



Pine Springs

PREPARATORY ACADEMY

September 9, 2024

Greetings Pioneer Families:

I hope that you have had a nice start to the new week. Please take a moment to read the following important updates and reminders.

Lock-down Drill

Later this week, we will be conducting a lock-down drill on campus in collaboration with the Holly Springs Police Department. Drills such as these are an important part of our overall campus security plan. While the drill itself only takes a few minutes, the purpose of the drill is to give staff and students practice on what to do if a lock-down is called. As we have done in the past, the drill is presented to students in a calm and professional manner. HSPD officers will conduct the drill and debrief us on any issues that we may need to address in the future. This will be the first of multiple drills conducted during the school year.

Reminders from K-5 Principal Needham

- Carline gets smoother with each passing day. Please make sure your child is ready to exit the car in the mornings. Make sure you arrive to campus by 7:55 in the mornings to avoid being tardy. You should be in line by 3:05 in the afternoon to get your number in the system and your child to their spot by the end of carline. We will start counting tardies this week.
- Don't forget to check Class Dojo each day for updates and messages from your child's teacher.
- Do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Needham if you have any questions or concerns.

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**.

Pioneer Night with the Carolina Hurricanes

Again this year the Carolina Hurricanes will have a Pine Springs Night with the opportunity for PSPA families to purchase discounted tickets to a Hurricanes game. This year's PSPA night is scheduled for Sunday, December 15, 2024. The Hurricanes will face off against the Columbus Blue Jackets at 5:00pm. To order tickets, please use this special link that the Hurricanes have set up:

[Canesgroups.com/pinesprings](https://canesgroups.com/pinesprings)

Fall Athletics

Please come cheer on our student athletes. Girls volleyball, boys soccer, and our cross-country team are in full swing. It means a great deal to our students and coaches when our Pioneer community shows up to support our teams. For event information, locations, and ticket information, please visit:

<https://www.pspaathletics.org/>

Upcoming Dates:

September 10: Girls Volleyball at East Wake Academy at 4:30pm
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September 11: PSPA Cross-County Meet at Sugg Farm in Holly Springs at 4:00pm
September 12: Boys Soccer Triangle Math & Science Academy at 4:00pm
September 13: 7th Grade Lock-in at 7:00pm (PTO event)
September 20: Dress Down day

Wishing you a terrific week, and if you have not already done so – please join our PTO!

Mr. Friend
Head of School