football games and basketball games, or on Wednesday nights at Salem Evangelical Free Church, encouraging youth in his two passions: sports and mentoring young men. The foundation of these two passions is Doug's love for Jesus and his desire to share the love of Christ with the students at Salem and PCS. Doug would tell you that PCS is part of his ministry, his calling!

Doug says that PCS has been a huge blessing in his life for the past 25 years, a blessing beyond what he could ever imagine.

For this reason, Doug has recently named Park Christian School as a 50% recipient in his "Last Will and Testament" from the future sale of 100 acres of land near Horace, ND. This is a gift that will impact PCS in the future and for many years to come. Doug's gift is something that will outlive himself – giving to an organization that has changed his life and the lives of so many students at PCS over the past 25 years. Doug is eternally minded.

Today, you might find Doug having a pancake breakfast with a current or alumni athlete from PCS, encouraging them in their walk with Christ while sharing his love for Jesus and sports. In the future, Doug's legacy gift will continue to bless PCS and allow our school to bring Christ-centered education to so many more.

Thank you, Doug, for your faithfulness and this incredible Legacy Gift to Park Christian School!



**We love Jesus.
We love children.
We love learning.**

Consider leaving a legacy that will continue to educate leaders that will make an impact for eternity.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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May 9..... *Junior/Senior Banquet*
May 20..... *Baccalaureate*
May 24..... *Graduation*
June 1..... *Golf Scramble*
(at the Hawley Golf and Country Club)
December 19..... *Alumni Game & Social*

Elementary Chapels: Tuesdays, 8:10–8:40 A.M.

Jr & Sr High Chapels: Tuesdays, 8:10–8:50 A.M.

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(since 1981)

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(since 2014)

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(since 1981)

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(since 1993)

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(since 1991)

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(since 1991)

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(since 1996)

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