



Pine Brook School

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To Our Pine Brook Community,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a joyful and restful holiday season. As we step into 2025, it's hard to believe that we have already completed almost half of the 6th grade year! Over the past few months, it has been a pleasure getting to know your children—their curiosity, creativity, and determination continue to inspire us every day. As we move toward the second half of the school year, we look forward to continuing this journey together, supporting our students as they grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you for your partnership and trust—we are excited for all that's to come! Please review the following important upcoming information:

- **Trimester Dates:** The trimester 2 midpoint is January 31. Cycle 2 ends January 31.
- **Winter Weather Information:** Please review the included [LETTER](#) regarding procedures and safety information specific to the Winter season.
- **Assemblies:**
 - We were thrilled to welcome our students back with an assembly centered on goal setting, aligning with our school's motto: *Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready to Learn*. The assembly encouraged students to reflect on their personal and academic goals, emphasizing the importance of respect, responsibility, and preparedness in achieving success. Through engaging discussions and motivational messages, we reinforced the idea that setting clear goals and working towards them with determination fosters growth and confidence. As we embark on this new school year, we look forward to seeing our students embrace these values and strive for excellence in all they do.
 - January 7-9, students participated in lessons with our school counselor, Mrs. Ambroze, focusing on responsible decision making.
 - January 16: Band and Orchestra students will perform for their peers and the staff during the school day.
 - February 11: [Ryan's Story](#). Please be on the lookout for [this letter](#) that will be emailed home on January 14.
- **Save the Dates!:**
 - January 16: At 7:00pm at Pine Brook School, the Band and Orchestra students will perform for families. Doors will open to families at 6:45pm.
 - February 11: At 6:00pm at Pine Brook School, [Ryan's Story](#).
- **Spelling Bee:** Congratulations to those students who have continued beyond their classrooms to compete in the schoolwide Spelling Bee. Families of competing students have been invited to attend. Please be sure to reply to Mrs. Rogers by 1/15/2025.
- **Volleyball Sign Ups** open January 13. All students intending to participate must have already submitted their PreParticipation Physical Evaluation Medical Eligibility Form.
- **School Spirit:** Every Friday we encourage students to participate in wearing our school colors of red, white and black and/or show off their Pirate spirit!
- **2024-2025 School Calendar:** Take note that schools are closed January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.
- **PTA Information:** Please review the PTA website for upcoming events.

Please be sure to check the website regularly and sign up for the Pine Brook Backpack to remain informed about our school. All of our events will show on the school calendar located on the website. Should you have any additional questions, please contact us at (732) 786-2800.

Sincerely,

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