PGMS Week of September 30
Home of the Cougars

**Mark your Calendars!**

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MAP testing in English/language Arts will occur between October 2-4

**High School Readiness Night:** The School Counseling Department cordially invites you to their **High School Readiness Night** on **Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30 - 7:30**. During this event, parents and guardians will have the opportunity to participate in useful information sessions. Mrs. Casale, Magnet Liaison and Grade 8 Counselor, will provide parents with information regarding the BCPS high school magnet application process. This presentation will review the various BCPS magnet programs, admission requirements and transportation options. In addition, several magnet school representatives will be available to answer questions. We have also invited counselors from our feeder high schools: Loch Raven, Parkville and Perry Hall. These counselors will be available to answer questions about high school

**Transportation Updates:** Please be assured that we are working daily with BCPS transportation to address issues and concerns. We are aware of our overcrowded buses and are working with transportation to address this specific issue as quickly as possible.

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EMERGENCY BUCKETS:**
We need flashlights, batteries for the flashlights, white towels and duct tape for our classroom emergency buckets. Donations may be dropped off at the school or sent in with your child. Any donations would be appreciated.
Chaperones will be needed for field trips. Sign up to be a PINE GROVE MIDDLE Volunteer/ Chaperone

Thank you for your interest in volunteering in Baltimore County Public Schools. Our schools depend on volunteers and value their contributions to enhance the programs and services provided for students. Volunteers are important members of Team BCPS and help our staff sustain effective learning environments, chaperone field trips, assist with PTSA events, assist in the library and more. Please visit the BCPS website for volunteer information:

http://www.bcps.org/community/volunteer_info/

Directions for Online School Payments for PGMS Parents

1. Log into BCPS One
2. Click the Online School Payment Tile

ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENTS

3. This will connect to the Baltimore County Online School Payment Page.
4. Click on Middle- Select Pine Grove MS

5. Select the item(s) you wish to purchase.
6. Click add to CART.
7. Click CHECKOUT. First time users will be prompted to create an account and link your students’ name to the account. Add all your child(ren) to this account even in other schools. (If you purchase items for your other student from their “web store” you will use this same Online School Payment Account and select their school). After creating an account, you will then select the student for whom you are purchasing item(s)
8. Enter payment information (VISA or MASTERCARD Accepted)
9. Click PLACE YOUR ORDER
10. The sponsor for this item will receive an email that the purchase has been made. (Example- If you purchase a Physical Education Uniform, the teacher will receive an email to give you a new uniform). You will also receive an email with your receipt.

COMMUNICATION

In an effort to increase communication, PLEASE FOLLOW US ON:

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