

QUARTERLY BOARD WALK 1ST QUARTER EDITION 9/13

Parkview Christian Academy

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Dear Parents,

As board members, we embrace the sacred trust of God's call to serve in a leadership role in Christian education. In each board meeting we seek God's guidance over our decisions through prayer. Below you will find current news and the answers to questions that we have been asked by parents. Please pray for us as we seek to make the best decisions possible for Parkview Christian Academy.

Yours in Christ,

Jed Davis, Tom Rappette, Art Hiller, Don Davidson, Tim Hagan

BOARD DECISIONS

1. A copier was purchased for the Helmar Campus.
2. A 2013-2014 budget was completed (administration) and approved (board).
3. Technology updates are underway, the first will be an upgrade of the wireless network.
4. Emergency exit signs are being replaced with battery backup emergency exit lighting.
5. Accreditation work will follow a timeline to meet requirements for an April 2014 site team visit by CSI.
6. The board will shortly seek parent and staff feedback to complete a strategic plan by the end of the year.
7. Faculty will be involved in CPR and first aid training this fall.

NEW AT PARKVIEW

- Elective choir
- College and Career Planning class
- Student Resource at 7th-12th Grade
- Dual credit opportunities (high school)
- Preschool campus on Countryside
- Marketing committee



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 18

Grandparents' Day (noon dismissal)

OCTOBER 24

Parent Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER 21

Taste of Celebration

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Parkview Christian Academy, a Pre-K through 12th Grade school, received unanimous approval in an executive board vote (CSI) to become members of Christian Schools International (CSI). Following this approval, the CSI Director of Accreditation will visit on October 8th with the goal of finishing the accreditation work in April of this school year!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. Is Parkview a part of 'the new Christian high school'?

The parties involved in talks with Parkview Christian Academy to build and grow the current high school at Parkview took an abrupt change in direction late last school year, deciding to open a 2nd high school. Our former superintendent, Phil Chapman, subsequently chose that same path. Unsure of where that new mission path would lead, the PCA board chose to pray and wait for God's leading. In the past, the board at Parkview had not felt led or called to start a 2nd high school. Due to uncertainty regarding mission direction, and no clear direction from God to act, the Parkview board remains committed to the growth and development of the high school that God has blessed us with. We are thankful for the numerous evidences of growth and blessing we have seen since making this decision!

2. What is your vision?

The PCA Board is currently involved in strategic planning, which will include the development of a vision statement. We have been thankful for the growth of our programs in the years of existence and are thrilled to be at this stage of our growth: accreditation, strategic planning, vision casting, and program expansion. Of greatest importance is the evidence that we have come to this point in our history with a firm commitment for Christ-centered Christian education within the community at Parkview! We are excited to see what God will do in the coming years. **Please help strategic planning by giving honest feedback to survey questions when you receive them.**

3. Which academic standards does Parkview use?

Parkview Christian Academy is committed first to the standard of Holy Scripture. To meet the mission of equipping students, we adopt academic, behavioral, and organizational policy standards that are all filtered through the lens of a Biblical worldview. Controversy over a move from State to Common Core academic standards raises excellent questions about commitment. Academic standards are a list of skills to cover in order to prepare students for the next grade level. The joy of teaching in a Christian school is the ability to set the Truth above all content and all standards as the final and absolute authority on all matters of faith and life! Our teachers are 'masters of curriculum', meeting the highest possible academic standard while bringing all teaching and learning 'under the Lordship of Jesus Christ'. Parkview has no unchallenged allegiance to any particular academic standard. We use the best standard from those available to teach students about the world God made while learning to 'cast down imaginations' wherever we find them in standards or content.



High School students work as a team at the Dixon Valley retreat!

IN THE COMMUNITY



1ST DAY



Parkview high school student wins at the Sandwich fair!



Ribbon cutting at the new campus