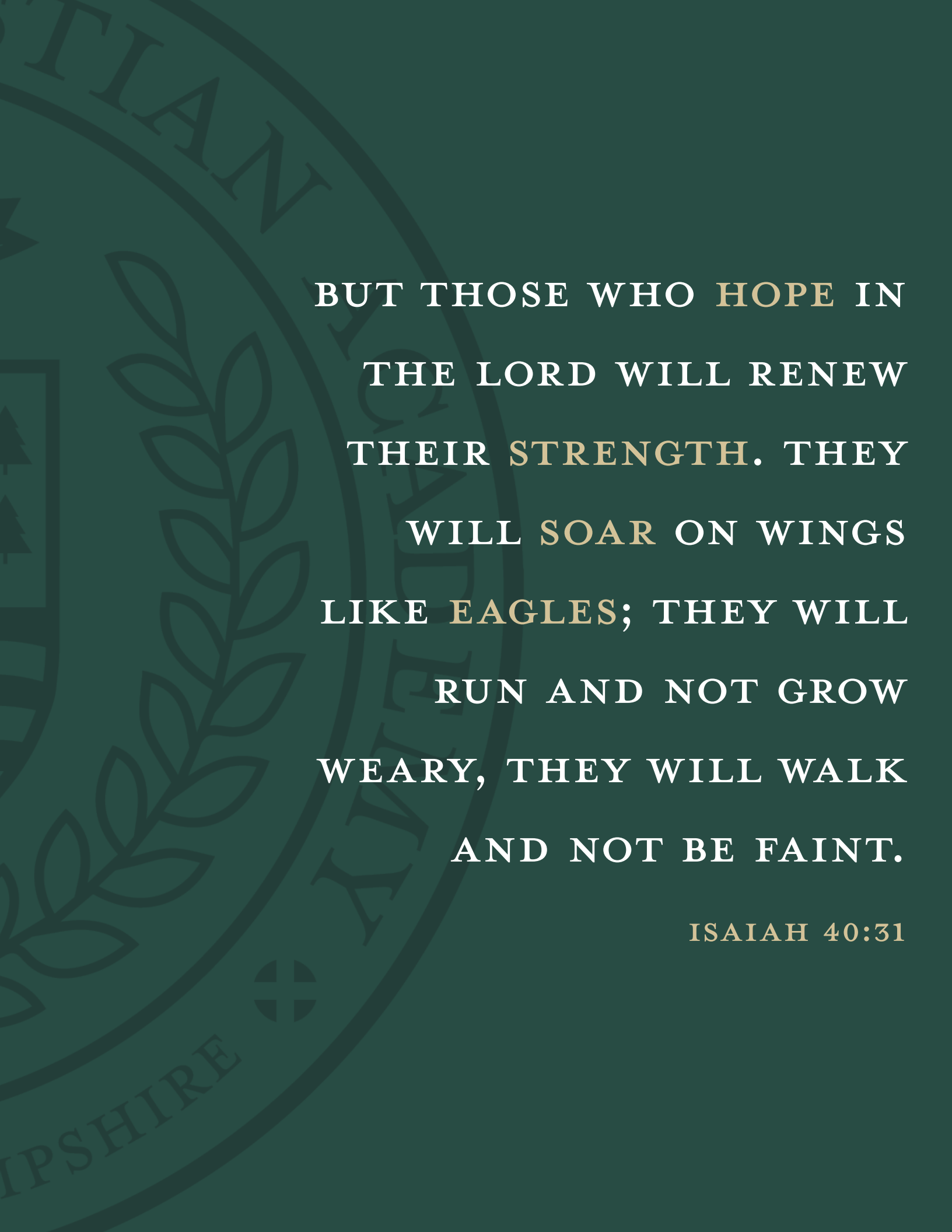


THE LOWER SCHOOL

PORTSMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY





BUT THOSE WHO **HOPE** IN
THE LORD WILL RENEW
THEIR **STRENGTH**. THEY
WILL **SOAR** ON WINGS
LIKE **EAGLES**; THEY WILL
RUN AND NOT GROW
WEARY, THEY WILL WALK
AND NOT BE FAINT.

