



**Principal's Message:**

Dear Parents,

Last week I took the opportunity to share with you some exciting plans concerning the physical expansion of our existing facility. It is our belief that these plans will better use our space and at the same time provide for the possible addition of another elementary teacher.

One of the main goals for the addition of this extra teacher would be to lower our student/teacher ratio. Statistics have shown one of the quickest ways to enhance the quality of an educational program is to keep this ratio as low as possible. With this goal in mind, we have decided to create the following grade combinations for next year. These changes enable us to limit the class sizes without adding another teacher: K-1<sup>st</sup> will be taught by Barbara Thompson. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> combination classroom will be taught by Carrie LeBarre and our 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be taught by Esther Nanashi. Our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom will be taught by Tom Amato. Our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom will be taught by Julie Fralick. When classrooms reach the cap enrollment, they will also have the help of a part time teacher's assistant. Once again, the goal is to help provide the resources needed to enhance student success.

In addition our music instruction will have some changes designed to benefit the school-wide program. Mrs. Genobaga will continue to teach all music classes. Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade will focus mainly on choral work with some music theory, history & appreciation. Violin will be offered to our older elementary students. Our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will still have the opportunity to select an instrument to play. They will either choose to play a stringed instrument or a band instrument. If after one year they decide they would like to switch, they will be allowed that opportunity. During the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade years, students will continue the path that they started in previous years, giving them more opportunities to develop their skills and enable the two groups to continue to grow and thrive. Students at this grade level who have attained the necessary skills will also be given the opportunity to join our high school band and strings program. We believe that these changes will greatly enhance what we are able to accomplish with our overall music program.

Your partner in Christian education,  
-Joe Fralick

Would you take advantage of a **summer program for your K-6<sup>th</sup> graders** during the dates of June 17- August 2? If so, please contact the office by Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Enrollment would be per week. Camp experience would include Bible studies, reading enrichment, art, cooking, field trips, swimming lessons, sports, etc

**Happy Mother's Day to all of our moms!**



Your encouragement, prayers, help with the daily demands of life, guidance, love and nurture that you provide for your child make a life changing difference! We hope you have a great Mother's Day!

**Xander Dawson** came to school for a short visit on Thursday! It was great to see him!

**Seating for Spring Concert:** In an attempt to try to be fair to all of our guests for the spring concert, we are asking that seats not be reserved ahead of time. Even though the gym doors will be open at 6:00 for the purpose of the Art Auction, we are asking that seating for the program not begin until 6:30. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**The seniors will be providing a pasta dinner prior to the spring concert on May 9<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 5:30 and running through 6:45. The cost is \$5.00 per plate. Thanks for supporting their fundraising efforts. All proceeds will go towards expenses for their class trip to Washington DC.

**This is the last chance to purchase Corn Dogs** for this school year! Seniors will be taking orders which need to be turned in by Wednesday, May 8 at 3:00 PM. Orders can be picked up on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> after school. Please use the attached order form and submit to the office.

**PHAA Calendar At-A-Glance**

- May 3-4** Passionate Praise camp @ PHAA
- May 4** Choralaires @ Meadow Vista
- May 4** Passionate Praise @ Meadow Vista
- May 5** SAT Testing
- May 5** HS Banquet
- May 7** Lodi Softball Tournament
- May 9** K-12 Spring Concert
- May 10** Golf Tournament
- May 10** Family/ Alumni Vespers
- May 11** Alumni Sabbath
- May 15-22** Senior Class Trip
- May 19-22** 8th Grade Class Trip

**Hot Lunch Schedule**

**Tuesday** Taco Bell  
Sponsored by the Seniors

**Wednesday** Enchiladas \$5  
Sponsored by the 7/8 Grade class

**Thursday** Musical Pizza  
Sponsored by the music department

**Student art by: Grace McColl**



We have had an excellent **week of prayer** this past week. It is always a pleasure to watch as our students rise and be vulnerable enough to share their thoughts with their peers. Our senior class led out the K-4 group this past week, sharing stories and object lessons they have learned along the way. Though I know a few students had apprehensions about this task I believe it is safe to say whether it is through leading music, speaking, or simply interacting with the younger students, we all had fun in the process. Our junior high group jumped right in to their doubts, Brandon leading the way discussing creation vs. evolution, Giovanna asking the question of why bad things happen to good people, Kellyn wondering if God is really there in the hard times, Jamison addressed the subject of forgiveness, and today Charlie closed things off addressing our doubt in God's love. In the high school we had 6 speakers; Jack on accountability to consistency, Sean on his journey to discovery who Christ is, Sarah on endurance through hard times, Beau on being found, Michaela on how to move through conquering our doubts, and lastly Ethan shared his testimony of building a relationship with Christ. After our meetings, students were encouraged to find a partner in prayer and someone to walk with them as they address their doubts and discover who Christ is. I feel encouraged and excited about what each of our students shared this week and I ask that as a school we continue to support our students and they seek answers and long to be acquainted with Christ.

