

PARENT NEWSLETTER

September 2018

Dear Pinnacle Families,

Thank you for a wonderful start to the school year! While a new year can mean changes and things not running as smoothly as usual, your help has been greatly appreciated. The traffic patterns have settled down and are returning to normal. Our students have begun the year by working hard in the classroom and we definitely want that to continue throughout the year. At this point we are settling in to the routines of a new school year and look forward to fall and cooler weather.

Dates

- September 4 – 7th and 8th Grade New Orleans Trip Meeting (7:00pm – 8:00pm)
- September 4 – FLL Robotics (4th – 6th grades) Required Meeting (6:00pm – 7:00pm)
- September 6 – 3rd Grade BOG Test
- September 6 – 6th Grade Parent Night (5:00pm – 6:00pm)
- September 6 – 5th Grade Washington DC Trip Meeting (6:00pm – 7:00pm)
- September 10 – PEAK Meeting at the K-2 Campus (6:00pm)
- September 12 – Children’s Choir Auditions (4:30pm – 6:30pm)
- September 17 – College Acceptance Presentation (5:30pm – 6:30pm)
- September 28 – Parent / Teacher Conferences

Drama Club

Drama Club will take place during the spring semester only, for grades 3-11. The season will begin early January and will end with a production in May, 2019. Further details will be sent out in the months ahead. Please contact [Mrs. Barnes](#) with any questions.

Art Club

Middle School Art Club will begin on September 5. Please have your student see [Miss Burch](#) for more details.

Tardies and Early Release

Please make sure that your child comes to school on-time and remains at school for the entire school day. In previous years we have had students get into an academic bind due to too many absences and/or tardies and early releases throughout the year. Please see the PCA Student/Parent Handbook for more details. [Student/Parent Handbook](#)



Traffic Signs

Traffic signs have been installed recently at both campuses. These include *No Parking*, *15 Minute Parking*, and *Visitor Parking*. Please obey these signs and park only in the appropriate spaces when you visit campus. By all means, please do not enter and travel in the wrong direction. It may sound trite to say that, but it has happened multiple times since school has started. All of this will help make operations at both campuses run as smoothly as possible.

Field Trips

Note the number of field trip meetings in the dates above. These multi-day experiences are something that we pride ourselves on at Pinnacle and are completely different than anything offered by other schools. They are not vacations, but rather are true on-site, experiential learning experiences that bring classroom content to life. As such they are complex undertakings that require careful planning and preparation from all parties involved in the process. Please make note of meeting dates and times as well as payment schedules.

Coaches and Club Sponsors

THANK YOU to our coaches and club sponsors. These people are volunteers and give of their time to coach and help our students succeed. If you see one of them on campus or “out and about” please let them know how much they are appreciated. Without them we could not offer the experiences that are afforded to our students.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Students must not be dropped off before 7:30am each day at both campuses. Over the past week a few students have been dropped off earlier than 7:30am – and that cannot continue. There is no teacher or staff supervision prior to 7:30am at either campus. If K-2 parents are getting students between 2:30 and 3:30 they need to park in the spaces, go in and sign out their child, and proceed around the back to the parking lot to exit (not cut through the grass or exit through the entrance.) At the 3-12 Campus parents need to be in the pickup line by 3:30pm each day. There have been a number of students who have not been picked up in the office until 4:15pm. Thank you for your understanding.

Athletics

Please be sure to check the PCA Athletics Facebook page for up to date information about games and matches, practices, and cancellations.