



Do you remember the excitement you felt about Christmas when you were a kid? Before the big day, you probably checked out all the tags on the gifts to find out which ones were yours and shook each one trying to guess what was inside. When Christmas morning finally arrived, you couldn't wait to tear the wrapping paper off so you could play with your new toys.

With the passage of time and increased maturity, our excitement regarding Christmas may change. But our reason for celebrating grows deeper and more meaningful as our focus shifts from gifts to Christ. Now the tree reminds us of the tree Jesus died on to pay for our sins. The lights testify that He is the Light of the World, and the gifts are a mere shadow of the greatest gift ever given—Jesus Christ. What can we say about this priceless present?

Jesus is an eternal gift that is both personal and universal. Jesus Christ came to offer Himself as the sacrifice for sins to all who would believe in Him and call on His name for salvation (Rom. 10:11-13). Although this offer is given to everyone, each person must choose whether to accept or reject God's gift of His Son. Although this gift must be personally received, it's also one gift we can share with others and keep for ourselves. Each time we explain to someone who Jesus is and how He came to save us from our sins, we are offering them the gift of Christ.

You will probably receive many gifts during your lifetime, but the one who arrived on that first Christmas night in a stable is the only one that really matters. He is always with you if you know Him as Savior. He'll love you unconditionally, cleanse you from all sin, and one day bring you home to Himself in heaven. No wonder Paul exclaimed, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Cor. 9:15).

We'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. As Christians, this is one of the most meaningful holidays we celebrate because it's all about Jesus. Although we have many wonderful Christmas traditions, let's always keep Jesus at the center of our celebrations and never forget to share this indescribable gift with others.

**PCA wishes you a Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year 2018!**

## REMINDERS

### CHECK US OUT

Visit our newly designed website at [www.ParkridgeCA.com](http://www.ParkridgeCA.com)  
We welcome your feedback on the content of the site.

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Box Tops for Education  
Please continue to clip and collect Box Tops for Education. Our goal for the 2017-18 school year is \$1000. That means 10,000 Box Tops! Thus far the total collected is **\$457.00**. Thank you for your support!

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

PCA invites you to our preschool, VPK, and K-8 Christmas Programs.

**Preschool presentation** (1 year old-3.5's years old) **Tuesday, Dec. 19th @ 9:30AM** (please have your child in the classroom by 9:00AM).

**The VPK program presentation is on the same day:**

VPK A & B @ 6:30PM (please have your child in the classroom by 6:00PM).

VPK C & D @ 7:30PM (please have your child in the classroom by 6:30PM).



*Please make sure your child is dressed in his/her Sunday best!*

On this day for VPK Program Only, early dismissal is at 5PM. Extended care is not available for students in VPK.

**K-8 Christmas Concert** will be on **Thursday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> @ 11:00AM**

## P.A.W.S

Parent P.A.W.S. is an organization of volunteer parents who partner with the Parkridge Christian Academy's administration and staff to enhance the student activities, community public relations, outreach, and services.

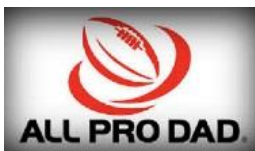
The following are a few upcoming events organized by parent P.A.W.S. volunteers that demonstrate how they leap into action throughout the school year.

- School Pictures and Class Pictures
- Mother's & Father's Day Events
- Teacher Appreciation Week

Become a P.A.W.S member by completing a membership form available in the front office.

**Please join us at our next P.A.W.S meeting**

**Thursday, December 14th, at 6:30PM in the auditorium.**



## ALL PRO DAD BREAKFAST

Join us every month at 7:00AM for a time of fun and fellowship with other Parkridge dads and their children. This event is free and breakfast is provided. Sign in the front office to get your visitor badge.

**Next meeting is Friday, December 15, 2017, at 7:00AM.**

Know an All Pro Dad? This event is open to the community so encourage them to RSVP online at [www.allprodad.com/3728](http://www.allprodad.com/3728) or contact Josh Halulko at [jhalulko@parkridgeca.com](mailto:jhalulko@parkridgeca.com)

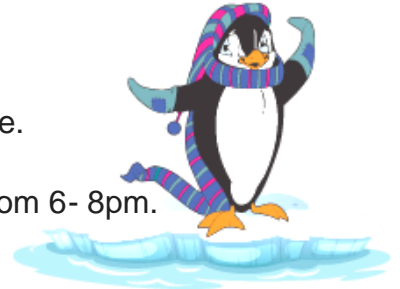
## PENGUIN PATCH HOLIDAY SHOPPE

December 11 -15: The Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe is coming to Parkridge.

