

## **FAQ's**

### **How will we be alerted if there is an emergency?**

The K12 alert system will be utilized to let parents know about early dismissals, late starts, and cancellations. The K12 alert system will also be used to alert parents in case of emergency. [Click here to sign up for the K12 System](#) or update information for both you and your child.

### **How do I report an absence?**

The nurse's office should be contacted if a child is going to be late or absence. A note can be sent in with a child who will be leaving early. [Click here to visit the PVC Health Office/Nurse website.](#)

### **How can parents volunteer at PVC?**

The PVC PTA and SEPTA always welcome parent volunteers. Assisting with lunch is a popular way to volunteer. We also acknowledge that parents have expertise in many areas that could enhance the learning environment. If you would like to share your expertise with the school please contact your child's teacher or the main office.

### **What clubs, sports, and after-school activities are available to the students? When do they meet?**

[Active clubs are listed here.](#)

### **What are the procedures for pickup/drop-off?**

For the safety of all children, only school buses are allowed to drop student off or pick them up in the drive in front of the school. Parents may use the lower parking lot. The side parking lot should not be used since students also enter and exit school grounds through this lot. [Click here to view our traffic pattern procedures.](#)

### **What happens if my child misses the bus at the end of the day?**

If your child misses the bus they should report to the main office. The office staff will help your child get onto another bus or make other arrangements.

### **What do I need to know in order to assure my child makes it to school and home safely?**

Attendance is taken in homeroom and throughout the school day. If your child is absent from class you will receive a phone call from the nurse's office to inquire about your child's attendance.

### **What are the responsibilities of a student?**

Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning. This includes coming to class prepared and actively participating throughout the class period. Students should be encouraged to persevere. PVC is a community. Every student is an important part of this community. Each student must take responsibility for maintaining a respectful community.

### **Where do I park if I have a meeting with a teacher or administrator?**

Visitor parking spots can be found in the lower parking lot next to the tennis court.

**What is the allergy rule in the classroom/cafeteria?**

The health and safety of every child is taken very seriously at PVC. When a child has a nut allergy, the classroom is posted as a “**nut free zone.**” The cafeteria has a dedicated “**nut free table.**” If your child has any allergy concerns, please contact school nurse Laurie Payne so that your child’s needs can be properly addressed.

**When can I ask for homework if my child has been sick?**

If your child will be absent from school due to illness you may make a homeroom request to the guidance office after the second day of absence. Teachers often post class assignments on their webpage. Consider also reviewing the school webpage which may provide all information regarding classwork.

**Are there approved tutors in the building? How can I get a tutor for my child?**

Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 – 3:45 there is homework help in the PVC library. The school can often arrange for a high school student to assist your child. The guidance office may also have a list of tutors who are available. Contact the guidance office at extension 2204.

**What is the cell phone/personal technology device policy?**

Smart phones may be used in the classroom with permission from the teacher for school-related work only. Phones should remain locked in the student’s locker during other times of the day including lunch and recess. Seventh and eighth graders may carry their phones with them to class as long as they store them in the pocket chart in each classroom when not in use. Additional policy information can be found in the *Student/Parent Handbook* also located on the PVC webpage. [Click here for the Student Electronic Device Usage Policy and Permission Form.](#)

**What is x-period?**

X-Period is a block of time that is created by shortening the morning and afternoon classes. X-Period is used for AIS support and music groups on Tuesday and Thursday. On Friday x-period is used for the advisory lessons. X-Periods are also used for special assemblies.

**How can I set up a meeting with a teacher?**

Teachers are available to meet with parents during the school day. You can contact a teacher directly using voice mail (phone extensions are listed on the back page of the school calendar) or email. You can also arrange a meeting by contacting guidance at extension 2204.

**Where can I find answers to other questions I may have?**

A [parent/student handbook](#) is available under the student/parent tab across the top of the web page.