



## Pinnacle Pointe

### Welcome Week

#### **New Student Orientation**

Monday, July 26, 5:30 pm.

#### **Café Dinner**

Monday, July 26, 5:30 pm.

#### **Meet the Teacher**

Wednesday, July 28, 5:30 & 6:15 pm.

#### **4th-6th Grade**

#### **Back to School Bash**

Friday, July 30, 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

### August

#### **First Day of School**

Monday, August 2nd

#### **Football and Volleyball Begin**

Monday, August 9th

#### **Education Night/Open House**

Thursday, August 12th

#### **Read-a-thon Week**

Monday, August 23rd -  
Friday, August 27th

### September

#### **Four-A-Day Brain Bee**

Wednesday, September 1st

#### **1/2 Day - noon dismissal**

Friday, September 3rd

#### **Labor Day Holiday**

No School  
Monday, September 7th

#### **School Picture Day**

Friday, September 10th

#### **Spirit Week**

September 20h-24th

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## Pinnacle to host Welcome Week



Pinnacle Pointe will host its annual Welcome Week - July 26th-30th. The week long event will feature New Student Orientation, dinner in the Pinnacle Café, Meet the Teacher and a Back to School Bash for the 4th-6th Graders.

### **New Student Orientation**

New students and families will meet Pinnacle's Administrator, Faculty, and Staff and be introduced to Pinnacle's Three P's, Four A's and Pinnacle Cares as well as the Student Handbook, classroom expectations and discipline procedures. Student shadows will be

available to give students and parents tours as well as Parent Volunteers who will assist staff with getting everyone acquainted with PPA.

### **Dinner at Pinnacle Café**

During new student orientation families may purchase dinner being sold in the café. This is an informal chance to meet and greet Administration, Faculty, and Staff. Café menus for the month of August (breakfast and lunch) will be available as well.

### **Meet the Teacher**

On Wednesday, July 28th all Pinnacle students are invited to come receive their welcome packets, meet their teacher (s), and see their classrooms. Welcome packets will be available based on the following schedule:

Last names beginning with A - M at 5:30 pm

Last names beginning with N - Z at 6:15 pm

Stations will be set up for student check in and each station must be visited before the night is over:

Station 1: Student Handbook Signature Form

Station 2: Welcome Packets

Station 3: Student Fees(\$15)/Planners/Spirit Shirts

Station 4: Emergency Contact forms

### **Back to School Bash**

Pinnacle's 4th-6th Graders are invited to attend Pointe School's third annual 'Back to School Bash.' The event will run from 4:30 - 6:30 pm on Friday, July 30th at The Jump Street located at 5665 W Bell Road in Glendale. (just east of Sprouts). The cost is \$10 and is payable at the door. Students are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and socks are required.

### **1st Day of School - August 2nd**

Pinnacle's first day of school will be August 2nd starting at 8:00 am. (See back article for Pinnacle school day changes) Students will all gather together in the café for the beginning of the year Xtremepointe. Xtremepointe's are Pinnacle's all school, first of the week assemblies. Students and Staff meet in the Café to review the week's schedule and get excited about the weekly events and character trait of the week.

## September

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

September 27 - October 1

### **Football/Volleyball Banquet**

Thursday, September 30th

## October

### **1/2 Day - noon dismissal**

Friday, October 1st

### **Fall Break**

October 4th-8th

### **Columbus Day Holiday**

Monday, October 11th

### **Co-ed Soccer Begins**

Tuesday, October 12th

### **PPA Block Party**

Thursday, September 21st @ 6 PM

### **Health Awareness Week**

September 25th-29th

## **Pinnacle XtrA's**

The Pointe School Elementary's are working together to promote an environment that ensures team work, cooperation, and sportsmanship through our primary grade clubs and 4th-6th grade XtrA's. It is through these extra curricular activities that students are learning the skills needed to be a part of a team as well as being taught the concept of working together.

Pinnacle and Canyon, along with the involvement of Parents are working to ensure academic achievement. Each student is required to maintain a specific grade point average in order to be considered eligible for the clubs and XtrA's. If a student falls under that eligibility, they are placed on an improvement plan that works with the Coaches, Directors, and the student's teachers.

Following our 4 A's, our clubs are all focused on Academics where our XtrA's are based on Athletics and the Arts.

Each club and XtrA requires a participation fee and consent form. Each individual activity will have meetings and sign ups as the activity begins.

Please see the website for the most current information.

## **Student Handbook**

Students and parents are required to read and understand Pinnacle's Student Handbook and submit a signed Student Handbook Signature Form prior to the first week of school. The Student Handbook, and Student Handbook Signature Form, is available online and contains several important updates and additions. Forms may be turned in during New Student Orientation/Meet the Teacher nights.

## **Education Night/Open House**

Pinnacle will be providing an opportunity for parents to fully understand the curriculum and instruction that happens daily in the classroom at our parent education night. Parents will also be able to experience Pinnacle, meet the Administration, Faculty, and Staff and tour the campus at Open House on Thursday, August 12th.

## **Parent Conferences**

An opportunity to meet with Pinnacle Pointe's Faculty concerning First Quarter student grades will be available to interested parents the week of September 27th - October 1st through appointments made with the teacher. Teachers are available before or after school and should be contacted via email or through the office (connected to voicemail) to make an appointment.

## **Pinnacle Communication**

The education of a child is a team effort. Pinnacle desires to keep parents informed of their child's progress through direct email access to teachers, student daily planners, Friday take home folders, phone calls, conferences, progress reports, and report cards. Parents are notified of their students academic struggles and are actively part of putting solutions in place.

## **Pinnacle School Day Changes**

The 2010 - 2011 school year will see many changes in programming and experiences. The biggest of changes that will be seen is the addition of academic minutes to our daily schedule. This year our school day will start at 8:00 am and end at 3:00 pm. Campus will open at 7:30 am with classrooms opening at 7:55 and students being counted tardy at 8:00

## **Everything Counts!**

This year's Character Education program's theme is '**Everything Counts!**' Throughout the school year, Pinnacle will encourage students to understand that every aspect of their life counts and challenge them to:

### **Create Energy**

Become a person who is positive.

### **Impact Others**

Become a person who benefits others.

### **Avoid Detours**

Become a person who perseveres.

### **Build Forever**

Become a person who makes good decisions.

## **Pinnacle Cares**

Pinnacle Pointe's community outreach program, **Pinnacle Cares**, provides students, faculty, parents and alumni the opportunity to care for others by:

**Supporting** Veterans and their families by showing appreciation.

**Sharing** with the hurting and less fortunate by providing assistance.

**Shaping** the future with the Prep mentors.

**Serving** children with Diabetes by promoting awareness of the disease.



## **Pinnacle pick up procedures**

Within your welcome packet that you will receive on Orientation night /Meet the Teacher you will find our pick up procedure guidelines and your car /pickup tags. It is very important that everyone read over these and adhere to their car tag pick up time. If there are problems with the pick up times you may contact the office so arrangements can be made. Please also notify the office if your child will be part of a car pool or picked up by a child care facility. We try to make this process as smooth as possible but that only works with everyone's cooperation (and patience the first couple of weeks). Students are not dismissed unless the car tag is present so please contact the office if you will need additional car tags.