



Pine Island MS/HS

Daily Announcements

- **Announcements for April 30, 2024**

- **MCA Schedule This Week:**

- **Middle School:**

- **5th Grade:** Students will test during their scheduled science class with Mrs. Poeller or in a small group with Mrs. Hunskor in the Quiet Testing Room on Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1.
- **8th Grade:** Students will test during their scheduled 2nd, 3rd, and 4th hour classes on Wednesday, May 1 with either a member of the 8th grade teaching team, Mr. Downie in the art room, or the combination of Mrs. Tjepkes and Mrs. Cavallaro in Mrs. Daak's classroom.

- **High School Tuesday:**

8:15-9:00 Math (11th grade)

9:45-10:30 Science (10th grade)

- **High School Wednesday:**

8:15-9:00 Science (10th grade)

9:45-10:30 Math (11th grade)

- **Seniors: There is a meeting about your Senior Trip today during Prowl in the Forum Room.**

PRIOR Announcements:

- **Pine Island Trap Team- Congratulations to the Competition Week 2 TOP GUN! - Ryan Boe 23+24 =47**
- **Spring Football Parent Meeting**
We will have a spring parent informational meeting for players who will be in grades 7-12 next fall. This meeting will be at 7:30 on May 15, in the Maroon gym. This meeting follows a guest speaker, the strength and conditioning coach from Wayzata high school, who will be speaking for all Pine Island athletes and parents beginning at 6:30. We strongly encourage you and your students to attend this presentation to learn more about training and overall wellness preparation as an athlete.

Youth Football

Registration for fall youth flag football (those entering K-6th grades in the fall of 2024) has been opened. Thanks to those of you that have already registered. You can find more information on our varying programs at the following link:

<https://www.pineislandsports.com/youthflag>

Youth Flag Registration Link: [Youth Flag Registration](#)

Football Camp

Registration is open for our summer Panther football camps this coming July. Camp for grades 1-6 will run July 15-18. Camp for grades 7-9 will run July 22-25, and for grades 10-12 will run July 22-26. More details about each camp are available on our website at

<https://www.pineislandsports.com/summercamp>

Registration available through this link:

https://pineislandsports.sportngin.com/register/form/288708856?_gl=1*f171d0*_ga*NTY4ODQ3NTQwLjE3MTQzOTQ1Mzk.*_ga_PQ25JN9PJ8*MTcxNDM5NDUzOC4xLjEuMTcxNDM5NTAxMi4wLjAuMA..

- Music Trip Meeting:

Start Spreading the News

2025 NYC MUSIC TRIP

SIGN-UP + DEPOSIT
MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 14

7:15 PM

**PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER**



\$300 non-refundable deposit due Friday, May 17

- Hello,

Once again the Entrepreneur class has created a business. This year's company is the PI Threads Co. As a company, we have created a sweatshirt, t-shirt, and stickers that are being offered for sale. With every purchase of a sweatshirt or t-shirt, stickers are available for half off.

100% of the Proceeds from the T-shirts go to the PI Sharing Shelves and the proceeds from the Stickers and Sweatshirt

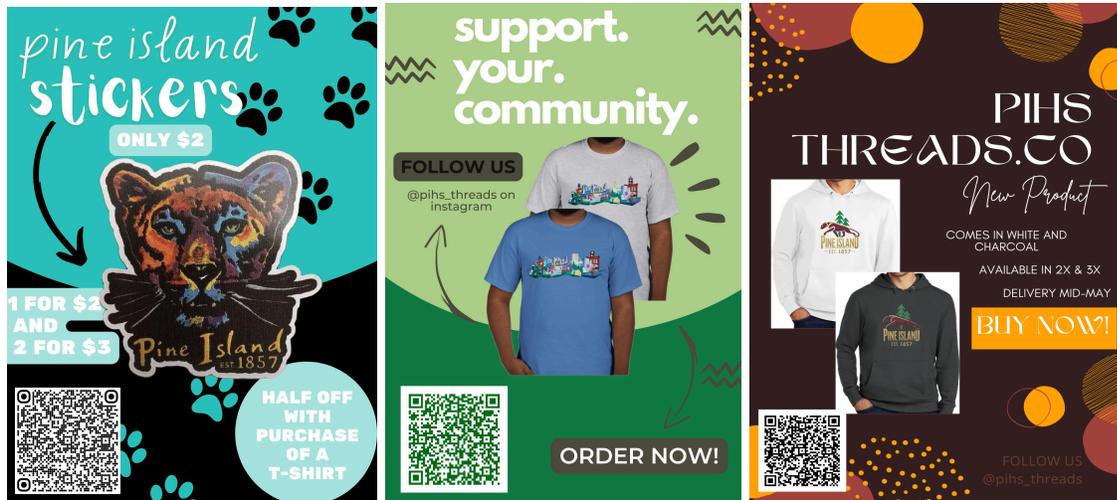
Attached below are the posters with QR codes for the sweatshirts and Tis the picture of both stickers and sweatshirts we have available plus a link provided to the order form of our products. Please reach out to Ms. Banach for any additional question at

