



Good evening PSPA Middle Grades Students and Parents,

We hope you had a great weekend. Thank you for all that you have done to help the North Carolinians out in the western part of the state. There was a load of supplies, drinks, and food collected last week and delivered this weekend. Just another example of what an incredible community of Pioneers we have!

Halloween Dance Reschedule

We will be rescheduling the Halloween Dance to Saturday, November 2. We are still working on a specific start time, but we will let you know.

Parent Engagement Sessions

Parent engagement is a critical part of the charter school experience - an engaged, active school community contributes to a charter school's success. At PSPA we have come a long way since 2017 when our first group of 400+ students helped us open our doors. We now have two buildings at our Holly Springs campus, a Blended Academy in neighboring Apex, and even a Virtual Academy that serves students across the state; and there's even more on the horizon with a proposed high school.

With so much happening in the life of our school, we want to provide opportunities for families to get an update on where we are as a school and how we need families to become active participants as we pursue our mission to become the best school of choice in the local community and state. As such, we will be hosting our first in-person Parent Engagement meeting on **Monday, October 7th at 6:00pm** in the middle school gym. School and PTO leadership will share valuable information on how you can commit to our future success.

For those who can't attend in-person, we will be offering a virtual meeting on **Thursday, October 10th at 6:00 pm** (link provided below).

<https://meet.google.com/sqd-iidd-uxh>

Or dial: (US) +1 240-252-5304 PIN: 217 826 334#

8th Grade Parent Night-Navigating High School Registration

A reminder that 8th grade parents are invited to join Ms. Breslin and Mr. Dansky this upcoming Wednesday evening as they review information important for the remainder of the year as well as discussing registration for High School. The meeting will be in the PSPA Middle School Gym and will start at 6:00. We hope to see you there.

Basketball Tryouts

If your child is planning on trying out for the girls or boys basketball team, please complete the interest form and make sure all Dragonfly information is complete and up to date prior to tryouts.

Girls - <https://forms.gle/FvccmxLvXiKHeube7>

Boys - <https://forms.gle/G3bEDzbXSgWJo3St8>

From the PTO–PSPA PTO Sponsorship Packages

The PSPA PTO is pleased to offer a variety of 2024-2025 Sponsorship Packages to help businesses gain valuable market exposure while investing in our Pioneer scholars. 100% of funds raised through sponsorship support our students and teachers. Last year, every classroom received a \$100 gift card for education supplies, and many teacherpreneurs received additional funding through our Wise Owl Mini Grant Program. Our sponsorship packages ensure your business gets noticed, makes a meaningful difference in our students' lives, and enhances your community presence.

More information can be found on the PTO's website [HERE](#). If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please complete the google form bit.ly/pspaptosponsors2425 or email fundraising@psppto.org by October 28th. Thank you for partnering with the PSPA PTO!

STUDENT BAGS

We know that a number of students have been carrying smaller bags to class in order to organize their materials and bring items for multiple classes at one time. As a staff, we are ok with this, but the bags must not be larger than the ones below.

Product size



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.

POSITIVITY PROJECT

This week is a Spiral review week which is built into our annual calendar and provide our staff with three options: 1) complete weekly lessons for any character strength previously missed on the calendar; 2) spiral back to strengths taught this year by selecting from a cache of lessons designed to deepen understanding and take learning to the next level; or 3) try out a new Scripted Project Based Learning unit.

Sincerely,

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[**8th Grade Plan Book**](#)

[**7th Grade Plan Book**](#)

[**6th Grade Plan Book**](#)