The Shoppe will be open during the day from 11am-2pm.

Holiday Shoppe Family Night in the breezeway on Monday, December 11, from 6- 8pm.

We hope to see you all out and shopping.



What is the Penguin Patch? A Holiday Shop where students can shop for their family during school hours. At a Penguin Patch Holiday Shop, students can easily purchase five or six inexpensive gift items for their loved ones. It's one of the few times \$10 is more than enough. Through the Penguin Patch shopping experience, children gain a sense of independence and pride, saving families time and money. There will be many great items for the students to purchase. We suggest you sit with your child and visit the online store to browse, select and budget the items your child might like to buy. Visit: <https://penguinpatch.com/penguin-patch-gifts-2017/>

## PCA ATHLETICS NEWS

Soccer Season is ending and it's been a great season with several wins!

### Basketball Season is now in session!

For more information contact the Athletic Director, Coach Fisch at [mfisch@parkridgeca.com](mailto:mfisch@parkridgeca.com)

**Check out a picture of our soccer team enjoying a winning moment! 5-0 for the 1st time in school history!**



## CORAL SPRINGS HOLIDAY PARADE

December 13: Come walk, handout invites and show Coral Springs the true reason for the season.

- Decorate the float
- Adults & children walk in parade and distribute info (parent must accompany small children)
- Wear Your Parkridge Shirt or anything Tropical
- Contact Stacy Boyette at 954-592-7792 for details and to sign-up!

CORAL SPRINGS  
**Tropical**  
**Holiday Parade**  
2017



## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

December 20: 6:30PM-8:00PM Join us for some traditional Christmas Cheer and Caroling. Bring the family and join the kids as they carol around the church or gather your own group and carol through your neighborhood. Children leave from the church and return after caroling for cookies and hot cocoa.

Contact Stacy Boyette at 954-592-7792 for details and to sign-up!



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES**

- December 1-10** Tuition Due
- December 11-15** 11PM-2PM Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe in Auditorium
- December 11** 6:00PM Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe Family Night in Breezeway
- December 14** 6:30PM PAWS Meeting
- December 15** 7:00AM All Pro Dad
- December 25-January 8** CHRISTMAS BREAK (All PCA Programs Closed)

**PRESCHOOL & VPK DATES****Christmas Performance in the Auditorium**

- December 19** 9:30AM Preschool 1's, 2's, and 3's (students must be in class by 9:00AM)
- 6:30PM VPK A and B (students must be in class by 6:00PM)
- 7:30PM VPK C and D (students must be in class by 7:00PM)

*On this day for VPK Program Only, early dismissal is at 5PM. extended care is not available for students in VPK*

**Holiday Break**

- December 20** Last day of class for **VPK D**. Classes Resume Wednesday, January 10, 2018
- December 22** Last day of class for **Pre-School** Classes Resume Tuesday, January 9, 2018
- Last day of class for **VPK A, B & C**. Classes Resume Tuesday, January 9, 2018

**Registration for 2018-19 School Year**

- January, 9** Preschool/VPK re-enrollment for 2018-19 school year opens
- January 29** Preschool/VPK enrollment for new families opens

**K-8 DATES**

- December 14-15 & 18-20** Middle School Mid-Term Exams
- December 21** End of 2nd Quarter
- December 21** 11:00AM - K-8 Christmas Concert  
11:30AM - Early Release for K-8
- December 22** Teacher Planning Day for K-8. **(No school for K-8 students)**
- Tuesday January 9** School Resumes
- January 11** 6:00PM - K-8 Awards Ceremony



### NOVEMBER 2017 Picture Gallery



#### Veterans Day 2017

PCA Students and faculty recognized servicemen and women in honor of Veteran's Day. We prayed for them and thanked those who serve and continue to serve in the Armed Forces, sacrificing their lives to defend our country and protect us.

Thank You for Your Service!!!

#### A Mindset of Giving for Thanksgiving

We are thankful for service-minded students and staff at our Academy. For Thanksgiving, PCA students did a lot of giving to those in need and to the school. They participated in a food drive, aided in relief for Puerto Rico and cleaned and organized the school to show their gratitude for the many blessings they have been afforded! A round of applause for our dynamic students and staff!



Collecting Food for Donation



Maintaining PCA's Garden



Cleaning the Playground Area



Having a ball cleaning up



Coach Lends a Helping Hand



Top Secret Giving Activity