

Incoming 6th Grade Parent Meeting

February 8, 2018

Our Mission

- 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...

- Mickey White-Principal, mwhite1@ptisd.org
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Drop Off

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

Advanced Classes

- Currently we offer GT ELAR and Science for those students who qualify.
- We also currently offer advanced classes in all core subject areas.

Need Help

- Currently, every core teacher offers tutorials for students before school.
- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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.
- How do you communicate with home?
 - Teacher websites, newsletters, Remind, Facebook, School Messenger, School webpage

How will 6th be different from 5th?

- Choice of elective classes
- Current Offerings: Band, Choir, Art, Steam
- Possible New Electives: Robotics, Coding

Elective Teachers

Mrs. Sims: Band

Mrs. Eppley: Choir

Mr. Carter: Robotics

Mrs. Davis: Art

Ms. Cranford: STEAM

From Here...

We want to give you a chance to visit each of the elective courses. Ask questions and learn more about the choices your child has.

Maps are available with the location of each of the electives to help guide you.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.