



Pine Springs

PREPARATORY ACADEMY

September 17, 2024

Greetings Pioneer Families:

Please take a moment to read the following important updates and reminders.

Impact of School Closure on 9/17/24

While we had to regrettably close school today, we will not need to adjust our 2024-25 School Calendar to account for the lost day. Our calendar has some built in hours to account for unexpected closures such as occurred today. As a reminder, the School Calendar can be found on our school website:

<https://pinespringsprep.org/calendar/>

I anticipate that the 2025-26 School Calendar will be made available in a few weeks.

Infinite Campus Parent Portal

Please make sure you take time to set up your parent account information in Infinite Campus. Information on how to do this was sent out on Monday, 9/16/24.

Annual Veterans Day Breakfast

Our annual Veterans Day Breakfast will be held on Friday, November 8, 2024, from 9:00am – 11:00am in our elementary school gym. This special event is for the parents, guardians, and grandparents of our Pioneer students who have served, or currently serve, in the U.S. armed forces.

Due to the potential number of guests, we must limit the breakfast portion of our morning to just those family members who have served in the military (parents, guardians, grandparents of current PSPA students). After the breakfast portion of our morning, students of veterans who are attending will be invited to join for a special presentation. There will also be opportunities for our Pioneer veterans to visit classrooms at both of our campus buildings after the event.

To assist with our preparations for this event, if your PSPA student(s) has a veteran in their family who can join us for this special breakfast, please RSVP by filling out this online form.

<https://forms.gle/1oBgoSRSz1rvdT5H7>

We kindly ask that you RSVP by **October 11, 2024**.

Dress Down Day - Friday, September 20

Dress Down Day is the 3rd Friday of each month. While being in school uniform is optional on this day, school-appropriate clothing must still be worn. Pajama bottoms and jeans that are ripped to the point that undergarments can be seen are not allowed. "Short" shorts are not allowed. Leggings are allowed as long as they do not have holes. The requirement for shoes is the same for regular school-uniform days. Shirts must not advertise products that would not be allowed in school, nor may they contain language that is unacceptable in our school environment. The final decision about what is appropriate rests with school administration. While we certainly don't like to do so, we will contact you to return to campus if students are not wearing approved clothing.

Finally, I would like to remind our PSPA community that we are fortunate to have amazing parents and staff who go above and beyond when it comes to providing our Pioneer students with fun activities beyond the school day. Without staff who give time away from their families and volunteers who do the same, special events that are held throughout the year would not be possible. Please remind your students that the expectations for student behavior and being respectful of others and our property are the same at out-of-school events as they are during the school day. Before dropping your student off at a school event, be it an athletic function, a field trip, dance, etc., please be sure to speak to them about the importance of upholding our Pioneer values.

Sincerely,

Mr. Friend
Head of School