



2024-2025 Theme – Welcome to the Future

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 (16 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 (43), 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 25, 2024. Intended for PCW School Representatives and Parent Association (PA) Presidents.
- **Speaker Series Event** – October 29, 2024 (AI for Education - Amanda Bickerstaff). Intended for all in our member school communities.

- **Lower and Middle School Forum** – December 3, 2024 (Panel presentation). Intended for all member lower school communities.
- **Move Screening** – February 4, 2025 (Screenagers III). Intended for all in our member school communities.
- **Upper School Student Leader Breakfast** – April 3, 2025. Intended for selected 11th/12th grade member school students.
- **Middle School Student Leader Breakfast** – April 9, 2025. Intended for selected 7th grade member school students and counselors/administrators.
- **Speaker Series Event** – April 30, 2025 (Devorah Heitner). Intended for all in our member school communities.
- **Deans of Students' Breakfast** – May 1, 2025. Intended for upper school Dean of Students as a follow up to the Upper School Student Leader Breakfast.
- **Informal Discussions for PA Presidents** – Quarterly 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 and Middle School Forum*).
- ✓ PA Presidents and PCW Representatives attend programs as well (*Orientation, Speaker Series, Lower and Middle 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.