



Good evening PSPA Middle Grades Students and Parents,

I hope that you and yours are safe and well after the storm on Friday. Please let us know if that is not the case so we can do what we can to help.

Here are some updates for this week:

iReady Work

At this point, students should have or will soon have meetings with their ELA and Math teachers regarding their Fall iReady Assessment and discuss their individualized planning path. Students should have plenty of time to complete iReady during Pioneer Time, but if not, they will need to work on it at home.

Friday's Remote Day

I know that there were many families who were without power and/or internet access that day. Please reach out to your child's teachers if that is the case.

Halloween Dance Reschedule

We hated to have to postpone the dance on Friday, but we did so out of an abundance of caution for all of our families. We did not know what the roads in and around our area would look like, and many of our families live outside of Holy Springs and outside of Wake County. It turns out that was the correct call.

We will let you know when the dance will be rescheduled.

Fall Picture Day

Fall picture day is coming up soon! This Thursday, 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.

Spirit Wear Friday

This Friday will be our second Spirit wear day of the year. Please be sure that students are wearing appropriate clothes that day so we do not have to call you to bring a change of clothes.

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.

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](#)

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, our school community will focus on the character strength of **Forgiveness**. Forgiveness means letting go of anger toward those who have done wrong and accepting that people make mistakes.

When we forgive, we can move past being hurt and make peace with what happened. Forgiveness heals and strengthens our relationships. It doesn't erase what happened, but it helps us let go of the hurt and move forward.

Seeking forgiveness shows that a person values relationships and understands the impact of their actions. It shows humility, accountability, and a willingness to make amends. By seeking forgiveness, a person shows they care about resolving conflicts and restoring trust. It also shows emotional maturity and a commitment to personal growth.

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

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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[8th Grade Plan Book](#)

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