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Dear PCS Families:

You are probably aware that PCS is not funded by any state or federal monies, but operates solely on tuition and voluntary gift support. In order to maintain our facilities and provide a great education for PCS students, while at the same time keeping tuition as low as possible, the "Heart of a Servant" program was developed.

The "Heart of a Servant" program gives each of our families the opportunity to become involved in the life and education of their children through important volunteer efforts that help maintain our campus and fulfill our mission to "...educate students in the truth of God's word in every area of instruction and activity..." PCS asks that each family fulfill 30 hours of service per year, and the school provides many opportunities to complete this "service block." Some families choose to pay the \$495 service block fee instead of serving the hours, while others choose to donate the \$495 service block fee and fulfill the service requirement. PCS does require that each family choose one of these three options before November 9, 2011.

A catalog of service block opportunities and vouchers for the school year 2011-2012 is now available on the Portland Christian website, www.pcschools.org, choose the General Information tab, and click on Heart of a Servant/Service Block on the drop-down menu. Please review this list carefully and select the programs of interest to you. Find the vouchers, fill out and cut and paste and email them online, or pick one up at the campus and turn/mail them in as soon as you complete 10 hours or more. Email the online vouchers to cheryl.jarvis@pcschools.org. You may also check out service block opportunities at each campus: Elementary school families at the Market Street campus will have the opportunity to discuss programs with coordinators and sign up for service block hours personally at the Ice Cream Social on September 1st. Middle and senior high school families may sign up for service block hours at the Secondary Campus Purple & Gold Day on August 27th or Back to School Night on September 12th. If you or your spouse is designated to chair a committee or coordinate a program (for example, steering committee chairpersons), you also need to formalize your responsibilities by signing the service block voucher and turning it in to the Business Office.

The "Heart of a Servant" program gives each family the opportunity to join in a tradition of parent involvement and support that has sustained PCS for 64 years. We look forward to your participation!

Thank you.