



2023-2024 Theme – Balance

Mission

To promote excellence in education by fostering communication among parents, students and independent schools in the Washington, DC area through programs, resources and networking opportunities.

Vision

Connecting Schools. Sharing Ideas. Engaging Students/Parents/Faculty/Administrators.

Who We Are

Established in 1964 to create connections, collaborations and community around education and parenting, PCW is governed by a rotating volunteer Board of Directors. All members of the Board (15 at present) are parents of member school students or graduates, serving 3-year terms. The Board, with the help of a part-time administrator, organizes and coordinates all programs and resources.

Who We Serve

PCW is a nonprofit membership organization serving the interests of its member school communities. Eligible members are independent schools (Preschool-12) in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, paying annual dues based on type of school and enrollment, and appointing school representatives to liaison with PCW to benefit their school communities via programs, resources and networking opportunities.

➤ CURRENT MEMBER PROFILE:

- Member Schools Represented (56)
 - ✓ Lower (43), Middle (38), Upper (34)
 - ✓ DC (21), Maryland (23), Virginia (12)
 - ✓ Co-ed (44), single gender/girl (8), single gender/boy (5)
 - ✓ Religious affiliated (24), secular (32)
- Students Represented (approximately 25,000)

What We Offer

PCW provides member school communities (administrators, faculty, staff, parents, and students) with robust programs (approximately 10 per year), abundant resources (via our website, including program summaries), and ample networking opportunities all pertaining to education, child development and/or parenting.

➤ ANNUAL PROGRAMS (with an indication of date and to whom the event is open)

- **Orientation Program** – September 20, 2023. Intended for PCW School Representatives and Parent Association (PA) Presidents.
- **Speaker Series Event** – October 26, 2023 (Jennifer Wallace). Intended for all in our member school communities.

- **Lower and Middle School Forum** – December 5, 2023 (Panel presentation). Intended for all member lower and middle school communities.
- **Mental Health Panel** – January 30, 2024 (Member school presentations). Intended for all in our member school communities.
- **Upper School Student Leader Breakfast** – February 6, 2024. Intended for selected 11th/12th grade member school students.
- **Middle School Student Leader Breakfast** – Date TBD. Intended for selected 7th grade member school students and counselors/administrators.
- **Deans of Students' Breakfast** – March 1, 2024. Intended for upper school Dean of Students as a follow up to the Upper School Student Leader Breakfast.
- **Speaker Series Event** – April 24, 2024 (College Panel). Intended for all in our member school communities.
- **Informal Discussions for PA Presidents** – Periodic informal discussion throughout the year.

➤ RESOURCES

- PCW website and access to calendar with upcoming events
- Archived summaries of past PCW programs
- Monthly checklists and materials for PCW School Representatives & PA Presidents
- Takeaways from PCW programs

➤ NETWORKING/BENEFITS

- Various opportunities (for Reps, PA Presidents, Administrators, Faculty, Parents, Students)
- Connecting schools, sharing ideas, engaging students, faculty, parents, and administrators
- Dynamic local and national best-selling authors presenting at events
- Visibility for/among independent schools in the Washington, DC area

How We Do It

- ✓ PCW Board member liaisons maintain contact with member school administrators, PA Presidents, and PCW Representatives to coordinate, advertise and deliver PCW programs, resources, and opportunities.
- ✓ PA Presidents and PCW Representatives share program/resource information with their school communities and encourage attendance at programs (i.e. *Speaker Series, Lower School Forum*).
- ✓ PA Presidents and PCW Representatives attend programs as well (*Orientation, Speaker Series, Lower School Forum*).
- ✓ Member school administrators and faculty present at a variety of the programs, while other local and national level speakers and authors are highlighted at programs such as our *Speaker Series*.
- ✓ Interested and well-suited member schools host annual PCW programs.
- ✓ PA Presidents and PCW Representatives interested in a position on the PCW Board of Directors are encouraged to contact administration@parentscouncil.org.

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