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# New Versions of Church, School and Faith Formation Office Are Coming Soon!



Parish Data Systems will release version 7 of Church, School and Formation Office Managment programs in April, 2013. It's been several years since the version 6 upgrade was released and these new

programs will have a ton of awesome features.

PDS has always listened to feedback from dealers and end-users and version 7 is no different. I've been involved in the upgrade process by providing feedback and feature recommendations. This is the most exciting update yet from PDS.

Keep your eyes open for more feature details in the coming months. Plan now for learning opportunities on the new software for your staff. I will be coordinating a large number of on-site staff trainings. If you'd like to be in the loop for arrangements for your staff, please let me know as soon as possible, so that I may allocate time in the spring calendar.

Pricing information on these upgrades will be provided as soon as they are made available to me.



# **CONSULTING SERVICES**

In addition to PDS software support, I provide workstation, server and network support for many churches, schools and small businesses. If you'd like more

information on these services, please contact me at bryan@ptechs.com.

### FEATURES YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT?

Or, maybe you didn't realize...

PDS Church, Formation, School Management -

- <u>Family E-Mail Addresses:</u> Put as many as will fit into this field, separated by a semi-colon ";" or comma ",". (New Feature)
- Reason for Change: PDS now allows you to track a reason for a change on the family screen, separately from the comments section. To activate this new menu feature, go to Setup/Admin | Initial Setup and then check the box that reads "Ask for Reason on Significant Changes". This will add a menu item on the left side menu that will show a history changes for you. (New Feature)

#### PDS Facility Scheduler -

 Google Calendar Export from Facility Scheduler: For those trying to maintain their internal Facility Scheduler calendar and publish a Google Calendar to the outside world, PDS has added the ability. To use this feature go to Events | Reports | Calendars | Export to Google Calendar.

## **CHECK FOR CURRENT VERSIONS**

PDS updates their programs periodically and it is always a good idea to be sure that you're using the most current update for your version number. The following is a list of the most recent update builds for all of their products:

Church, Formation and School Office Management - 6.4E Facility Scheduler - 6.0H Ledger & Ledger/Payroll - 6.3A Ministry Scheduler - 6.5E

To download the most recent update, within each program, go to ONLINE RESOURCES | CHECK FOR PROGRAM UPDATES and the program will search the PDS website for any updates automatically for that particular program.

If you are still on version 4 or 5 of any of the above, please contact me for update pricing.

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