diane.banach@pineisland.k12.mn.us

LINK TO ORDER SWEATSHIRTS:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11NIW6Jop8gjQpg3l6clhyJ0OjfyxjKaKU3u_BmykKM/edit?ts=66266b29

LINK TO ORDER COMMUNITY TSHIRTS



- Hello Pine Island Middle School Students,

The Middle School Student Council is hosting a game called Gotcha!

Click the link to read the rules:

[Gotcha! Game Rules](#)--game begins Monday, May 6th at 8:12 a.m.

[Click this link to sign up to play Gotcha!](#)--must sign up by Friday, April 26th at 3:15 p.m.

If you have any questions, please ask your student council reps or Mrs. Kabat (5th grade teacher/room 151).

- [Here is a letter](#) that gives details about this year's middle school student council elections.
- [PROM REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL APRIL 15th:](#)
Prom and Post Prom are working together to have all of your information in one central location - We are now The Prom Experience!
We are still separate groups, but we are collaborating to update you in real time! Our website is LIVE NOW! Scan the QR code to get all the updates for PROM 2024!



<https://sites.google.com/pineisland.k12.mn.us/the-prom-experience/>

- *Post prom tickets (\$20) are separate from prom tickets, both are on sale NOW!! {Prom Ticket sales end at 11:59 PM on Monday April 15th! Post Prom tickets will end at 11:59 PM on May 1st!} Again, this year we are using an online ticketing system. Buy Post Prom tickets here - [PIHS Post Prom 2024 \(zeffy.com\)](#)*

You do not have to attend Prom to attend Post Prom.

Post Prom is from 11:30p (May 4th) - 4:00a (May 5th). Students will NOT be allowed to leave early without direct communication with a parent.

[2024 Post Prom Itinerary](#) (grand march time is not solidified yet)

- WHAT: Elementary Track and Field Camp
WHEN: May 29-31
WHERE: Pine Island Track and Field/Soccer Complex (located at the K4)
COST: \$30
Click [this](#) link to register and find out more info!
Email Amy Northrop with any questions: anorthro@pineisland.k12.mn.us
- WHAT: Pine Island Cross Country Camp
WHO: Next year's grades 7-12
WHEN: July 22-26
TIME: 8 am - 10:00 am for JH Camp or 10:30 am for Varsity Camp
COST: \$50
Click [THIS](#) link to register and find out more information.
Email Coach Amy Northrop with questions: anorthro@pineisland.k12.mn.us
- WHAT: Panther Pole Vault Camp
WHO: Boys and Girls going into grades 7-12 (2024-2025)
WHEN: Tuesday, June 11 - Friday, June 14th
TIME: 10-12 am Grades 7-8, 1-3 pm grades 9-12
WHERE: Pine Island Track at the K4 Site
COACH: Jarod White, MN State and NDSU Indoor and Outdoor PV Record Holder

along with other alumni and Panther coaches will be teaching athletes the fundamentals of the pole vault. All skill levels are welcome.

COST: \$50 cash or checks payable to PICCTF on the first day of camp

Click [THIS](#) link to register and to find out more information.

Email Coach Amy Northrop with questions: anorthro@pineisland.k12.mn.us



Registration is open!

Join us June 1st at 8:30am for the 2024 Pine Island Ribbon Run! Registration can be completed on [EventBrite](#) by clicking the button below.

Here are some important details about this year's event:

- **Early bird registration closes May 18th.** Register before then for the lowest price and to guarantee your t-shirt size.
- **Register with a team!** The top 3 largest team get to pick a cancer-related non-profit organization to donate proceeds to.
- If preferred, a paper registration form can be found for printing on the [website](#).

Register Now

[Ribbon Run Registration](#)



Wear blue during the month of April to support all of our friends and family who are on the autism spectrum.

1. Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) impacts every 1 in 44 children. Boys are five times more likely to get diagnosed with it than girls.
2. Autism is among the fastest-growing disorders in the United States.
3. The term comes from the Greek word autós or self. Autism, in general, means being alone.
4. Autism affects all nationalities, creeds, religions, races, and sexes. It does not impact or differentiate any single group, though it is 4x more common in boys than girls.
5. Autism spectrum disorder is a developmental disability with symptoms that generally appear before the age of 3.

6. Individuals with autism spectrum disorder present symptoms in different ways. Social and communication delays and repetitive and restricted patterns of behavior are general symptom categories of autism.
7. Autism can be genetic.
8. Children with autism may be creative and find passions for music, dance, art, theater, etc.
9. Researchers hypothesize that autism symptom presentation in males and females may differ, leading to the latter not getting diagnosed promptly. This may be the result of females being prone to hide their difficulties due to social norm expectations.
10. Females with autism have been an understudied group within research.

Causes

1. There is no specific cause of autism.
2. Genetics are a determining factor involved in most cases of autism spectrum disorder.
3. Children who have siblings with autism are at a higher risk of receiving the same diagnosis.
4. Extensive studies have found no links between autism and childhood vaccinations.
5. The behaviors parents engage in do not cause autism spectrum disorder in children, whether before, during, or after pregnancy.

- Boys & Girls Basketball (Grades current grades 6-11) check out the off-season club on the link below:

300 Hour Off-Season Club

- Parking Notice: The City Center Apartments located on 1st Ave SE and 4th St SE near the 5-12 school is currently having renovations and construction work done. This requires space for work to be completed as well as parking for the workers. They are requesting residents and students to please park in another location to help with this project.
- Student Support Update:
Mrs. Hoepfner and Cait Earle will continue to be available for individual check-ins whenever you need.

Please use the form below to connect with one of us by scanning the code, or by following this [link](#).

We are always here to support you.

PINE ISLAND STUDENT SUPPORT




Cait Earle
(District Social Worker)


Brittany Kowalewski
(Middle School Counselor & Social Worker)


Chellyne Hoepfner
(High School Counselor)


Ashley McKittrick
(Zumbro Valley Health Therapist)

Scan Here to Connect




Tom Horner (District Mental Health & Wellness Coordinator)

- **SENIORS:** You have your own Senior Page for announcements. You can find it on the Pine Island website under the 5-12 School Tab and then “Senior Year Information - Class of 2024.” [Senior Year Information - Class of 2024](#)
- **When is the Fitness Center available?** Click here: [Weight Room Hours/Supervision](#)
- Lisa Daak and Kerry Rosane will be the advisors for the Middle School Yearbook this year. We are looking for YOUR photos to add. Please email us any photos from your classroom, clubs, sports, or after-school activities. Be on the lookout for additional ways you can contribute soon.

Lunch Menu

April Lunch Menu

May Menu

HVL Calendar link: [HVL Calendar](#)

A complete list of athletic events can be found at www.hvlconference.org. The PI Athletic Department now has a web page with a variety of information on it for parents and athletes. There is a coach’s directory, links to important websites, the extra-curricular handbook, PAC meeting dates, HVL Conference, athletic trainer and more...

Upcoming Dates:

- [5/9/24](#) - Staff Appreciation Lunch provided by PTO:MSHS School - Thurs, May 9th 11:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
- [5/23/24](#) - Senior Lunch provided by PTO (@MSHS) - Thurs, May 23rd (approx 11a)

Music Event Schedule:

Click here for the full schedule:[Music Event Schedule](#)

All events are held in the Performing Arts Center unless otherwise noted:

- [5/6](#) - Band Fest 9-12 at 7 p.m.
- [5/9](#) - Spring Band Concert 6-8 at 6:30 p.m.
- [5/11](#) - Jazz Concert (band & strings) at 7 p.m.
- [5/13](#) - Spring Choir Concert at 7 p.m.
- [5/14](#) - MS Spring Choir Concert 6-8 at 6:30 p.m.
- [5/17](#) - Spring String Fling Thing Concert 8-12 (Orchestra) at 7 p.m.
- [5/20](#)- Special Education Activity Day (HS Band & Choir) during the morning
- [5/20](#) - Spring Orchestra Concert 6-7 at 6:30 p.m.

- 5/27 - Memorial Day Program (grades 9-12) at 10:30 a.m. - City of Pine Island

College/Military Visits:

- 5/21/24 - The Marines are coming on May 21 during lunch.

