

# Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting

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# Our Mission

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- The Pine Tree **family** champions the **relentless** pursuit of excellence through a compassionate and **safe** learning environment empowering **all students** to develop their unique passions and to make a **positive impact** in a global society.



# Who Are We...

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# Drop Off

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- The doors open at 7:30 AM for students to be dropped off.
- Bus doors open at 7:45 AM.

# Let's Get Started

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- School starts at 8:20 AM. The first bell currently rings at 8:15 AM for students to go to class.
- Students currently sit in the hallways prior to the start of the day.



# My Classes

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- Students have 4 core classes, a homeroom and enrichment or RtI class.
- Students rotate on A and B days between music and computers and STEAM and PE.
- Students are divided into 4 teams (Gold, Navy, Silver, White) for their core instruction.
- Students have 7 classes plus a homeroom during the school day.

# Advanced Classes

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- Currently we offer GT ELAR and Science for those students who qualify.
- We do not offer any other advanced classes outside of the GT courses for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

# Where Are My Classes

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- Our building is divided into 2 wings, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade wing (here next to the cafeteria) and a 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing.
- All 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes are in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade wing except for technology and PE.
- Student core classes are grouped by teams to make traveling between core teachers.



# Lunch

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- You are always welcome to come eat lunch with your child. We do not have specific days that you must eat with your student.
- You may not eat lunch with anyone else's child.
- Fast food drop off is discouraged. (Come eat lunch with your child) 😊

# Leaving School

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- The school day ends at 3:50 PM.
- Our car line moves pretty quickly (we are usually done with the major flow by about 4:00).
- Student safety exiting the building is our primary concern.

# Need Help

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- Currently, every core teacher offers tutorials for students.
- To ensure that students have opportunity to attend multiple subjects, tutorials are scheduled for each day for each subject.
- Additionally, teachers will hold other tutorials in the afternoon, as needed.



# Still Need Help

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- We currently help students who need additional support through our RtI process.
- We use data to ensure that we identify students in need and then work to meet their specific area of need.
- Ex: If the patient is sick, we want to make sure to give them the right medicine.

# Discipline and Bullying

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- We take discipline very seriously at PTMS.
- Discipline takes many shapes and forms.
- Our ultimate goal is to ensure that students learn from their mistakes and that we are able to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students.

# Discipline and Bullying

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- We take all reports of bullying seriously.
- Every incident is investigated and we work with students, teachers and parents to ensure it doesn't happen again.
- Anonymous Alerts App



# Forming the Partnership

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- At PTMS, we believe that it takes a village to raise our children.
- We want to form a partnership with you.
- Keep track of grades and attendance.
- Call or email us with questions or concerns.
- Be proactive.
- Most of all, remember that we are human, too. We will make mistakes but we all want our students to grow and be successful.

# FAQ

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- Can I request my child's teachers?
  - No. We do not have the ability to allow parents to select certain teachers.
- Will my child have homework?
  - Homework is a part of school. However, homework will not be assigned every night. Homework is designed to extend the learning from class or provide extra time for those students who do not finish in class.
- Will my child have color coded smiley faces for classes?
  - No. With so many class changes, it is not feasible for teachers to do that for each student each day.

# FAQ

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- Will you send folders home with children so we know what is going on?
  - Currently we do not have send home folders. However, we are in the process of piloting Student Planners. Something will be in place before the next school year to help with school/home communication.
- How do you communicate with home?
  - Teacher websites, newsletters, Remind, Facebook, School Messenger, School webpage