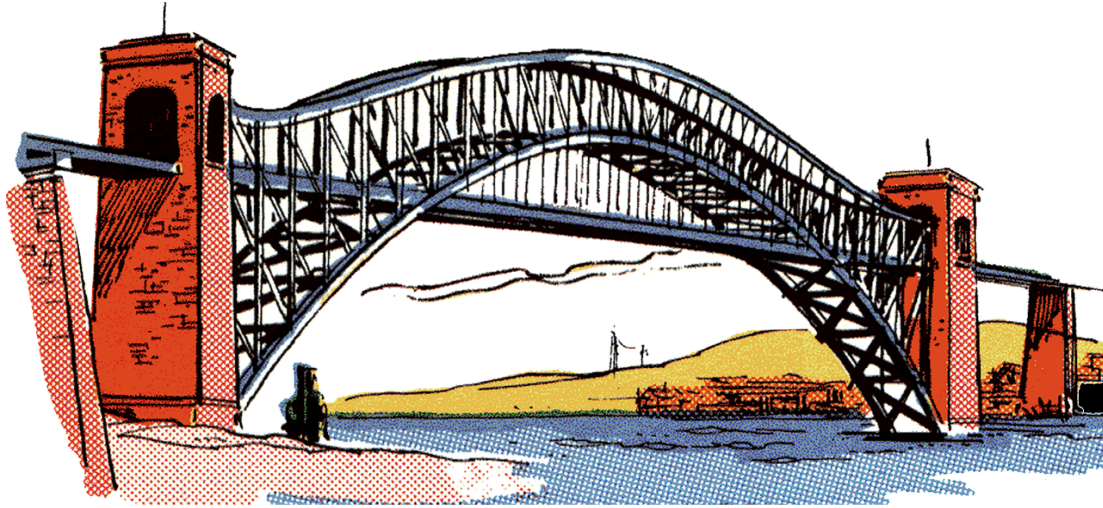


Welcome to The Bridge!

(That's a fancy term for coming up to sixth grade.)



We are “*The Bridge*” because we connect elementary and middle school together through experiences, academics, leadership, and personal growth. We will do some things the same as elementary, but there are differences as well. As you step onto the bridge, we want to highlight a few things you will need to know that will help you cross over into 6th grade with purpose and excitement. Use your summer to rest, have fun, and also to prepare. Whenever you see a bridge this summer, join us in prayer for the special year ahead. We will definitely be praying for you!

Changes Ahead: You have done a phenomenal job this year! You have grown, and you are ready for what is to come. Every season grows you more and more into what God has for you. Next year, you will be able to join middle school sports teams and robotics. You will go to middle school lunch and chapel. You will have an earlier start (7:40) and shorter recesses. You will have opportunities to lead and serve other students. Your dress code will broaden. What you learn will expand your current knowledge. It is an exciting time, and your teachers will help you every step of the way. Have courage and a positive attitude. It makes a big difference.

Summer Reading:

Stories are a great way to connect to our own journey of life and faith. This summer, you need to read *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S Lewis. As you complete this **required** reading, consider how it connects to your own life and your walk with Christ, as well as how the author brings the story to life. We will discuss the book and use it to jump start our learning and assignments upon our return to school in the fall.

When you are done, you may use the title towards the **Summer Reading Rewards Program**. For each book you finish, you will do a short book report summary and earn a jeans or sweats day in the fall. The rest of the books can be of your choice. However, for an extra fun challenge, try reading other stories from the Chronicles of Narnia series. It's a great option!

Sixth Grade Trip

Each spring, the sixth graders culminate their elementary experience and finalize crossing the bridge into middle school by taking a trip together. It is a celebration, a tradition, and a rite of passage. It also allows for hands-on experience associated with things they have learned throughout the year. It is always a special time of bonding and **uniting** our relationships in preparation for the secondary years that lie ahead.

