



Good evening PSPA Middle Grades Students and Parents,

Here are some updates for this week:

iReady Work

As we have now completed iReady Assessments for the fall, students should have their individualized path ready for them to work on. Most students will be able to complete this work during Pioneer Time, but some may need to complete at home.

Teachers and staff will be analyzing the data to make decisions about instructional practices, as well as determining if students are misplaced on their individualized plan based on their ability level. We do have some students who may not have taken the assessment as seriously as we hoped.

Infinite Campus

Hopefully, you were able to log into the IC Parent Portal after Ms. Richter sent out the instructions last week. She has been getting some calls about not being able to log in. Please be sure to read the instructions carefully as many of the questions she is answering can be found there. Between working with parents and working with students, she is inundated with emails. She does not mind helping, but we ask that you try what you can.

Students were also given their log in information last week. We will have a virtual session with Ms. Richter during Pioneer Time on Monday so she can walk those students who are struggling through the process.

Clubs

Last Friday was the first day that students went to the clubs that they chose. The majority of students got their first or second choice, and everyone got at least their fourth choice. Putting that list together is not easy, so please help your child to be content with the club they were assigned. We will be switching up clubs in the second semester.

Fall Picture Day

Fall picture day is coming up soon! October 3 will be the day for students at the middle school. Students are expected to wear school uniforms that day as these are the pictures we use for both the yearbook and for Infinite Campus. For Spring pictures, students will not have to be in uniform.

I do know that day is a holiday for some of our students, and there are others who may miss that day as well. We will have a make-up day for any student who is not present that day.

From the PTO:

The PTO's second **online spirit wear store** is LIVE! Orders due September 30th--no late orders accepted. Please check the size chart as soft cotton tends to run a bit smaller (consider sizing up). Orders will be sent home the WEEK of October 28th. Visit our page to order: <https://sites.google.com/view/psppto/home/spirit-wear>

If you ordered during our first online spirit wear store, your items will be sent home the WEEK of September 30th.

PTO Membership Information: LAST DAY TO JOIN IS SEPTEMBER 30

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>

Student Vendors at the Holiday Shop

Are you a young entrepreneur and want to showcase your business and sell your handcrafted items? Back again this year at the Holiday Shop, the PTO will accept applications from middle school students who are interested in selling their handmade items. If you have any questions, email the PTO at info@psppto.org. Applications are due by Monday, September 30th!

[Apply Here](#)

[Student Vendor Terms and Conditions](#)

HALLOWEEN DANCE-Note the time change



ATHLETICS

Our Fall Athletics Teams continue to impress on the fields, courts, and courses! Here is the schedule for next week:

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

FROM OUR PBL COACH

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

Holly Springs Winter Guard

Do you like music, dancing and making new friends!

Come check out the Indoor Winter Guard information meeting & enjoy 2 trial classes to see if it's for you!

Students perform with a competitive team on the local circuit.



Holly Springs
WINTER GUARD

Interest Meeting
Monday September 23, 2024
6:30 pm
Holly Springs High School

Junior Hawks is grades 6-8!
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!
ALL are welcome!

If you are interested in joining Hawks, please fill out the following form by scanning the QR code.



POSITIVITY PROJECT

Next week, our school will focus on the character strength of Perspective. This means understanding and appreciating different points of view. Perspective, often seen as wisdom, goes beyond intelligence. People with this strength are valued for their advice because they see the big picture and understand complex issues.

Those with perspective can get to the heart of difficult matters and bring clarity. They are honest, ethical, and good at seeing what truly matters. This helps them stay calm and learn from mistakes. By reflecting on their own feelings and thoughts, they can empathize with others and offer strong listening and questioning skills. They help their groups navigate challenges and find opportunities for success.

To practice and encourage the character strength of perspective at home, please visit the Positivity Project's [P2 for Families](#). There, you can watch a video, read a quote, and discuss three questions together.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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[8th Grade Plan Book](#)

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