**The Student Association invites all high school students to a Cinco de Mayo Fiesta** on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 at Hidden



Creek Farms. It is the girl's turn to ask the guys. Students should sign-up and pay the \$25 dollar fee/person in the office by Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Alumni and Family Vespers** & Family Fun Event. May 10 at 5:00 pm we will kick off our Second Annual Alumni and Family Vespers program. As our alumni and their families grow we found our past vespers program no longer met the needs of our alumni and current families. We have decided to make this Alumni Vespers a family event open to alumni and their families and all current students and families. We will begin the evening with a drop-in football game, while having various activities for kids such as a bounce house, water fight, bubbles, and chalk. After football and fun, we will share in a meal together, and sharing each other's company. At 7:30 pm those in the golf tournament will be able to join us in welcoming the Sabbath with our vespers program around the campfire. We hope you can join us in celebrating our alumni and some family fun. For more details please refer to the attached flyer about Alumni weekend.

The **Choralaires are singing for church at Meadow Vista SDA Church this Sabbath**, May 4. Call time is 10 am. They will meet over by the "Better Living Center" and do warm-ups there. Church begins at 10:45. Please wear choir uniforms. Address: Meadow Vista SDA Church /1461 Meadow Vista Road / Meadow Vista, CA. 95722

**Academic Advisement for incoming Grades 9-12:** It's time to start preparing for next school year! We want to make sure your child/children are on the right course for graduation. If your child will be in high school next school year, please follow the link below to sign-up for a time to meet with Mrs. Wareham and go over high school class schedules, community service hours, graduation requirements, and any questions you may have. If none of the times on the list work for you, please contact Mrs. Wareham to schedule a time that will work. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-Sa8sBCe-DoXP6daLYyoCunRR8E2ALjDvtcBwgFP8F50/edit?usp=sharing>

**Attention all 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** An Algebra 1 placement test is scheduled to be given by Mrs. Gipson on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:25-4:20. Has your child been getting A's in Math? Has he/she also achieved above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile in math on the Iowa Assessments? If so, then this opportunity to be on the advanced math track in high school may be for your child, allowing him/her to take Calculus during their senior year. In addition, students must score 90% or higher on this placement test. Please remember, this is an optional opportunity.

**Banquet Dress Code:** Thank you for keeping the following criteria in mind when selecting banquet attire for your child. Consequences for non-compliance can be found in the handbook.

For Girls: The front of the dress must be at or above the cleavage line and should remain modest when leaning over. No cleavage should show at any time. Sheer and see through material will not be considered a part of the dress. The back of the dress must be at or above the middle of the back and should completely cover undergarments. The length of the dress must not reach higher than three inches above the top of the knee cap (Patella) when standing straight. However, different materials and styles may dictate a longer length in order to maintain modesty. Slits in the dress may not reach higher than three inches above the knee cap. The fabric should not be see-through and should be substantial enough to cover the outline of undergarments. If a dress is chosen that is close to the limits listed above, please bring the dress to school so that any problems at the event can be avoided. If a picture is sent, the staff can get an idea of problems; but nothing will be sure unless the dress is modeled. No jewelry of any kind may be worn. For Guys: Suits, sport coats, or church attire is appropriate. No shorts or short pants of any kind are acceptable. No jewelry of any kind may be worn.

**Spring Concert is just around the corner!** Here is some detailed information for you:

WHAT: Spring Concert

WHO: K-12 music students

WHERE: PHAA Gym

WHEN: 7:00 pm, Thursday, May 9.

**CALL TIME:**

**Grades 5-12:** 6:30 pm. Please meet in your classroom for instrument warm-up. High School band will meet in Mr. K's room. High School strings will meet in Mrs. Krussow's room.

**Grades K-4:** 6:45 pm. Please meet in your classroom.

**Please make sure your children are supervised at all times before the concert.** The gym will be set up with lots of equipment and instruments so please make sure your children are not running in the gym—they need to be with you, or in their classroom with their teacher at the appointed time.

**DRESS:**

Grades 3-12 students

(please see notes below for exceptions).

