



Pine Brook School

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To Our Pine Brook Community,

Pirates, please see below for a month in review.

Please review the following important November information:

- **Trimester 1 Midpoint:** October 21 was the middle of the first trimester for all core content areas. If you have not already, please review with your child their current progress as indicated on the Genesis Parent Portal. Click into each grade listed next to the subject area for an account of all graded assignments during the trimester thus far. We encourage you to reach out to your child's teachers if you have any questions or concerns. Trimester 1 concludes on December 9. Report cards will be available in the Portal on the afternoon of December 20.
- **Conferences:** Conferences will be held IN PERSON on November 11 from 1:00-7:20pm and November 12 VIRTUALLY from 1:25-3:25pm. Please see the included [letter](#) for specific details.
- **Parent University:** MERS will be hosting Parent University on the evening of November 20 at Wemrock Brook School. Please review [this brochure](#) and select the workshops that interest you. Then, register for the workshops of your choice by clicking on the registration link [HERE](#).
- **Pictures:** Group Pictures and Make-up Pictures will be taken on November 12. Group picture schedule will be posted in each classroom. Make-up pictures will be conducted during your child's WIN/PE period.
- **Chromebook Care-** Please support your children in ensuring their chromebooks are charged each evening and brought to school each morning. See the link for chromebook procedures to help ensure the chromebook assigned to your child is safely and appropriately used and will remain in good condition through 8th grade.
- **Student Council:** We will be electing our class officers on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. We are so proud of all students running for a schoolwide position, and look forward to a great year with this year's Council. The Student Council will be holding their first major drive to support families in celebrating Thanksgiving. Please consider sending your child with food items traditionally associated with Thanksgiving (stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, etc.) See [notice](#) for more information.
- **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!
- **Pajama Drive** - Ends 11/15
- **Basketball Signups** - Open November 6. If your child is planning to participate in Intramural Basketball, they need to have already submitted their completed **PreParticipation Physical Evaluation Medical Eligibility Form** to the school by the August 16th deadline. No late Preparticipation Physical forms can be accepted at this time.
- **2024-2025 School Calendar:** Take note that school is closed to students on November 7 and 8 due to NJEA, November 11 for Veteran's Day and Conferences, and November 28 and 29 due to Thanksgiving. November 12 and 27 are 4 hour days. Students are permitted to bring a snack on November 12 and 27 to be eaten at a time as determined by their team teachers.
- **PTA Information:** A special thank you to our PTA and volunteers for the amazing Halloween Social! Thank you also to our families who raised funds for the school as part of our Fun Run on November 1.

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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