



“...Teach them to your children and to their children after them.”  
-- Deuteronomy 4:9

## P2 Grand Family Cookout

Friday, April 27, 2018

Middle School Girls' Soccer – 4:00 p.m. • Varsity Boys' Baseball – 4:30 p.m. • Varsity Girls' Soccer – 5:30 p.m.

**Everyone Is Invited! Join Us for Food and Fun!**



**Friends and Family Cookout • Games and Inflatables • Girls' Soccer Games • Baseball Game • Alumni Games and Gathering**

This year, we are so excited to announce that the Providence Academy P2 Group (formerly PEP) is expanding on the ever-exciting Grandparent Cookout. We love having grandparents join us and want them to continue to come, and now we are adding additional activities for the entire family! Join us on Friday, April 27 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. for a fun-filled family time. There will be a cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs served between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Other events include soccer games, a baseball game, inflatables, face painting, a cakewalk, and so much more. We are also making plans for a PA Alumni gathering during the cookout. Admission to all events is free. For more information, please contact Sarah Wright, P2 President, at [sarahwright9294@gmail.com](mailto:sarahwright9294@gmail.com).

**Please RSVP by Friday, April 20**, with the enclosed form and return envelope or by visiting the Providence Academy website ([www.providenceacademy.com](http://www.providenceacademy.com)) and clicking on **RSVP Grand Family Cookout** under Quick Links. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there!

In case of rain, the event will be moved to May 4.

## What Is the Providence Academy Mission Statement?

*Providence Academy equips students to achieve academic excellence and spiritual maturity through a biblically-based, Christ-centered, classical education, so they will think and live in a manner which brings glory to God.*

“...to think and live in a manner that brings glory to God.” This portion of the statement reflects the heart of most of the parents and grandparents who send their children to Providence Academy. This could be a parent or grandparent mission statement for their children:

*That my children (or grandchildren) would think and live in a manner which brings glory to God.*

Here are some recent quotes I received from grandparents. As you read these quotes, you can see that their heart's desire for their grandchildren matches the Providence mission statement.

*We are glad to help Providence Academy. We really believe in Christian schools. We were fortunate to be able to send both of our children to Christian schools. We can't help much because we are on Social Security, but we want to do what we can. The teachers at PA do a great job!* - **Anonymous Grandparent**

*We have been thinking for some time we would write and say thank you for the great opportunity our two grandchildren had at Providence... We have spoken often of the dedication of your teachers and everyone connected in every way. We have hoped and prayed that we in some small way would be able to help, and let you know how thankful we have been for their chance to attend such a school as Providence. We know that the teaching and training that they were taught will remain with them through all they may choose to do in the future, for that we are eternally grateful and thankful...* - **Flossie Costner**

*We appreciate Providence Academy and that our grandchildren are able to attend. We are thankful for the effort you are making to instill biblical principles in our children.* - **Anonymous Grandparent**



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## Looking Ahead in 2018

- Secondary Spring Drama Performances - April 20-21
- Elementary Art Exhibit - April 21
- P2 Grand Family Cookout - April 27
- Secondary Art Exhibit - May 5, Tipton Gallery
- Kindergarten Graduation - May 17
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and Elementary Awards - May 22
- Secondary Awards - May 23
- Senior Graduation - May 25
- Last Day of School - May 25

## The Essay that Led to a Rebirth of Learning

An essay titled “The Lost Tools of Learning” by Dorothy Sayers is the spark that started the fire. This essay led to a rebirth in classical Christian education. There are now over 250 classical Christian schools across the United States, and these schools are emphasizing the lost tools of learning. What are these lost tools of learning? What are the tools that help you to learn more, and faster, and help students to love learning? One example is learning Latin. Dorothy Sayers said, “Even a rudimentary knowledge of Latin cuts down the labor and pains of learning almost any other subject **by at least fifty percent.**” According to the College Board, the group that creates and manages the SAT, students who take two years of Latin consistently score an average of 174 points higher on their SAT. Just imagine, if one lost tool of learning is this effective, what would it be like to use all of the lost tools?

We encourage you to read the essay, “The Lost Tools of Learning.” You may find it online. If you find it interesting, you might enjoy the book that was critical in the formation of Providence Academy, [Recovering the Lost Tools of Learning](#) by Douglas Wilson.

## Quotes from “The Lost Tools of Learning”

by Dorothy Sayers

“Is not the great defect of our education today--a defect traceable through all the disquieting symptoms of trouble that I have mentioned--that although we often succeed in teaching our pupils "subjects," we fail lamentably on the whole in teaching them how to think: they learn everything, except the art of learning.”

“For the tools of learning are the same, in any and every subject; and the person who knows how to use them will, at any age, get the mastery of a new subject in half the time and with a quarter of the effort expended by the person who has not the tools at his command. To learn six subjects without remembering how they were learnt does nothing to ease the approach to a seventh; to have learnt and remembered the art of learning makes the approach to every subject an open door.”

“For the sole true end of education is simply this: to teach men how to learn for themselves; and whatever instruction fails to do this is effort spent in vain.”

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## Grandparent Chapel 2017



## **P2 Grand Family Cookout 2018 RSVP Form**

***Yes, I (we) will be attending the P2 Grand Family Cookout on Friday, April 27, 2018.***

Grandparent Name(s):

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Providence Grandchild Name(s):

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**Please return to Providence Academy using the enclosed return envelope by Friday, April 20, 2018.**

