

Middle School Bulletin



April 2016

Upcoming Events

April 6th – 8th

6th Grade Trip to YMCA
Blue Ridge Assembly.

April 8th

Non Uniform Day with \$5.00
donation to the Annual
Fund.

April 11th

6th Grade Picnic.

April 13th – 15th

8th Grade Trip to Atlanta

April 15th

Free dress down day for
sixth grade students only.

April 18th

7th Grade Picnic.

April 19th

MS Band Concert

April 29th

Early Release Day –
Students will be dismissed
at 12:00 noon.

Class of 2016 Happenings

It is fairly often that I get asked about the Upper School, student trajectory and post secondary opportunities of PLP graduates. Since most colleges and universities notify applicants of their acceptance decisions by April, I wanted to take this opportunity to speak to the accomplishments of the upcoming 2016 Pine Lake graduates. This is an exciting graduating class in that many of them started in fifth grade at PLP, having attended each the Lower, Middle and Upper School. They are a great representation of our student body, families and Pine Lake community.

Consistent with previous graduating classes, this year's group of college acceptances illustrate the hard work, opportunity and character of the group. To name a few, students were accepted to the University of Michigan, James Madison University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Georgia Tech, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, University of Hawaii, Duke University, Embry-Riddle, Wake Forest, The United States Military Academy at West Point, Clemson, and Penn State University.

Numerous students earned athletic scholarships including Alyssa Marsh (Swimming) who will attend Duke University. Will Kwiatkowski is the second PLP student to earn an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Rebekah Costello, who will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) was also recently named one of the National Merit Scholar Finalist award recipients – National Merit Scholar Finalists represent less than 1 percent of the nation's high school



graduating seniors. Individually the students logged over 160 hours of community service and tallied numerous Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment credits while collectively they exceeded the SAT and ACT national averages.

As a community we can celebrate the accomplishments of our upcoming graduates while as a school we look forward to continually expanding academic program offerings to ensure additional post secondary opportunities for our future graduating classes.

For additional information on Pine Lake Alumni College Acceptances please refer to the *PLP School Profile* which is accessible at PineLakePrep.org under the College Planning tab.

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Dress Code Reminders

As the weather shifts we ask that you please review the dress code policy as it pertains to warmer weather attire. Teachers will be attentive towards enforcing the entire code; however, we kindly remind families:

- At the Middle School, PE attire may only be worn in PE class.
- A Pine Lake polo or oxford must be worn under PLP logoed sweatshirts, track or PE jackets and fleeces.
- All shorts must be long enough to reach the end of the students' fingertips when arms are fully extended down. All skirts and dresses must be less than four inches above the knee.
- Please make sure all bottoms are made for school uniforms and are not stretchy material, denim, cargo or sweat pants.
- All shoes must be closed toe and closed heel to ensure safety.
- Solid navy sweaters and cardigans may be worn in class over a uniform shirt.

Students dressing for an athletic or club event must adhere to the guidelines specific to "Dressing for Athletics or other School Club Events."

Science Olympiad

On Saturday, March 12th the Middle School Science Olympiad Team traveled to Hickory to compete in the Western Regional Competition. Competing with over 19 traditional public schools, charter schools and private schools, the team competed in a series of 23 events related to earth science, genetics, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering and technology.

The PLP team had a strong showing this year. The 25 member team, consisting of 8th, 7th and 6th graders medaled in 13 out of the 23 events – PLP finished the event in fourth place overall. Ana Kisley (7th grade) and Ava Goins (7th grade) will be moving on to the state competition on April 22nd and 23rd after finishing first overall in the, "Reach for the Stars" competition.



Middle School Dance – April 29th

On Friday, April 29th the Middle School will host their annual spring dance. The dance will be from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm in the Athletic and Community Center (ACC). The theme for the dance is "Hollywood" and the dress code is semi-formal.

Boys should wear khaki pants or shorts with a collared shirt – no athletic pants, athletic shorts or jeans will be permitted. Girls are invited to wear a dress, skirt or dress pants. No strapless or midriff bearing dresses or tops will be allowed. Also, dresses and skirts must be fingertip length - please err on the side of modesty. We encourage all students to join us for a night of fun!

Please note, admittance is restricted to PLP middle school students only. Tickets for the dance will cost \$5.00 and will go on sale Monday, April 25th in the Middle School lobby. While we encourage students to pre-purchase tickets to avoid lines, they may also be purchased at the door for \$5.00.