Field Trips:

- 4/29/24-4/30/24 - Kansas City Art/Culture Field Trip
- 4/30/24 - Trip to Limb Lab - Rochester, MN for Graces 11/12 PLTW Medical Interventions from 8:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
- 4/30/24 - Trip to RCTC Heinz Center for Welding students, but not a current class from 8:30 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.
- 5/1/24 - Trip to PI Sharing Shelves for Intro to Marketing 202/1 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- 5/16/24 - Trip to Minnesota Zoo for SPED- High school and Transition from 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
- 5/17/24 - Trip to Valleyfair for MS Student Council and School Patrol from 8:15 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- 5/23/24 - Trip to Minnehaha Regional Park, 4801 S Minnehaha Drive, Minneapolis, MN 55417 for 8th grade from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 5/23/24 - Trip to Goodhue Soil & Water Conservation District: Annual Soil & Water Conservation 6th Grade Field Trip Event Waugh and Otterness properties west of Goodhue, MN from 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

College Signings (Congratulations)!

- Nate Klusmann - U-W Stout - Football
- Paxyn Rendahl - St. Scholastica - Basketball
- Brandon Week - South Dakota State University - Baseball
- Garrett Sperber - Luther College - Golf
- Ben Northop - U-W Eau Claire - Track and Field
- C.J. Tree - St. Mary's University of Minnesota - Soccer

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will use Channel 4 for our walkie talkies at the 5-12.
- PLEASE PUT ALL ABSENCES, INCLUDING INTERNAL SUBS YOU FIND YOURSELF, INTO TOC. Also, please let Kerry in the 5-12 office know if you found your own internal sub and when they are covering for you. Thank you!
- Please advise your subs that they CAN park in the numbered spots in the city lots, behind the legion and to the north of the school. (numbered 300 and higher) Please refrain from parking in the student lot on the east side of the building. Street parking is also available, but please check the signs.
- Please make sure you contact the office if you are taking the class outside. Please share your cell phone number with the office if you have not already so that we have a way to contact you if needed.
- **Casual for a Cause Wednesdays - Want to wear jeans mid-week? You can for a \$2 donation you can on Wednesdays! Thanks to your donations, we will be donating \$132.00 to the Pine Island Sharing Shelves. Donations for the 4th quarter will go to the Pine Haven Nursing Home. Stop by the office Wednesday morning before school to make your donation and grab a sticker.**

- You can call the custodial staff directly for any maintenance needs? The extension is 3220. (After 2:30, call 3221).

PASS SCHEDULE				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		*Gr 7-12 7:05-8:05 am Ms. Kaul's Room	*Gr 7-12 7:05-8:05 am Ms. Kaul's Room	*Gr 7-12 7:05-8:05 am Ms. Kaul's Room
<i>SCHOOL DAY</i>	<i>SCHOOL DAY</i>	<i>SCHOOL DAY</i>	<i>SCHOOL DAY</i>	<i>SCHOOL DAY</i>
*Gr 7-12 3:15-4:15 pm Mrs. Schimek's Room 240	Gr 5-8 3:15-4:15 pm Mrs. Zincke's Room 221	*Gr 7-12 3:15-4:15 pm Mrs. Schimek's Room 240	Gr 5-8 3:15-4:15 pm Mrs. Zincke's Room 221	
<i>*Designated PASS Room used to support academic eligibility for athletics and activities</i>				

Early Dismissals:

- Boys Varsity Golf dismisses at 12:00 p.m. for a 12:15 p.m. bus.
- Baseball (C Team) dismisses at 3:00 p.m. for a 3:15 p.m. bus.
- 7th and 8th Softball dismisses at 2:45 p.m. for a 3:00 p.m. bus.

Did you Know?

- Student devices to check out- If you have a student that forgot their device, we have a limited number of devices to check out from the 5-12 Library. These devices should be returned when not in use/ by the end of the day and are not to be taken home at night.

Subs:

5-12

Unfilled:

Michelle Trelstad-Grenier, all day,

External Subs:

Nicole Mentjies, all day, Amanda Banach
Jen Wernau, all day, Emily Richardson
Kylie Stai, all day, David Luther
Tyler Baker, all day, Don McPhail
ReAnn Peterson, all day, Katie Dudley
Megan Barnett, all day, James McCauley

Internal Subs:

Kim Pokrandt, all day, Kelly Leadens
Amy Northrop, 2:30-EoD, Kristy Barnett
Lisa Daak, 2:10-3:30, Emily Richardson
Madisyn Tjepkes, all day, Clark Jones
Erik Peterson, all day, no sub
Cassandra Wachter, all day, Internal Subs
Mark Passow, 2:30-EoD, Kristy Barnett

