



Pine Springs

PREPARATORY ACADEMY

November 26, 2024

Greetings PSPA Families,

As we head off for the Thanksgiving holiday, here are a few items I wish to share.

Open Enrollment for 2025-26 School Year

Please read this carefully. Our annual open enrollment for the next school year will begin on December 3.

1. Current Pioneer students do not need to submit a new enrollment form. This open enrollment is only for new prospective students. An Intent to Return form will be sent out in mid-February for existing PSPA students.
2. While current PSPA students should not apply through this application process, ***an enrollment application must be submitted for prospective siblings*** of current students.
3. This open enrollment is only for students who wish to enroll in our traditional K-8 school, or for our Blended Academy (5-10) option. Enrollment for our full-time virtual school, Pine Springs Virtual Academy, will not begin until late winter of 2025.
4. If you are seeking to enroll a sibling of a current PSPA student, you must submit their enrollment application during the enrollment period of 12/3/24 – 2/3/25. Any enrollment applications received after 2/3/25 will not be eligible for the lottery and the student will be placed at the end of the queue after all lottery placements have been determined.
5. While siblings of current PSPA students are given preference for open seats for the following school year, it is important to note that “preference” does not mean it is a guarantee; and, if you don’t submit an enrollment application for the sibling before 2/3/25, no preference will be given.
6. If your current Pioneer is in our Blended Academy and is seeking to switch to the traditional option, or if your current Pioneer is in our traditional option and would potentially like to switch to the Blended Academy, please contact Principal Alharoon to discuss your student’s situation (malharoon@pinespringsprep.org).
7. The enrollment lottery will be held on February 24, 2025. You must have your prospective student’s application completed and submitted by 2/23/24 in order for it to be included in the lottery.

Again, current students who are seeking to remain at PSPA should not submit a new enrollment application.

Feel free to share this information with family and friends who may be seeking to enroll their student with PSPA for the 2025-26 school year.

School Tours for Prospective Kindergarten Students

Pine Springs Prep will be offering tours for prospective 2025-26 Kindergarten parents and their students during the morning of December 9th. Please fill out this [registration form](#) to reserve a spot. These tours will be for parents and the perspective student only. Please plan to spend about 1hr with us on Dec. 9th. We will have a question-and-answer session with tours to follow. Feel free to share this information with family and friends who may be seeking to enroll their Kindergarten student for the 2025-26 school year.

Early Winter / Appropriate Dress

The mornings temperatures next week are predicted to be in the 20's. Please remember that even on cold days, K-5 students may still go outside for recess. As such, please make sure they have a warm coat to wear when you drop them off in the morning. As winter is approaching, if you need or know of a family in need of coat or warm clothes, please do not hesitate to contact PSPA School Counselors Tanya Breslin at tbreslin@pinespringsprep.org or Jonathan Winbush at jwinbush@pinespringsprep.org.

Supporting our "Adopted" School – IC Imagine

There is still time to support families at IC Imagine in Asheville, NC for the holiday season. Our goal is to have at least one gift for each family to be purchased. The link to the spreadsheet below lists the students and the gift ideas that their parents put together. If you click on the student's link, a list of possible gifts will appear.

[IC Imagine Holiday Assistance List](#)

As you will see, the families have listed multiple gifts ideas; however, there is no expectation that all the gifts that appear in a student's registry be purchased. Just purchasing one of the gifts from the registry (whichever you choose) is sufficient. What is supposed to happen is that if you purchase an item, it will then be automatically removed from that student's registry. Once purchased, the gift will be mailed to an address that the family provided to their school.

If you do purchase a gift for a student, please put a check in column F of the spreadsheet so that others will know that at least one gift has been purchased for that student. You are welcome to purchase another gift for a student even if someone else has put a check in column F. Our goal is to have at least one gift purchased from each student's registry.

Thank you for your consideration. I know it will mean a lot to the students and their families to be on the receiving end and to know that those outside of their community are still very much thinking of them during this challenging time.



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PSPA and the Holidays

Ready or not, the holiday season is upon us and PSPA will host some events on campus and be represented at events around town:

PSPA's Winter Night of the Arts – December 4 at 6pm in the middle school gym. Come enjoy performances from our very talented students!

PTO's Holiday Shop and Storytime with Santa – December 10 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm at the elementary school building. All families and students from all grade levels are welcome to attend. Storytime with Santa does require a separate registration.

Holly Springs WinterFest (Ting Park) – PSPA will have a tree in the Tree Trail display. The event is on December 13 and 14 from 4:00pm – 9:00pm at Ting Park.

Holly Springs Holiday Parade - PSPA will be well represented in the parade, which begins at 10:00am on December 14.

We hope to see you at one or more of the above events.

Upcoming Dates of Notes

December 2: Students return from Thanksgiving break

December 4: Winter Night of the Arts, 6:00pm

December 6: Spirit Wear Day

December 10: Holiday Shop & Storytime with Santa

December 13-14: Holly Springs WinterFest (Ting Park)

December 14: Holly Springs Holiday Parade

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Mr. Friend
Head of School