

Welcome to a brand new week at PCH! Here's a quick look at what's happening this week:

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### **Important Dates to Remember:**

- **Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>** – 3rd year Parent Teacher Meeting
- **Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Our School Mass celebrating Presentation Day

**NO school for students on the following 2 days:**

- **Discretionary School Closure day** – Monday November 25<sup>th</sup>
- **Oide Professional Learning Day for Teachers** – Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Weekly Highlights:**

#### **Spirit Week - Presentation Day - Celebrating Nano Nagle**

Our school mass brings together students, staff, and retired teachers, fostering a sense of community. It's an opportunity to connect with others, celebrate shared values, and reinforce the importance of our ethos as a Presentation school.

Our school mass is designed to be inclusive and open to all students, regardless of their religious background. It provides a common ground for students to come together and experience shared values, whether they are participating in a faith tradition or simply gaining from the broader message of hope, compassion, and unity.

#### **2. Student Spotlight:**

- Galway U-14 All Ireland winning captain Ciara O'Neill and her team mate Chloe Mannion have their Connacht and All Ireland trophies in school on Friday;
- Our Debating team are through to Round 3 in our Concern debates;
- Also, we'd like to congratulate our Science students for their hard work and dedication and who will represent the school at the BTYS in January 2025.

Keep up the fantastic work! We are so proud of you!

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#### **LEAVING CERT & JUNIOR CERT Mocks 2025**

Ms. Gibbons has been busy organising our JC and LC mocks for 2025. As per a BOM request a letter will be distributed to parents and students well in advance of Christmas holidays outlining dates and costs.

## Staff Updates

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Andraya Tighe and Ms. Oonagh McDonagh who have joined PCH. We are thrilled to have them on board and look forward to the great things we'll accomplish together!

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### A Few Reminders:

This is a friendly reminder that it is important for **students to arrive at school on time** each day. Timely arrival helps ensure that students can start their day on the right foot, participate in all activities, and make the most of their learning opportunities. Class begins at 9am each day.

We appreciate your support in **encouraging punctuality** and ensuring that your child is ready to begin their day promptly. Thank you for your cooperation!



### Our Administrative Staff

- Please be mindful and understand that administrative staff are often juggling multiple responsibilities. Don't assume they're available for every request or task, especially without considering their current workload.
    - When collecting your son/daughter from school for an appointment please provide the school office with an email the day before with details e.g if it is a partial absence.
    - If arriving to the school to collect your child without prior notification (phone call or email) in the interests of teaching and learning there is a small break at 11am and lunch time at 1pm for any collection of this nature. School administration staff cannot be expected to interrupt class time and take a student out.
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### Closing Thoughts:

Let's make this week a great one! Together, we can create a positive and supportive learning environment where every student has the opportunity to succeed. We appreciate your ongoing support in making PCH a fantastic place to learn and grow.

Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead!

November 2024

Dear Parents,

**Please be reminded of the following guidelines when it comes to taking students out of school or class during the school day:**

1. **Advanced Notice:** Whenever possible, please inform the school in advance (**via the Tyro App**) if you need to take your child out during school hours. This allows us to make arrangements and minimise disruption to your child's learning.
2. **Early Pickup:** If you need to pick up your son/daughter early, please (**use the Tyro App to inform the office**) and sign them out at the front office. You may be required to provide identification for safety purposes.
3. **Appointments:** For medical or other appointments, **please use the Tyro App to inform the school in advance** to ensure the necessary adjustments are made to your son/daughter's schedule.
4. **Minimising Interruptions:** We ask that, whenever possible, appointments be scheduled outside of school hours to avoid disrupting your child's education. Regular attendance is essential for academic success.
5. **Explained vs. Unexplained Absences:** If your child needs to leave school early, please remember that it will be counted as an explained absence if it's due to illness, a medical appointment, or another valid reason. All other reasons may be considered unexplained.
6. **Returning to Class:** If your son/daughter returns to school later in the day, please ensure they check in at the office to be properly re-entered into their class.

**Please note that a parent/guardian/appointed person must always present to the office to sign a student out of school.**

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a smooth and efficient school day for all students.

