



PORTLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

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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 by November 5, 2009.

A catalog of service block opportunities and vouchers for the school year 2009-2010 is now available on the Portland Christian website, www.pcschools.org, click on Service Block. 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 3rd**, Elementary Back to School Night **September 17th** or on the first day of school **September 8th**. Middle and senior high school families may sign up for service block hours during registration day and Purple & Gold Day on **August 29th**, the first day of school on **September 8th**, or at the Jr/Sr HS Back to School Night on **September 15th**. 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 63 years. We look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,
Mark Johnston
Business Manager