ISAIAH 40:31





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Ranked the #1 Private K-12 School in New Hampshire for consecutive years, Portsmouth Christian Academy has proven that a Christ-centered school can also be academically excellent. Our students consistently test higher than the state and national averages, and they do so while learning that God has gifted each of them with specific skills and talents they'll use to impact our world for good.

Our families share similar expectations for an excellent education in a safe and nurturing learning environment for their children. Our Christ-centered community answers that call by engaging students as they discover and develop their talents and interests through a wide range of academic activities, build their biblical integrity, and learn to show love to one another as Christ has shown His love to us.

PCA's history comes from humble beginnings. In the late 1970's, a pastor and his wife felt called to start a Christian school after being discouraged by what they saw in their public school system. What began as a 70-student school, named Bethel Christian Academy, has blossomed into New England's largest non-denominational school with over 580 students in 3 buildings on a 50-acre campus, resting on the banks of the Bellamy River.

Over 1,000 PCA graduates have entered college classrooms, military academies, and job sites with the tools they need to be successful. Our students are critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers, guided by Christian principles, and taught to become service-oriented leaders of tomorrow.

Maximizing God-given Potential...



Building Christian Character

At our core, our school is founded on Biblical values and principles that shape who we are, how we view the world, and how we educate our students. Students are taught to love God, respect their classmates, and pursue excellence in every area of their lives.



Creating a Compassionate Community

By teaching students Christ-like values of humility, integrity, joy, and compassion, we build a strong community of students, teachers, coaches, and families who seek to honor God in all they do. This community serves as an essential support to each individual student's academic, spiritual, and social growth.



Learning Through an Excellent Curriculum

While we certainly embrace our Christian foundation, our school exists to educate children to maximize their God-given potential. Our students progress through various levels of academic and extra-curricular programming that help them discover and sharpen their God-given gifts and talents.



Answering Their Specific Calling

Our vision is to see Christ-centered graduates impacting the world for good. By the end of a student's tenure at Portsmouth Christian Academy, they will be equipped with the necessary tools of mind, body, and spirit to positively impact their churches, communities, and families as God-honoring critical thinkers, communicators, and servant-leaders.



WHERE
COMMUNITY...



...MEETS
OPPORTUNITY

Our Campus in Action



The Loop

Kindergarten Show-and-Tell
Bringing in a New Puppy!



The Playground

4th Grade Recess
Playing in the Gaga Pit



The Waterfront

Family Picnic
Food, Games, and Fun!



Main Gymnasium

2nd Grade Immigration Day
Celebrating our Families' Cultures



Art Room

3rd Grade Art Class
Learning to Draw Landscapes



The Dock

Junior High Splash
Taking a Dip in the Bellamy



FAITH | CHARACTER | SERVICE

Portsmouth Christian Academy provides an excellent education for families across the Seacoast. Central to our program is the development of Christ-centered graduates who impact our world for good.

At PCA, everything we do is centered around our mission to maximize each child's God-given potential, and our vision to develop Christ-centered graduates who impact our world for good. As a Christian school, we believe that God's infallible Word is the standard by which we should study, search, and grow, inspiring our faith and laying the foundation for character.

We do this as a diverse community. PCA is comprised of faculty, staff, students, and their families from over 100 different churches, as well as families who don't identify with a particular religion. PCA teachers come alongside all students, regardless of their faith, meeting them where they're at, showing them the love of Christ, and passionately working with each family to maximize the potential of their son or daughter, built on faith, character and service.

PCA emphasizes Christian faith and character in every aspect of the school. We introduce your child to Christ's love in preschool, eventually guiding them to critically think through and apply morality and ethics in High School Apologetics. We desire to build students of sound character, reflecting Christ's love and adhering to biblical principles throughout their lives.

