



Mid-Year Safety Reminders

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you had a relaxing winter break and a healthy start to the new year!

As we enter the new year, we want to remind Pine-Richland families about our focus on safety and security throughout the district. Throughout the school year, we work closely with administrators, our safety and security team and Northern Regional Police Department to review and refine emergency procedures.

Last summer, we developed extensive reunification protocols in the event a campus evacuation is needed. As a reminder for emergency events, all campus traffic will be controlled so that only the emergency response personnel are able to enter. In the event of an emergency, families are to await further instructions from the district.

Students in each school have been practicing a variety of emergency drills to ensure preparedness for any potential situation. While we hope to never need to use such protocols, we continuously review and make adjustments based on new information and emerging best practices.

Our school principals have also been focusing on strengthening a positive school culture throughout the first half of the year, talking with students about behavior expectations, RAMS Way and creating an inclusive and welcoming environment.

Reporting is critical for school safety and security, and we encourage anyone with information or concerns to speak with a trusted adult, contact the Tip Line at 724-449-TIPS or use the Safe2Say Something application or website.

Emergency Notifications

In the event of a serious emergency on any Pine-Richland campus, families will be notified via our emergency notification system and will receive a telephone call, email and text message. As we enter a season of potential weather-related emergencies, please verify that your contact information is up-to-date in the [Sapphire Community Portal](#). Please ensure checkboxes for voice and text are selected as appropriate so that you receive prompt notification in the event of a weather delay or closure or other emergency situation.

Inclement Weather

The **first snow day** of the school year will be a full day off for students and staff. Any second or subsequent snow day will shift to a virtual learning day. For cold temperature days in which we need to close, we will shift to a virtual learning model. Please visit <https://www.pinerichland.org/Page/9178> to see schedules for two-hour delays and virtual learning days. When the district decides to delay, close or shift to a virtual learning model, families and staff will be notified via our emergency alert system. Notice will also be posted on the Pine-Richland website, PRTV and on KDKA, WTAE and WPXI.

Thank you for taking time to review these important safety and security reminders. We are looking forward to a safe and successful start to the new year for all of our students and staff.

Sincerely,
Pine-Richland School District

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