



## Pine Brook School

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To Our Pine Brook Community,

Hello incoming families! On behalf of the entire Pine Brook faculty, we are excited to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year. We are fortunate to have an outstanding staff of teachers and support personnel who are dedicated to our students. As educators, we are eager to collaborate with you in the shared goal of guiding students through successful academic endeavors. Our focus is to provide students with a safe, nurturing and challenging learning environment that enhances their scholastic, social and emotional development.

During the first few days of the 2024-2025 school year students will focus on getting accustomed to life at Pine Brook. The teachers will spend time reviewing the schedule, guiding students through the building, reminding them how to open and properly lock their lockers, and providing an overview of the sixth grade curriculum. The students will quickly learn that the staff at Pine Brook has high expectations for their academic abilities and behavior choices, all grounded in our school motto, "Sail to Success: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready to Learn." We are confident that shortly after entering Pine Brook, your child will feel supported in their new learning community.

Through our academic, athletic, before and after-school activities, and positive behavior supports, we will be providing learning experiences to aid your child in understanding and embracing his/her new sense of independence found in our sixth grade center. We know that this will be a special year of growth, development, and achievement for each student. Therefore, we ask that you help your child reflect on his/her past achievements and consider what his/her expectations are for this school year. We encourage you to discuss with your child his/her goals in regards to academics, attitude, and behavior. Working together, we will be able to assist students in achieving their personal goals while ensuring they are well prepared for MEMS come 2025.

Please review the following information as you prepare for your September 5th arrival at Pine Brook School:

- [Obtain team placement and bus information](#)- (Not live yet!) We anticipate team placement and bus information will be accessible to you through the Genesis Parent Portal on the afternoon of August 23. Please remember that when Genesis does open you will be required to read and acknowledge essential district and building information. You will need to have completed all forms within the portal and make the Chromebook User Fee on PaySchools to obtain your child's schedule, receive a chromebook and attend our locker practice event.
- [School Supply Lists](#)- Please see attached the school supply list and check back after receiving specific team placement for team specific supplies.
- [Chromebook Pick-Up and Locker Event](#)- This is done BEFORE the school year starts. There are multiple items that MUST be completed before arrival, so please be sure to review the information prior to arriving at Pine Brook School. In addition to the forms, the Chromebook User Fee must be completed on PaySchools before coming to Pine Brook School. The Chromebook User fee will be viewable on PaySchools by August 23. \*Please check out the PTA website below as they will be selling chromebook cases specific to this year's model. We highly encourage all families to purchase a gumdrop case through the PTA.
- [Orientation Site](#)-Pine Brook has created an Orientation website to support our students in transitioning to middle school. Please be sure to review the website should you have any questions pertaining to the schedule, our staff, activities information, and health forms.

- [2024-2025 School Calendar](#)- The first day of school is Thursday, September 5, 2024. Our doors open to students at 8:45am. Dismissal begins at 3:04pm.
- [Intramural Sports Physicals](#)-Pine Brook has opportunities for students to engage in three sports throughout the school year in a non-competitive environment. If your child is interested, the included information MUST be submitted by the listed dates.
- [Summer Math and Reading](#)-Please make sure your child has completed their summer math and reading work before the first day of school.
- [PTA Information](#)- Please visit the PTA website to stay up to date on school events, fundraisers and spirit wear! Log-ins will be accepted after August 23.
- [Back-to-School-Night](#)- We would like to invite parents/guardians to join our faculty at Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 12, 2024.
- Please check the [District Nurse website](#) for any medical forms that apply to your child. For example, if you would like the school to administer medication, there are specific forms that must be completed before the start of school. [See here for specific medication drop off dates and times.](#)
- We encourage all students to use District busing for safety reasons. If you need to drop off or pick up your child due to an emergency, please follow school guidelines:
  - **Drop Off:** Located on the side of the school building by the parking lot. Drive to the back of the school, turn around, and then drop your child off on the school side for safety. Students who arrive to homeroom after 8:54 are considered late.
  - **Pick Up:** Send a note to the main office. Students will be dismissed at 3:04PM to the side of the building. Please remain in your car and wait for your child to enter directly from the curb.

Please be sure to check the website regularly and sign up for the Pine Brook Backpack to remain informed about our school. We are excited to meet your children in just a few short weeks! Should you have any additional questions, please contact us at (732) 786-2800.

Sincerely,

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