There is a cost to this trip. The summer is a great time for your student to begin doing odd jobs and coming up with creative ways to **earn money** in an effort to help with a portion of the funds which will be needed as well as spending money they may want to have. Allowing them to come alongside this process will increase their responsibility, ownership, gratitude, and work ethic—all traits we want to encourage in sixth grade. *There will be an informational meeting in the fall to share more information about this exciting adventure.*

Dress Code

Dress Code is changing for our new 6th grade class. We would like to provide a few more options and be a stepping stone toward what you will find in secondary. Our goal is for students to look nice, dress **for learning**, show **modesty**, and reflect leadership for the younger students. They have been told what that looks like throughout their time here at PCA. Now, we want them to begin to make positive choices in a learning atmosphere. *Consider the following before you purchase new school clothes for the fall:*

What will stay the same?

- *Students may continue to follow the current dress code for elementary.
- *Belts with belt loops must be worn.
- *Closed toed shoes will be expected due to continuation of recess.
- *Designated gym clothes on gym days only. During cold seasons, they may cover up with solid color and/or PCA spirit wear sweats and/or sweatshirts. Those must be removed while in gym class.
- *PCA spirit wear will be allowed on Fridays only, unless worn over regular dress code. *(Sweats will not be allowed on Fridays.)*
- *If students are cold in class, sweaters will be allowed. No sweatshirts or hoodies unless it is PCA spirit wear worn over regular dress code.
- *No hats or hoods are to be worn on campus.
- *Socks or tights will remain solid colors.

Changes for Boys:

- *In addition to solid color polo shirts and button-down shirts, we will allow nice t-shirts, Henley style shirts, other polo shirts, and/or button-down shirts and sweaters with stripes, patterns, and dual colors. *(No graphic t-shirts or other shirts with words or pictures will be allowed.)*
- *Docker and travel style pants/shorts and slacks will be acceptable. *(No sweats material.)*
- *Neck ties or bow ties may be worn with button-down shirts but are not required.

Changes for Girls:

- *Any slacks and docker style pants will be acceptable if they are not tight fitting, skinny, ripped, or leggings. This includes travel pants/jogger that are not sweats material.
- *Dresses and skirts that are knee length or below will be allowed. Dresses must have sleeves. They can be solids, prints, patterns, stripes, floral, etc., but they may not have words or pictures. *(No tank style dresses will be allowed unless a sweater is worn over it.)*
- *Docker style shorts, capris, and skorts at knee length or below will be allowed when the weather is warm.
- *Appropriate tops/blouses/sweaters can be solids, prints, patterns, stripes, floral, etc.—with or without collars. They must have sleeves, and the neck line must not go below the clavicle bone. *(No graphic t-shirts or other shirts with words or pictures.)*

Other:

- *Sixth graders may wear jeans on Fridays if they so choose. The same expectations will be followed as other pants—not tight fitting, skinny, ripped, or legging style.
*(*This new dress code will be on a trial basis. If students adhere to it properly, we will be able to continue it throughout the year. If students try to cross the boundary lines, this new privilege will be removed.)*

Supplies

A copy of the supply list is included with this letter. Feel free to purchase on your own or do the boxed fundraiser to keep things simple.

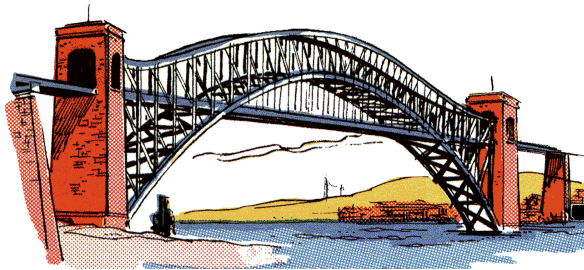
Safety Patrol

For students who are interested in serving others at PCA next year, an application has been included with this letter. You may turn it in on Visitation Day in the fall.

