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A PSCS NEWSLETTER

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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS HEAD TO STATE FOR NATIONAL HISTORY DAY!



Congratulations to a group of our Middle School scholars who recently attended the regional competition for the National History Day Competition at Reed's Gold Mine on Friday, February 27, 2026. National History Day (NHD) is a year-long, non-profit academic program for 6th-12th grade students that promotes critical thinking, research, and literacy skills through project-based history education. Over 500,000 students annually create projects (documentaries, exhibits, papers, performances, or websites) based on a yearly theme, competing from local to national levels. We are extremely proud of our scholars who worked so diligently on their projects. All of our scholars received a ribbon and were invited to move on to the state competition which takes place on May 2nd, in Greensboro, NC. We wish them all the best as they move on to the state competition!

PRE-ORDER YOUR YEARBOOKS

Please **click here**, or use the QR code, to pre-order your yearbook ($40). To purchase a senior page for your student ($25), please **click here** or use the QR code below.

Yearbook

Senior Page

For the safety of all families, do not arrive before 3:15 p.m. for middle and high school pickup. Early arrivals block traffic on Bob Beattie Road while elementary dismissal is still in progress, forcing vehicles onto unsafe shoulders and causing damage. Following this schedule is not optional, it reflects our school's core values of respect, responsibility, and community. Your cooperation is expected and appreciated.

IMPORTANT DATES & ITEMS TO NOTE

- 13 March: 4th grade day camp
- 13 March: Photo Make ups, 8:45am
- 20 March: 2nd/3rd grade day camp
- 27 March: Staff Workday - **NO SCHOOL** for students
- 1-3 April: 5th/6th grade camping trip
- Fridays at 12pm: Director's Open Office Hours
- Summer Camps
- Academic & Events Calendar

It's that time of year! Please **click here** to complete the Student Enrollment Intention form for 2026-27!

HELLBENDER BASKETBALL

Last week, PSCS men's basketball brought unmatched intensity on both ends of the floor, as they took on some of the best teams in the Charlotte area at the Lab Certified Final Four Showcase.

Sophomore Forward Jonah Clark led the way in Thursday night's nailbiter with 15 points and 10 rebounds, while Sophomore Guard Jayden Williams contributing 11 assists. Sixth Grade Guard Levi Kaylor provided a spark off of the bench as he scored his first 4 points for the team and provided a defensive masterclass with 5 steals. **Click here** to catch the action!











STUDENT SMILES

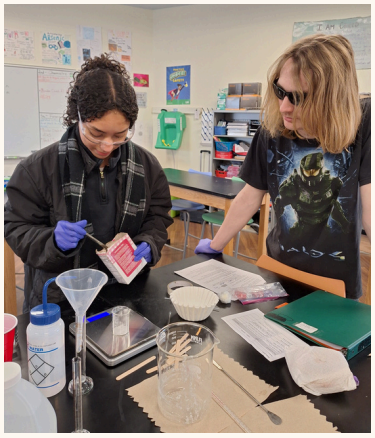
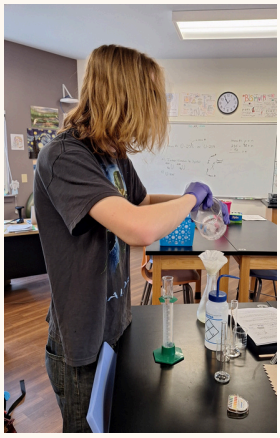




Taking a moment to enjoy the spring weather, fifth grade ventured outside to read en plein air!

Summer Camps at PSCS are here!

Click here to read more and **here** to register.



Chemistry students recently learned about and practiced laboratory safety through a lab where they created their own glue from milk. While it sounds bizarre, this technique is fairly ancient with milk-based casein glue tracing its origins back to ancient Egypt, where it was used as a durable wood adhesive. It was also utilized during the Middle Ages to bind panels for art and in fact, Elmers glue originally was casein based as well.

Students separated the casein protein from milk using an food based acid - we used vinegar. This acid coagulates the protein casein, causing it to separate from the liquid whey of the milk. Students then used a separation technique known as filtration to separate the casein curds from the vinegar.

Next, they added 2 different bases to the curds. This causes the casein molecules to swell and dissolve, forming a gel-like substance. They then mixed with water to form a paste-like glue and compared the two recipes for strength and application.

SCHOOL PHOTO INFORMATION

School photos are complete and ready to view at stjohnphotography.com. You can use the school password PSCC to access the photos. **Missed picture day? Make ups will take place on Friday, March 13, at 8:45am.**

Whether or not you plan to buy photos, **you will need to select the photo that you would like to have published in the yearbook no later than Friday, March 20**. To make your selection, simply click on the photo you like, and then choose the yearbook option.