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Greetings PSPA Parents,

Welcome to February! Here are a few items worth sharing as we start the new week. Please pay very special attention to the information about Intent to Return for the 2025-26 school year.

### **School Counselor Appreciation Week**

Today kicks off School Counselor Appreciation Week. At PSPA, we are blessed to have two outstanding school counselors who serve as role models support for our Pioneers. Ms. Tanya Breslin and Mr. Jonathan Winbush are the best of the best. Should you see them around campus this week, please join us in saying thank you for all their efforts.

### **Intent to Enroll (Return) for 2025-26 - Very Important Reminder**

Parents of current K-7 students - information on how to submit your Intent to Enroll (return) for the 2025-26 school year will be available to you in the Parent Portal by February 5, 2025. Submitting your intent is a requirement if you wish for your current Pioneer to have a seat at PSPA next year. Intent to Enroll submissions will be due by 11:59pm on February 14, 2025. ***If you do not submit a response, we will assume that you do not intend to return Pine Springs Prep, and your student's seat will be made available to another prospective student.*** If you have not yet set up your Parent Portal account in Infinite Campus, now is the time to do so! Email [mrichter@pinespringsprep.org](mailto:mrichter@pinespringsprep.org) if you need assistance.

### **2025-26 Enrollment Lottery Update**

The 2025-26 Enrollment Lottery will be held on Monday, February 24 at 10:00am. This is the same lottery and time for those parents seeking to enroll siblings with PSPA. Siblings will be given priority for any seats that are available. Interested parents can watch the lottery live online. A link to view the lottery will be shared prior to February 24. As past lottery participants can attest, the entire lottery process only takes a few minutes. If you log in late, you will likely miss the live results. Whether you choose to view the lottery or not has no impact on what number your prospective student is assigned.

After the lottery is complete, you will receive notification as to whether your student will be offered a seat for the 2025-26 school year. You will have five business days to accept the seat if offered. If your student is placed on a waitlist, you will receive an email including their spot on the waitlist. This email will contain a live link that you can use to monitor their progress on the waitlist in the weeks and months ahead.

At the present time, the number of available seats per grade level is not certain. We will have a better understanding of the number of open seats after current parents submit their Intent to Enroll forms. The only exception to this is that we know there will be 125 seats in kindergarten, with siblings being given the first opportunity to fill those seats.

Please be on the lookout for more information from Ms. Richter.

### **Special Dress Days in February**

Spirit Wear Day is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month. Dress Down Day is the third Friday of each month. For the month of February, Spirit Wear Day will be February 7. Dress Down Day will be Friday, January 21, 2025.

### **PSPA Night at JT's Creamery**

Again this year, JT's Creamery in Holly Springs is holding a friendly ice cream competition between Holly Springs area schools. Each participating school will receive 10% of their individual night sales, and the school with the most sales will earn another 10% of the overall sales from all schools combined. Pine Springs Prep night at JT's will be Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 1:00pm - 9:00pm. Let's defend our title among our neighboring schools again this year!

### **Dancing with the Teachers - A Must See Live Event**

Get ready for a night of glitz, glamour, and giving back!! Join us for the Dancing with the Teachers fundraiser event on February 15, 2025. PSPA staff will put on their dancing shoes and pair up with a professional dance choreographer to raise funds for a great cause.

Here is the dancer line up: Mr. Dansky, Ms. L Johnson, Mrs. Hobbs, Ms. S Johnson, Mrs. Bartz, Ms. Calderale, Ms. Parker, Mrs. Breslin, Mrs. Harden, Ms. Irvin, Ms. Hobbs and Mrs. Parda.

It's not just about the moves -- it's about making a difference locally and globally. Your support will help us make a positive impact for the PSPA staff headed to St. Charles Mlimani Pre & Primary School in Tanzania this summer!

Tickets are available now by using the link below! Don't miss the chance to enjoy a spectacular evening of entertainment while supporting a worthy cause. Let's dance for a reason! Can't make the event? You can still donate using the link below!

<https://givebutter.com/stcharles-tanzania>

### **Carolina Academy of Performing Arts Performance**

This spring, Carolina Academy of Performing Arts (CAPA) will be putting on a musical production of *The Wind in the Willows*. The show will be held at our elementary school stage/gym. The talented cast includes twelve of our very own Pioneer students!

Tickets are on sale now and are expected to sell out quickly. This is the perfect way to introduce your kids to the classic Wind in the Willows story, support our participating Pioneers, or have a fun family outing! Performances are as follows:

- Thursday, March 20th at 7pm
- Friday, March 21st at 7pm
- Saturday, March 22nd at 11am & 3pm

Link to purchase tickets: <https://mycapa.seatyourself.biz>

If you would like to join CAPA's mailing list for the latest updates and announcements of future productions, please visit [mycapa.org](http://mycapa.org) to sign up. *Questions?* Please visit [www.mycapa.org](http://www.mycapa.org) or email CAPA directly at [CAPA@MyCAPA.org](mailto:CAPA@MyCAPA.org)

### **Super Bowl Pick'em**

Finally, let's have some fun with the Super Bowl weekend ahead of us. Totally optional, but here is a [short poll to cast your vote](#) on who you think will win Sunday's big game. Three PSPA car magnets will be given out to a random selection of the winning picks. Whether you are rooting for the Chiefs or the Eagles, I am sure we all agree that it would be better to have the Steelers playing on Sunday!

Wishing everyone a great week!

Mr. Friend

Head of School