



Good evening PSPA Middle Grades Students and Parents,

LABOR DAY

I know this is the unofficial end of summer, but I hope you were able to enjoy some beautiful weather this weekend! Remember... no school tomorrow.

TRANSPORTATION

If you did not see Mr. Friend's message the other day:

As I know you appreciate, the morning carline, especially in the first two weeks of school, is typically more congested than normal. There is a way that you can assist with reducing the rush of vehicles that converge on our campus in the morning. With middle school students not required to be in their homeroom until 8:30am, if you are only dropping off at the middle school (meaning you do not have a K-5 student you are dropping off first), it would be a big help if you could hold off on arriving on campus until 8:15-8:20am. Doing this will help alleviate the crush of cars that occurs on campus between 7:50am-8:00am when the K-5 carline is wrapping up. It will also help keep fewer cars on N. Main St. from backing up. Waiting to drop off your middle school closer to 8:20am – 8:25am will still give your student enough time to get their belongings together and not be late to class. It will allow the volume of cars to be spread out over a longer period of time, which benefits all drivers whether they are coming to our school or not.

I realize that for every family this is a request that may not be possible, but for those who can have that extra cup of morning coffee or second bowl of cereal before heading to school, well thank you for consideration and support

The traffic back up on Rosewood, Main Street, and into Arbor Creek has been more prominent than usual this year. Our carline in the morning has run very smoothly, and there should not be an issue if you arrive at 8:15. We appreciate your support.

WASHINGTON DC TRIP-8TH GRADERS

Attention 8th grade parents! We will be having a virtual parent meeting for the Washington DC trip on Thursday, September 12th at 6:00PM. We will be reviewing the trip, which will be March 13-15, including a sample itinerary, costs and potential fundraising. Students will be bringing home fliers with the link to the meeting this week. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Mr. Hensler. jhensler@pinespringsprep.org.

MESSAGE FROM THE PSPA PTO:

We are getting ready for our Middle School Lock-Ins! Click the links for more information:

6th Grade Lock-In on Friday, September 6th: Click here -> <https://bit.ly/3YSrcWF>

7th Grade Lock-In on Friday, September 13th: Click here -> <https://bit.ly/3T93BgN>

8th Grade Lock-In on Friday, September 20th: INFO COMING SOON!

PTO Membership Information:

PSPA PTO seeks to involve ALL families and staff through membership and a variety of optional activities, events, and initiatives as we SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS! Join the PTO to be a part of the numerous ways we support our teachers, staff, students, administrators, and families! Last year, over 54% of Pioneers joined the PTO. Please help us reach this goal again!

Our PTO membership is ANNUAL, so we encourage all families/staff to join each year! Any level of involvement is welcomed. Membership does not obligate you to attend PTO meetings, volunteer, or fundraise; it is simply a tax-deductible donation to the PSPA PTO that supports our many contributions to our one-of-a-kind school!

Click here to join -> <https://bit.ly/JoinPSPAPTO>

SPIRIT WEAR-THIS FRIDAY

As a reminder, this Friday is our first Spirit Wear Day of the year. Here are the guidelines for dress that day:

Spirit Wear Day is the 1st Friday of each month. "Spirit Wear" are those PSPA tops such as t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies that are purchased through the PTO or PSPA Athletic Department. Spirit Wear Day is not for the wearing of tops that showcase your favorite professional or college sports team, etc. If a student is wearing a Spirit-Wear top, then they do not have to wear school-uniform bottoms; however, school-appropriate bottoms must 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.

FROM OUR PBL COACH

Please click on the [linked document](#) to view the current Project-Based Learning units our students are working on.

POSITIVITY PROJECT

This week, our school community will focus on the character strength of **Teamwork**. Teamwork means you work well as a member of a group or team. You are loyal, reliable, and dedicated to helping your team achieve its goals.

Teamwork involves prioritizing group success. Those strong in teamwork help all group members succeed, committing time and resources to the group's goals. They often delay personal accomplishments to ensure the group's overall success, which fosters positive feelings and counters selfishness and egotism.

For individuals, teamwork often means deferring or delaying individual accomplishments in order to ensure that the group maintains a high level of success. Their commitment to the larger group effort makes them good teammates. The positive feelings associated with being part of a larger whole — can be highly beneficial and combat selfishness and egotism.

To practice and encourage the character strength of teamwork at home, please visit the Positivity Project's mobile-friendly [P2 for Families](#). There, you will watch a video clip together and discuss a quote and three questions related to teamwork.

Thank you for your continued support! Hope you enjoy the rest of the weekend! We'll see you on Tuesday!

Sincerely,

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[8th Grade Plan Book](#)

[7th Grade Plan Book](#)

[6th Grade Plan Book](#)