

Christian Layman Church Reflection

By Jaden Jones (VP of Comms)



Going to help out at the church for a second time was really great. I love how on-task all the adults helping there are by giving you tasks to help with right away. Gardening is such a peaceful thing especially when it's right by the highway. You will always be helped by the kind adults and bringing or knowing someone at the event always makes it more enjoyable. The peacefulness is a great mental break during your busy school week, even if you don't enjoy gardening. Around 12:00 or 12:30 they supply pizza and drinks for lunch, which is delicious, while you chat and hangout. If going to the construction events is too scary right now, this event is a great introduction to community service and involvement, a very helpful life skill. If you have any more questions involving this event please reach out to me! I would be happy to share my experiences and get you comfortable with the events!

Service Dinner for Parents

By Noah Baldwin and Leela Sivakumar (VPs of Parent Engagement)



Join Our Parent-Led Service Dinner on Friday, May 29 where you will have an opportunity to come together for a great cause, and parents can lead the way! The goal of this event is to give our parent community a chance to step into the kitchen and see what PCSC is all about by preparing a meal for 100 people in need, and have the pleasure of networking with other crew adults. PCSC will cover all food and supply costs. We want to ensure that your time and energy are the only investment needed.

Event Logistics

- **Date:** Friday, May 29
- **Time:** 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- **Location:** College Avenue, Presbyterian Church
- **Sign up on** www.PCServiceCrew.org/event-list (if you are new to this page, request access by emailing Ken.i.Li@sbcglobal.net)

Support Needed

If anyone is able to assist with the pre-event shopping, please let us know! While we would appreciate the extra help, it is optional. Our primary goal is to have a full team in the kitchen on Friday to bring this meal to life. Thank you for your continued support and for helping show our students the power of community service!

President's New Term Introductions and Goals

By Claire Aubrecht and Maddie Lee

Hey PCSC! I'm Claire, co president with Maddie and past VP of



Comms and parent engagement. My primary goal as co president is to increase the level of organization in the crew in order to maximize efficiency so we can create more fun and social events! Since I joined in middle school, PCSC has helped me learn a multitude of skills like communication, teamwork and leadership. Events like Tiny house, St.Mary's cooking, and Valentine's Day strawberry dipping all cultivate these skills and more, and I'm excited to be able to share these with our PCSC community!

Hi everybody! I'm Maddie. I am honored and excited to serve as your



Co-President of PCSC alongside Claire. As the former VP of Member Engagement, I have become especially passionate about increasing member involvement and creating an environment where everyone feels welcomed, engaged, and excited to volunteer. One of my main goals this year is to expand participation while also introducing a wider variety of volunteer opportunities for our members. Through my experience in PCSC, I

have especially enjoyed events such as tree lot, twilight camp, tiny house and the pancake breakfast, which have shown me how meaningful and enjoyable community service can be. I am looking forward to continuing making a positive impact on our community together this year!

Hours Due May 10th!!!

As previously mentioned on our instagram page, volunteer hour submissions on MobileServe for this last semester are due this Sunday!! When logging a PCSC event on MobileServe make sure to put Piedmont Community Service as the organization (even though it might not pop up, it's ok), give a quick description of what you participated in, and put Ken Li as supervisor name with ken.i.li@sbcglobal.net for his email! Additionally, if you are struggling to remember what events you've attended this semester and their specific hours make sure to check out the [Crew Service Hours Spreadsheet](#) and search the left side for your name. If you feel that some of your hours haven't been recorded correctly or at all on the sheet, contact Ken (email at the bottom).

REMINDER: Check the PCSC Website!!

You'll find lots of valuable information, including:

- [Events page](#) for members and parents to sign up for events
- [Events calendar](#) to view long term event plans
- Links to our social media
- PHS students: logging your service hours
- Meet our crew leaders
- How to join and renew your membership
- Newsletter archive (read old issues to get important info!)

And....Check PCSC's Instagram!!



Make sure to go on instagram, search @pcservicecrew, and follow our account to receive the most direct updates about all the crew has to offer!

Kiosk Project Wrap Up

By Ken Li, crew advisor

PCSC members have access to an awesome array of service activities!

We strive to have events which: are meaningful (make a distinct impact); are a learning opportunity (we take on pretty technical projects; teach members practical skills in the process); and have a social element (meet new people of different ages; work with others in our community). Our VP Program, Toby Tsai, is responsible for filling the calendar with events on different days, at different times, and addressing a range of interests, areas of impact, and involving planning.

We want our members to know that we are interested in your inputs on what we do and when. PCSC is also all about youth leadership development and anyone who is interested in helping to organize future activities should talk to one of the crew officers and crew advisor Ken Li. There are many ideas for activities and projects that we know of and hope to do, but are waiting for some members who show interest in them before we take them on.

A perfect example of this is the recent Kiosk project! Claire Aubrecht, now co-President, is typically very busy, but seeks out event opportunities whenever she has time. When she realized that she had lots of free time over Feb break, she reached out to Ken and together they set out to build an info Kiosk for the Native Plant Nursery, one of those project ideas that was waiting for a champion.

Over Feb Break, Claire and Ken came up with a design, then purchased lumber and set up several build days at Ken's home workshop where we cut all the lumber pieces and assembled pieces of the kiosk: a large enclosed bulletin board box, a small box for maps and brochures. Over the following weeks, we constructed a fancy roof with a curved top, covered by upcycled redwood planks. Two days were spent digging holes to set the tall posts that would support the structure. This weekend, our 10th work day was devoted to the final installation where we lifted the heavy roof and installed diagonal

bracing, then attached the bulletin board and map box which was promptly filled with brochures!

20 people worked 116 hours over 10 work days. PCSC spent just under \$1,600 in materials for this. Thanks to Frank Silver (FMS Projects), crew alumni parent and local contractor, who lent us his pick up truck for the final installation!

Looking ahead to the summer and next fall: let us know if you'd like to help install split rail fencing in Joaquin Miller Park to protect the delicate understory growth under the local redwood trees! They typically work on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, and we'd love to organize small groups of PCSC members to work on that project.

Pictures of the Kiosk project at the end of the newsletter.



**Thank you for reading and
for your continued involvement in PCSC!**

Sincerely,

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PHOTO GALLERY

Kiosk Project at the Friends of Sausal Creek Native Plant Nursery

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