



Pine Springs

PREPARATORY ACADEMY

November 5, 2024

Greetings Parents,

It is election day! Regardless of what the election results may be, we are fortunate to live in a country where we have a voice, and a responsibility, to determine who our government representatives will be.

Here are a few information items to share.

Afternoon Carline at K-5 Building – Do not arrive prior to 2:15pm

K-5 parents who are arriving in the afternoon for carline pickup should not arrive before 2:15pm. may as dismissal does not begin until 2:45pm for car riders. The volume of cars arriving earlier than 2:15pm has steadily increased, which creates a safety concern should we need to have emergency personnel or others get the school prior to dismissal.

HSPD will be monitoring the situation and if you do attempt to line up on Rosewood Centre Dr. prior to 2:15pm, you will be asked to leave and come back later. Please cooperate with this request. Thank you.

Winter Coat Donation – Final Reminder

One of the Asheville-based organizations that was the recipient of many of the supplies that you donated last month has shared an additional need that families in the mountain communities are facing. With winter approaching, there is a need for coats, hats, gloves, and mittens. Hand-warmers are also desired. To assist with this need, I am asking our Pioneer community to consider donating an item if possible. New and used (in good condition) items are welcome; as are items of all sizes, from kids to adults.

Donations should be dropped on or before **Wednesday (Nov. 6)** at the K-5 building, middle school, or at the Blended Academy in Apex.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Shout out to Ms. Barefoot's Blended Academy Class!

Ms. Barefoot's 5th grade class at Pine Springs Blended Academy has raised over \$11,000 in the PTO's *GoFundSave* annual fundraiser. Fifth grade student, Annabel Krause, was the top seller for the school, selling more than 25 books in the fundraiser! The BA students will celebrate with a well-deserved ice cream party. We are so proud of these pioneers and appreciate the support of families to make this fundraiser a success.

PSPA Baseball Workouts

Baseball workouts for middle school students are being offered on three afternoons from 11/12 – 11/14, 2024 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm at Womble Park in Holly Springs (weather permitting). Parents must provide transportation to/from the workouts. Baseball gear is required (pants, shirts, hats, cleats, etc.)

Any middle school student that is interested in baseball this year, please join us at the dates and times listed. These are not tryouts for the upcoming season. This is simply an opportunity to come out and meet the coaches and see how our program operates, and to get an understanding of how spring tryouts will be conducted. If your student can't make it, there is no disadvantage in ultimately making the team. We understand that other sports and activities are going on during this time.

For questions, please contact Coach Seevers at: hspd-sro-seevers@pinespringsprep.org

Social Media Safety Forum

Parents are welcome to join us on November 20th at 6:00pm in the middle school gym for a forum focused on the topic of keeping your children safe as they navigate social media. This event is being conducted by the Holly Springs Police Department. Our speaker is a special agent with the FBI who specializes in internet and social media safety. With the recent trends on the rise, we hope that this event provides a good dialogue for parents and educates them on the potential threats law enforcement is seeing. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. An opportunity for Q&A will be available as well.

Special note: **This forum is meant for adults only.**

Parents Night Out hosted by Mathnasium

The local branch of Mathnasium is hosting a PSPA Parents Night Out on November 22, 2024. Details can be found at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1i8ey9zbQpleCfAtL476VUjLI6gJaYmD1/view?usp=sharing>

Register is being accepted at: <https://forms.gle/1rbmtT3pY8TfDqdz8>

PSPA in the News

Here is a short story in which PSPA was spotlighted. Enjoy

<https://nsjonline.com/article/2024/10/the-411-challenges-opportunities-part-of-charter-schools-stories/>



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Cheer Camp K-8 Students

One of our former Pioneer students is holding a cheer camp with Athens Drive High School for students in grades K-8. Check out the QR code if you would like to learn more.

**ADHS Kids
cheer
camp**

Come learn cheer,
dances and stunts from
the ADHS Varsity cheer
team

- Snack will be
provided
- All participants will
receive a t - shirt and
bow

November 9th 1- 4pm
Redline Athletics
\$70
Grades K-8



Upcoming Dates of Note:

November 5: Election Day. Be sure to vote!

November 8: Veterans Day Breakfast (RSVP deadline has passed)

November 11: Veterans Day – No School

November 15: High School Musical at 6:30pm (middle school)

November 16: High School Musical at 2:00pm and 7:0pm (middle school)

November 20: Social Media Safety Forum with HSPD

November 27-29: Thanksgiving Holiday – No School

Sincerely,

Mr. Friend
Head of School

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