



Middle School Bulletin

February 2018

Hello Pine Lake Prep Middle School Families!

Greetings from the middle school! 2018 has greeted us with a new semester, a first snow, and tons of upcoming events and important information. Please read on to find out more...

Dress Down Day February 1st

The next dress down day is scheduled for 2/1, which is just a few days before Super Bowl Sunday. For \$5.00, we welcome all students to participate! An NFL jersey is not required to do so, but adds some extra fun.

Parent Resources Evening Event

Join us on Wednesday, February 7 to learn more about local groups, organizations and agencies that can support your student during their school years. Psychologist Dr. Barrie Morganstein of Southeast Psych will be presenting in the PLP theatre to discuss "Ways to Help Your Child Minimize Anxiety and Depression." Dr. Morganstein is a dynamic speaker and her message is a powerful one, especially for middle school parents and students to hear! From 5:30-6:45, the local agencies will be on hand to answer questions and distribute resources and Dr. Morganstein presents at 6:45.

Overnight Field Trips Information and Deadlines

Overnight field trips are in the works and first payments are fast approaching. As a reminder:

- 6th grade is headed to Black Mountain from April 11-13. All payment dates have passed and the sixth grade team is in the final planning stages now. The parent chaperone meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 19 at 6:00 pm in Mrs. Lewis' MS classroom, Room 216. Chaperones, please mark your calendar now for this very important meeting.
- 7th grade is traveling to Washington, D.C. February 28-March 2. All payment dates have passed and the seventh grade team is in the final planning stages now.
- 8th grade is headed to Space Camp April 18-20. All payment dates have passed and the eighth grade team is in the final planning stages now. Please be sure your child is registered and the terms and conditions are filled out. Directions can be found in Ms. DeRuyter's weekly email from 1/26.

NJHS supports Levine Children's Hospital

On Thursday, January 25, our National Junior Honor Society "built" 80 teddy bears to donate to the children at Levine Children's Hospital! Each student raised money for this effort and included a heartfelt note in the box with their bear. Levine was so thankful to receive these bears that will bring smiles to so many faces!



PLP Charlotte Checkers Event February 18

Please join us on February 18 at 3:00 p.m. at the Charlotte Checkers game! The middle school Chorus will be singing "God Bless America" immediately followed by the Upper School Choral groups as they sing "The Star Spangled Banner." Tickets are \$16 each and once our school surpasses 100 tickets, part of the proceeds will go immediately back to PLP. Please click on [this link](#) to purchase tickets:

Middle School Dodgeball Tournament Friday, February 9

Please join us on Friday, February 9 after school for an exciting time of DODGEBALL!! The event will begin at 3:15 and end at 5:45 pm in the ACC. All 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are invited to play or watch! There will be a girls division and a boys division, with teams will consisting of 4 students. The fee is \$20 per team (\$5 per student). Each team is guaranteed to play at least 4 times. Registration forms can be picked up from Ms. Howard in the MS front office and are due back by Thursday, Feb 8 at 3:00pm. Please contact Coach D at doug.deffenbaugh@pinelakeprep.org with questions.

Middle School Dance February 23

The Heart of Winter Middle School dance is taking place on February 23 from 6:00-8:00 in the ACC. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available for sale from February 19-23 in the MS lobby as well as the night of at the door. No physical tickets will be given to students as names of students who purchase will be recorded. Snacks will be provided at the dance. Attire is "business casual" Jeans are permitted but no Athletic Shorts or T-shirts.

Spring Sports

The spring sports season is around the corner. 7th and 8th graders interested in trying

out for Baseball, Softball, Girls Soccer, co-ed Tennis or co-ed Golf should plan to attend an informational meeting on February 5 at 6:00 pm in the ACC.

Please see below for other important dates and reminders:

2/1 - Dress Down Day (NFL themed)

2/5 - Parent Meeting for Spring Athletics 6:00 pm in ACC

2/7 - Parent Resource Night 5:00-8:00 pm in STEM building

2/9 - Dodgeball Tournament in ACC 3:15-5:45 pm

2/15 - PLP Casino Night 6:00-9:00 pm (purchase tickets on OrgsOnline)

2/16 - Teacher Workday, no school for students

2/18 - PLP Spirit Day at the Charlotte Checkers Game 3:00 pm

2/23 - MS Dance 6:00-8:00 PM in ACC