

Pine Brook School

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To Our Pine Brook Community,

Hello incoming families! On behalf of the entire Pine Brook faculty, we are excited to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. We are fortunate to have an outstanding staff of teachers and support personnel who are dedicated to our students. As educators, we are excited to collaborate with you in the shared goal of guiding students through successful academic endeavors. Our focus is to provide students with a safe, nurturing and challenging learning environment that enhances their scholastic, social and emotional development. This year as opposed to last, we anticipate providing students with a more typical Pine Brook experience as we return to a full day schedule complete with before and after-school activities.

Please note the following information to support your child's arrival at Pine Brook School:

- <u>Letter from Nicole Santora, Ed.D.</u> Superintendent of Schools, containing the District's plan for safe reopening. Please note that as a result of Executive Order 251, updated guidance will be forthcoming the week of August 23.
- <u>2021-2022 School Calendar</u>- The first day of school is Thursday, September 9, 2021. Our doors open to students at 8:45am. Dismissal begins at 3:04pm.
- <u>Chromebook Distribution</u>- This is done BEFORE the school year starts. Please be sure to adhere to the included schedule so that we can ensure a safe and smooth pickup process. There are multiple items that MUST be completed before arrival, so please be sure to review the information provided specifically before arriving at Pine Brook School.
- Obtain team placement and bus information- (Not live yet!) We anticipate team placement and bus information will be accessible to you through the Genesis Parent Portal on the afternoon of August 20. Please remember that when Genesis does open you will be required to read and acknowledge essential district and building information. Some of the information included is required for the Chromebook Distribution. See this letter from Mrs. Jodi Pepchinski, Assistant Superintendent for additional details.
- <u>Orientation</u>-Pine Brook has created an Orientation website to support our students in transitioning to middle school. Please be sure to review the website should you have any questions pertaining to the schedule, our staff, activities information, and health forms.
- <u>Intramural Sports Physicals-</u> Pine Brook has opportunities for students to engage in three sports throughout the school year in a non-competitive environment. If your child is interested, the included information MUST be submitted by the listed dates.
- <u>Summer Math and Reading</u>-Please make sure your child has completed their summer math and reading work before the first day of school.
- PTA Information-Please visit the PTA website to stay up to date on school events, fundraisers and spirit wear!

Please be sure to check the website regularly and sign up for the Pine Brook Backpack to remain informed about our return to school. We are excited to meet your children in just a few short weeks! Should you have any additional questions, please contact us at (732) 786-2800.

Sincerely,

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