



Middle School Bulletin

December 2017

Hello Pine Lake Prep Middle School Families!

Seasons Greetings! I hope your family enjoyed a restful Thanksgiving holiday as we transition into December. This time of year brings a lot of excitement at the middle school, so please look through this monthly bulletin and as always, let us know if there is anything we can do for your students and family.

Lotta Foundation Toy Drive

PLP's middle school will be partnering with the Upper School Democrats in hosting a toy drive for the Lotta Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping those in poverty. New unwrapped toys will be collected in the Middle and Upper school buildings for children and families in need during the holiday season. JOIN TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE LOTTA FOUNDATION BY DONATING FROM DECEMBER 4-8!

Teen Mental Illness Event

Our friends at Mt. Mourne IB just up the street have invited us to extend this offer to our families.

The Mt. Mourne PTSO will be hosting its second annual Phoenix Luncheon on Wednesday, December 6th. This year's featured speakers are from NAMI-NC, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. All parents of middle school-aged children and rising 6th graders are invited to attend. NAMI-NC will be presenting a fascinating program entitled: Parents & Teachers as Allies.

Navigating adolescence can be tough, and statistics show that 20% of youth ages 13-18 live with a mental health condition. 50% of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14. And sadly, suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death in youth ages 10-24. Come learn more about what we can do to provide support to children and teens who need it.

Seating is limited. Cost is \$25.00 in advance and \$35.00 the day of the event. Click the link below to purchase tickets.

[Phoenix Luncheon 2017 - Presented by Mt. Mourne PTSO](#)

Dress Down Day

The next PLP no uniform day is Tuesday, December 5. The cost is \$5.00 to dress down. We have had huge success with these days, so we encourage students to participate on Tuesday!

A Christmas Carol

The Upper School performance of A Christmas Carol is coming up. The shows are sure to sell out fast so please be sure to purchase your tickets for one of the three performances – tickets can be purchased on OrgsOnline for \$12.00 (adults) and \$6.00 (students). The dates of the shows are:

December 7 at 7:00 pm
December 8 at 7:00 pm
December 9 at 2:00 pm

Save Energy and Earn Cash for PLP!

Help PLP earn ANOTHER \$250 check - and maybe even the \$2500 grand prize - just by signing up for a FREE energy kit! See details below, and at MyEnergyKit.org.

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. The payment of \$245.00 is due by January 3, 2018. Chaperones, especially males, are needed.
- 7th grade is traveling to Washington, D.C. February 28-March 2. The first payment of \$99 was due October 1st and final payment will be due December 15th.
- 8th grade is headed to Space Camp April 18-20. The first payment of \$220 was due October 31. Next payment of \$110 is due December 1. Payments should be made on OrgsOnline. Select “submit new form” and the quantity of 1.

Please see below for other important dates and reminders:

12/2 - Middle School chorus (with LS and US) performing at Christmas in Davidson 6:00-6:30

12/5 - Dress Down Day

12/7 - A Christmas Carol 7:00 pm

12/8 - A Christmas Carol 7:00 pm

12/8 - 6th grade field trip to Our Town Cinemas

12/9 - A Christmas Carol 2:00 pm

12/11 - PTO Pride Night at Tenders 5:00-8:00 pm

12/12 - Middle School chorus concert 7:00 pm

12/21-1/2 - Winter Break