



PINES MIDDLE SCHOOL



Dear Panther Families,

My name is Shawn Aycock, and I am thrilled to be the new principal of Pines Middle School. As we embark on the 2022-2023 school year, our school theme is *"Navigating to Success."* I thank you for embarking on this journey with me. I want you to know that I recognize the important role you play in the success of our school. I am committed to providing students with a rigorous and challenging curriculum while nurturing their social-emotional needs within a safe learning environment.

An orientation for sixth graders and new students will be held in our cafeteria on Saturday, August¹³ at 9:00 a.m. It's the perfect opportunity for new students and parents to meet school administrators and counselors, as well as learn about school policies and procedures. **Returning seventh and eighth graders can pick up their schedules on Friday, Aug. 12 between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.** If you are unable to attend, please note that your child can access their schedule in the Virtual Counselor.

Pines Middle School is a unified dress code school. Copies of the unified dress code are included with this letter. Unified dress code items can be purchased at any store.

Children need to eat healthy meals to learn. The online application is an easy and convenient way for parents and guardians to complete the multi-child meal benefit application to determine eligibility for free or reduced-price lunch. Breakfast is free for all students under the Universal-Free Breakfast Program. The price of middle school lunch meal is \$2.35. Reduced price lunch food is \$0.40. The online multi-child application can be found on Myschoolapps.com website. Families are encouraged to complete the application before the start of the school year. If you have already applied online for free and reduced-price meal benefits, you can check the status of your application by contacting the meal benefits office at 754-321-0250.

Eligible students who need bus transportation for the upcoming school year who registered in <http://tfsweb.browardschools.com/ride> before July 15 are guaranteed a bus for the first day of school. Students registered after July 16 cannot receive a bus assignment until the second week of classes, bus assignment deadlines will vary. If you have any questions, please email register2ride@browardschools.com or call 754-321-4499.

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 is the official start of the 2022-2023 school year. School hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Student supervision is provided from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Students cannot arrive on campus before 8:30 a.m. Parents who choose to take their child to school should use the car loop to drop off and pick up students. Please do not drop students off at Walgreens or Douglas Road.

The safety of students and staff is the #1 priority at Pines Middle School. Students must wear IDs at all times. IDs will be distributed during the first week of school. Up to 4 replacement IDs can be provided. Students incur a \$5 fee/obligation when issuing the 5th ID and beyond. Students who do not show/use their ID will receive consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and the Discipline Matrix.

Packages containing important documents will be distributed to students on the first day of school. Parents/guardians are asked to review the information on the package and complete/sign and return the required school forms with the child by Friday, August 26, 2022. The Broward County Public Schools Code of Conduct for Middle School Students is available online at: www.browardschools.com. Please review this important information with your child.

Mark your calendar. **The Open House for all students will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**

I know I speak for the entire faculty and staff at Pines Middle School when I say we look forward to serving you and your child this school year. I know you'll see why "We just can't hide that Panther Pride!"

Sincerely,

Ms. Shawn Aycok
Principal