Final Thoughts

We are already so excited to be with all of you next year. You are already in our thoughts and prayers. Enjoy your summer as a family. Travel, rest, go to camp, play games, get outside, spend time with Jesus, and rejuvenate. We will have a very special parent orientation meeting in the fall to cover other important topics. Until then, *may the Lord bless you and keep you, and make his face shine upon you...*

Your Sixth Grade Teaching Team



2024-2025 Sixth Grade Supply List

Required for Everyone:

2 package of sharpened #2 pencils (24 count)

1 3-pack of Post It Notes (non-accordion)

1 package of graph paper for math

1 package of lined paper

1 roll of paper towel

1 package of black thick Sharpies (Boys Only)

1 package of colored Sharpies (Girls Only)

2 box of tissues

1 big pink eraser

2 Packs of 4 Multi Colored Highlighters (not gel)

2 packages of 12 or more multicolored pencils

2 packages of 4 or more multicolored pens (no click tops)

2 sturdy folders with pockets (NO thin plastic and no information written inside)

1 plastic or cloth-covered accordion file folder with 10 tabs

Large pencil bag (NO boxes)

1 spiral notebook with a pocket with 100 pages or more and matching colored JUMBO book cover for math

1 spiral notebook with 100 pages or more and matching colored JUMBO book cover for Social Studies

1 spiral notebook for Bible/Chapel- any color or pattern

Add On Items *NOTE: Any items still in good condition from 5th grade may be used again.

1 1-inch clear view 3 ring binder - for Music Students Only

1 NIV Bible- A study Bible is preferred but not required. *Tabs are a great option for ease of use.*

A set of sturdy Headphones or Earbuds to keep at school all year long

Rewards for the treasure box (snacks, gift cards, toys, school supplies, etc.)





SAFETY PATROL APPLICATION

Welcome to sixth grade! You are now the **leaders** of PCA's elementary school. Younger students will look to you as **examples**, and follow you. This is both a wonderful privilege and a huge responsibility. *How will you handle it?*

One opportunity you have is to become a part of the Safety Patrol. These special students will show respect for the school and others. They will show caring and protective guidance. They will be dependable and responsible.

Should you choose to become part of the Safety team, some of the duties required of you would be:

- *arriving to school by 7:30
- *raising and lowering the flags
- *opening and holding doors
- *setting up cones and helping students stay away from traffic
- *supporting PCA staff by picking up their children, taking them to class, and returning them safely after school
- *overseeing the everyday functions of the entire Safety Patrol as a captain
- *organizing and charging the computer carts
- *staying after school until 3:10

This is a duty not to be taken lightly. It is a job, a service, and a mission to others at this school. Being a part of this program should be done seriously, and with great care and diligence.

If you are willing to put others before yourself and serve in this capacity, then please fill out this application. Return it by the first day of school. (*Late applications will not be accepted.*)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. Why do you want to be a safety?
2. What strengths do you have that would enable you to do your job well?

READ THE FOLLOWING EXPECTATIONS. INITIAL THOSE YOU WILL ABIDE BY.

1. Be on time/be reliable. _____
2. Stay at assigned post. _____
3. Perform your duty seriously. _____
4. Be courteous and respectful to students and adults. _____
5. Set a good example through your attitude, actions, and all your words. _____
6. Be observant as you keep people safe. _____
7. Refrain from socializing with friends while on the job. _____
8. Direct children, but never traffic. _____
9. Always wear your identifying hat or belt. _____
10. Follow the rules of PCA even when not on duty. _____

PLEASE NOTE:

***In the event that students do not perform their duties properly, or regularly act in a manner that sets them apart as examples to the PCA elementary student body, they will be removed from the Safety Patrol team. Only one warning will be given.**

***All safeties who serve well throughout the year will be rewarded in the spring.**

READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT WITH A PARENT.

I have read the Safety Patrol job description on this application. I have agreed to abide by the set expectations. I have permission from my parent to participate in this program, and the availability to be at my post at the appropriate times. If I am chosen as a Safety, I agree to follow these expectations and be a responsible member of the Safety Patrol Team. It is my pleasure to serve my school in this capacity.

Student Signature _____ Date _____
Parent Signature _____ Date _____