TOPS: Bright colored, solid shirts with sleeves. (no tank tops or sleeveless shirts)  
BOTTOMS: Dark wash blue jeans. (please no rips, faded, acid-washed or white-washed)

**EXCEPTIONS:**

K-2 ONLY: Khaki or blue denim

SHORTS. Bright t-shirt with stripes (it can be any color. I found striped t-shirts at Target yesterday for \$5 in the boys section. Solid is ok if you can't find stripes)

3-4 ONLY: Yellow long sleeved shirts for the following boys: Josh A, Rylan, Josh C, Chase, Eric, David, Kellan, Zach, Tyler, Travis. (I prefer button up shirts but polos or t-shirts are ok....but they need to be yellow). Everyone else can be in the dress detailed above.

Thanks so much for your cooperation and support. I am looking forward to a really fun concert next Thursday. You won't want to miss it!!

**What's a spring concert without refreshments?**

Home & School needs our all K-8 parents to help! This year we will be serving a variety of fresh fruit. Please bring enough fruit to serve at least 12 people. We are asking that all fruit be brought washed, cut if needed and ready to eat

**A prayer calendar for the month of May** is attached with this bulletin. We invite you to pray each day for the designated student or staff member. Praying is something we all can do!

**Art Gallery vs Art Auction:** Student artwork will be on display in our hallways beginning Monday, May 6 through Thursday, May 9. Students have selected pieces that will be part of the show in our "hallway" Art Gallery. These submissions will be judged and ribbons will be awarded on Thursday afternoon before parents arrive for the K-12 Spring Concert. Our Art Auction will be on Thursday night, May 9, beginning at 6:00 PM and run through the end of the intermission for our Spring Concert. During this time, guests will have the opportunity to bid on art pieces that have been created by our students along with other donated art related materials. Both of these events have been coordinated by our elementary art teacher, Gina Kuest. Thanks in advance for helping to support our art program by participating in the art auction!

**Supervision:** When attending an event at the school which occurs outside school hours, we are requesting you keep track of your own children. Dropping them off at their elementary classroom at the designated call time is a natural transition of the transfer of supervision from you to the teacher. Likely, at the end of the program there is a transition of supervision from the teacher to the parent, even though this is not so visible. Thank you for ensuring that your child is supervised at all times.

**The fourth quarter midterm grades** should be posted on FACTS by Monday, May 13. This is an opportunity for you to check out your child's progress at this half-way mark in the quarter. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher.

Thanks parents for putting together an awesome **Teacher Appreciation Week!** The classroom doors were so creative and unique! The fresh jar of flowers was also a nice thoughtful touch!

The delicious homemade cookies on Tuesday were super. Having lunch provided both Wednesday & Thursday was a real time saver and much appreciated! A huge THANK YOU to all who helped make all of this possible. You have done a great job to show your appreciation!



**Attention all parents of student drivers:**

When your child is finished with their last class for the day, he/she may sign-out and go home. Your child may return for an after school activity that is on our campus such as a sport's practice. Students may not return back to campus prior to the dismissal of school. Please don't confuse this policy with our senior lunch privilege, which allows your senior to go off campus for lunch. Seniors who take advantage of this privilege must return at the end of the lunch period which is 12:44. All of these guidelines associated with student driving are influenced by issues relating to liability. If student drivers do not comply with these expectations their driving privileges will be revoked. Thank you for taking some time to review these expectations with your child.

**Alumni Sabbath Events:** Next week Sabbath we will be celebrating our Alumni with a wonderful day of worship, music, and fellowship. Please join us at 10:30am in the gym for our Alumni Church Service where Sam Munoz will be speaking on "The Foundations of it all and Connections". The service will be followed by an Italian themed potluck. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share. Mrs. Genobaga has planned an evening full of music with our Vespers Concert featuring the Chorales and String Orchestra at 7pm. Following the concert will be our Alumni vs. Varsity Basketball games starting at 9pm. Come cheer on your favorite team and enjoy some fresh corn dogs sold by the Senior class! It will be a day to remember and we hope you will join us as we celebrate the students who have graduated from Pine Hills.

All golfers please save the date for our **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** which will be held on Friday, May 10, 2019 at the Dark Horse Golf Course. Come and enjoy a great day of golf and a chance to win several prizes, not to mention the proceeds will go toward supporting our school! Would love to see a couple of parent teams participate in this fundraising event for our school! Please see the attached registration form.

**Come to the Chipotle** in Auburn Tuesday, **May 14<sup>th</sup>** between 4pm -8pm for dinner and support the 8th grade class. Just think a night of no dishes! Bring the attached flyer, show it on your smartphone, or tell the cashier your supporting Pine Hills to make sure that the proceeds will be donated. Gift cards and online orders won't count. Thank you!