



Pine Brook School

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To Our Pine Brook Community,

Pirates, congratulations on a great first month of school! We have accomplished so much in our first seventeen days together, from Starts with Hello Week, our first counselor lesson, the start of year benchmark assessments, a PBSIS assembly, to Back to School Night! We are now looking forward to all that October will bring!

Please review the following important October information:

- **Quinmester/Trimester 1 Midpoint:** October 3 marks the halfway mark of your child's participation in their first cycle at Pine Brook School! The first cycle ends on October 27, and the second cycle begins on October 30. Additionally, October 19 marks the middle of the first trimester for all core content areas, which would be a great time to review with your child their current progress as indicated on the Genesis Parent Portal. Please click into each grade listed next to the subject area for an account of all graded assignments during the trimester thus far. We encourage you to reach out to your child's teachers if you have any questions or concerns.
- **Chromebook Care-** Please support your children in ensuring their chromebooks are charged each evening and brought to school each morning. See the link for chromebook procedures to help ensure the chromebook assigned to your child is safely and appropriately used and will remain in good condition through 8th grade.
- **Week of Respect:** We are pleased to inform you that during the week of October 2-6, your child will be engaging in schoolwide culture-building activities for "Week of Respect" at Pine Brook School. Each day, the messages on the morning announcements and the associated activities will align to the themes below. Please encourage your child to participate!
 - Monday: Wear Blue - the color associated with World Day of Bullying Prevention Day
 - Tuesday: Team Up For Respect-Wear your team's logo/apparel
 - Wednesday: Together We Shine! Wear bright/neon clothing
 - Internet Safety Assembly today hosted by the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office.
 - Thursday: Showing Respect is No Sweat- Wear your favorite leggings, sweatshirts, and/or sweatpants.
 - Friday: World Smile Day- Don your best smile and Pirate gear (Every Friday)
- **Safe Schools Week:** During the week of October 16 Officer Nelson will be on the morning announcements each day to share with students and staff various ways in which we can be a safe and supportive school community to each other.
- **2023-2024 School Calendar:** Take note that school is closed to students on October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.
- **Before and After-School Activities:** Most activities will be starting up the week of October 10; advisors will be sending out information the first week of October regarding any materials needed and pickup or drop off locations. Check the calendar on our website for meeting dates.
- **Book Fair:** October 24-27. Your child will visit the Book Fair with their Language Arts class on their assigned day.
- **Halloween at Pine Brook:** Please review the included letter for information regarding Halloween at Pine Brook.
- **PTA Information:** A special thank you to our PTA for the spirit items that we see throughout the school. Upcoming PTA Events:
 - **PTA meeting**

- o [Crumb! Fundraiser](#)
- o [Halloween Social](#)

Please be sure to check the website regularly and sign up for the Pine Brook Backpack to remain informed about our school. All of our events will show on the school calendar located on the website. Should you have any additional questions, please contact us at (732) 786-2800.

Sincerely,

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