

Polaris Charter Academy

Monthly Newsletter

September 2017

Welcome to the 2017/2018 School Year

Getting to the POINT(S)

Greetings Polaris Families! As we head into our fourth week of school we want to officially welcome all new and returning Polaris students and their families. This year we are very excited and energized to be refocusing on the Points of Polaris. You may have noticed that our uniforms are helping us "Get to the Point". Our shirts make public the Point of Polaris we are working on. More than words on a wall (or a shirt) the five Points of Polaris are what unite our school and move our Crew forward on the path to success. Throughout the year we will keep you informed and involved in all of the ways we are working on the POINTS!

Form and Function

Many important forms have been going home- PCA school policies, emergency contact, exit form, physical/dental forms, lunch applications. Please make sure all the forms sent home are completed and returned to school by Friday, September 8th, 2017. It is very important we have completed forms on file for every Polaris student.

Points of Polaris

INTEGRITY
COMPASSION
EXPLORER
CRITICAL THINKER
ACTIVE CITIZEN

Which Point is your child working on? Ask to find out and then choose one for yourself!

After-School

BEYOND, the Polaris after-school program begins on September 5th. After-school is a fee-based service and students are accepted on a first come first served basis. You can find enrollment forms in our main office. Payment is due prior to your child starting after-school.

Every Minute Counts

Let's give a BIG Shining Star cheer for all of the students who have started the school year strong, coming to school on time every day! Parents please be aware that the Polaris school day begins promptly at 7:50 a.m.

Students who are not in school by 7:50 a.m. are considered late and MUST be accompanied by an adult into the building to get a tardy slip. Late students who enter without an adult will be sent to the main office to call home. The student will not be allowed to enter class until an adult has come to school to sign the tardy slip.

Learning the importance of being on time and making school a priority is an important life lesson. Please make sure you support your child in learning this lesson by getting him/her to school on time EACH and EVERY day. On those rare occasions when your child is late to school please respect and adhere to our school wide tardy policy.

Jumping Away from JumpRope

PCA is excited to move away from *JumpRope* and launch a new online grade book called *Learnmetrics*. We are currently working with *Learnmetrics* to develop a custom data collection tool. This tool will track academic and character grades and attendance. Parents and students will have access to the online grade book by the end of Trimester 1. Teachers have started monitoring trimester 1 progress on *Learnmetrics*. In meantime, if you have concerns or want to know how your child is progressing, please reach out to your teacher.

This year Polaris has seen a dramatic increase in tardy students.

So far this year we have had **326** tardies and this is only our fourth week!

We have to get our students to school by 7:50a.m.

Start Strong! Start On Time!

Bike Sale Fridays!

Bikes are still available! If you are interested in purchasing a bike, email Ms. Peck (fpeck@pcachicgo.org) to make an appointment on any Friday.

Brand New= \$50

Used/Minor Repairs=
\$35

Used/ Major Repairs=
\$20

All bikes come with a free bike helmet!