We develop our students to sacrificially give of themselves for the betterment of others. Opportunities abound at PCA for students to get involved and lead by serving others. Food and coat drives, Reading Buddies, and 4th & 5th grade shepherding guide students toward Middle School positions of leadership in Student Council. From there, students can grow even more in our High School's leadership-development program that strives to develop strong, compassionate, servant-oriented leaders who positively impact their team, their community, and their world.

“Our kids have settled in nicely, both making new friends and adjusting well to a big transition. They are both thrilled with their teachers - and we feel that this is a huge part of their smooth transition. They wake up happy and excited to go to school!”

Harlee
PCA Mom of 2 PCA Students



“PCA students are an absolute joy to work with and they make me love coming to work each day! They are creative, talented and curious about the world around them. They are also kind and compassionate towards others, and eager to welcome new students and friends into our community.”

Mrs. Tucker
PCA Teacher

This school has put a smile on my face for the last eight years. PCA has built a good work ethic in me and has motivated me to excel. I think PCA has taught me a lot about my own identity as a person and has given me a place to really flourish intellectually. I see joy in the school – it’s a part of our culture. It’s everywhere. Students are always being encouraged to do their best and to be stewards to the best of their ability.

Samuel ‘21
Fairfield State University
Marketing

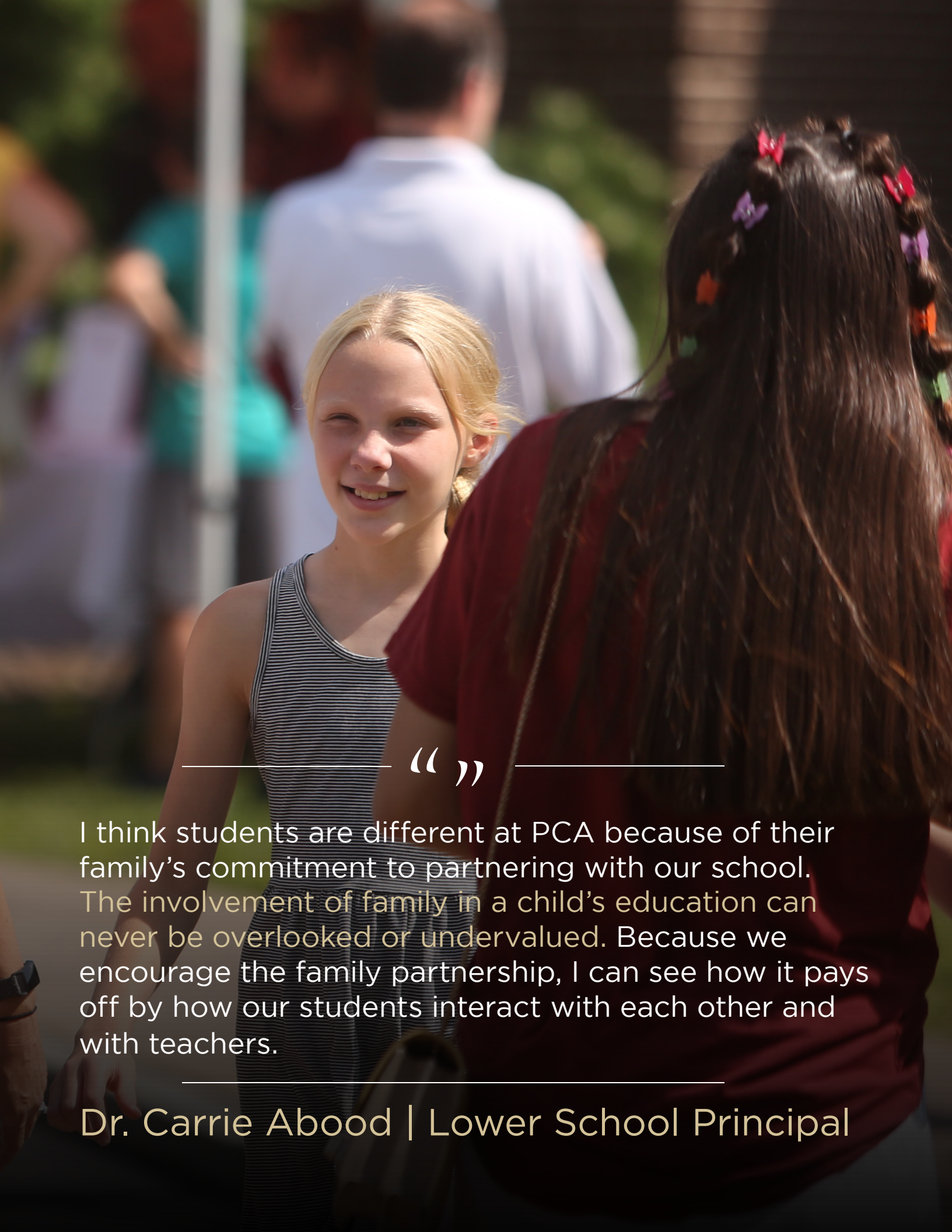


OUR CORE VALUES

COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY
CHRIST-CENTEREDNESS
BIBLICAL INTEGRITY
EXCELLENCE
CURIOSITY
HUMILITY
JOY








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I think students are different at PCA because of their family's commitment to partnering with our school. The involvement of family in a child's education can never be overlooked or undervalued. Because we encourage the family partnership, I can see how it pays off by how our students interact with each other and with teachers.

Dr. Carrie Abood | Lower School Principal



Primary (K-2)

Developing and Mastering Foundational Skills

As our teachers build on your child's natural way of learning through experience and play, classroom instruction is designed to encourage children to become engaged learners. Mastering math concepts and literacy are key goals in the primary grades, beginning with math facts, phonics, and active listening, and moving to math functions and in-class math clusters.

Morning Meetings, guided reading, and Reading Buddies with older students allow for positive group and peer learning experiences.





Elementary (3-5)

Creating Competent and Curious Learners

Elementary learning classes build on your child's independence as a learner and identity as a child of God. Students move from "learning to read" to "reading to learn," and the curriculum encourages high levels of decoding, comprehension, word analysis, and writing.

Math differentiation is delivered via group clustering of students in grades 3-8 to offer a "just-right" amount of challenge for learners who are working at a similar pace or on the same skill.





Enrichment and Extra-Curriculars

In addition to the excellent education your child will receive in his or her classroom, Portsmouth Christian Academy is pleased to offer a variety of enrichment classes and after-school activities as part of our Kaleidoscope program.

From foreign language and art class, to physical education, library, and music, our curriculum further equips our students with essential 21st century skills.



Kaleidoscope

We emphasize the education of the whole child, extending learning beyond the walls of the classroom. As such, through our afterschool Kaleidoscope program, our students can explore a variety of extracurricular options, allowing students to take on new and exciting things in areas of their choosing including athletics, drama, robotics, LEGO Builders, Coyote Club, cross-country skiing, and more!

Sample Kaleidoscope Offerings:

- Coding
- Virtual Reality
- Soccer Shots
- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Pottery
- Coyote Club
- Cross Country Skiing
- Violin
- Voice Lessons
- Foreign Language

Our Community

At the center of our work at PCA is our mission to maximize each child's God-given potential. This isn't meant for just the classroom. We want to maximize the child and the family's full potential, and it's for that reason that we continually strive to build and maintain a compassionate community that invites parents and grandparents to join us in the education and mentoring of their children.

Whether it's committing one day a month to help distribute lunch, chaperoning a field trip, or just coming on campus to have lunch with your student, your presence, your voice, and your role as a parent are instrumental in your child's success.

Our community is built on loving relationships between students, faculty, staff, families, and leadership. It's through building and maintaining these relationships that we create a God-honoring school culture.



"PCA is a community that is based on sound Biblical standards. Education is rigorous, but students are supported and encouraged to excel. My children feel safe and have flourished at PCA."

Raquel, Mom of 4 PCA Students





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**READY TO JOIN OUR COMMUNITY?
CONTACT OUR ADMISSIONS OFFICE TODAY!**

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