



## Spectator Safety Reminders

Dear Pine-Richland Students, Families and Community Members,

On Friday nights, student engagement is clearly evident. As you scan the campus, you will see the football team, cheerleaders, marching band, dance team, color guard, high school and middle school student sections, yearbook students, PRTV crew, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets and student newspaper journalists. There is truly something for everyone on Friday nights.



Friday nights also provide opportunities for community members and families to spend time together cheering and catching up. On any given night, thousands of people come out to see our students perform.

The phrase **“Who do we want to be known as?”** is being shared with our students and staff. We strive to be highly competitive in all that we do while at the same time showing kindness and respect. As a community, we can work to model this same behavior for our children and visitors.

If a spectator has concerns in this area, he or she may direct those concerns to a member of the district staff working the event for further action. The health, safety and welfare of students and the general public is a significant responsibility for K-12 public school districts. Based on the circumstance, local law enforcement may be notified. We have a strong partnership with the Northern Regional Police Department (NRPD). A team of officers is always in attendance throughout campus on Friday nights. We also always have a team of administrators in attendance at each home football game. If you need assistance, you can likely find an NRPD officer and administrator on the track.

With safety and security always in mind, we want to share a few important reminders **for all of our after-school events**:

### Board Policy

As outlined in [Board Policy #904](#), the use of tobacco and possession and use of controlled substances, alcohol and weapons are prohibited on school premises.

The board has the authority to prohibit the attendance of any individual whose conduct may constitute a disruption to the school event. Disruptions could include inappropriate comments directed at referees, coaches or others in attendance.

### Student Supervision

During varsity football games, supervision is provided for our middle and high

school students. **However, students in grades K-6 should be supervised by their parents/guardians.** We do not have the staff to monitor our younger students. **Our K-6 students should sit with or near their parents/guardians.**

### Weather Emergencies

In the event of a weather emergency, the public address announcer will ask all spectators to report to their cars, the stadium lobby or the high school lobby. Student participants will report to locker rooms. Those needing special assistance will be guided to the stadium lobby.

### Bags and Coolers

Outside coolers are not permitted to be brought into an event. Concession stands and/or water fountains are available. Exceptions due to medical needs or special circumstances should be discussed with the site manager of the event. **Bags should be limited. Clear, transparent bags are recommended.** Only service animals are permitted on campus. Please refer to [Policy #718](#) for service animal guidelines.

### Parking

Parking on the secondary campus is plentiful. Parking and tailgating are prohibited in the parking lot of Stepping Stones Children's Center on Warrendale Road.

### Reentry

**Once a spectator leaves the stadium lobby or gates, he/she will not be permitted to return and should have plans to exit the middle and high school campus areas.** Students found outside of the stadium will be asked by the Northern Regional Police Department or school safety officers to contact their parents/guardians.

Over the past few years, we have worked with our students to emphasize the need for us to support one another by reporting concerning incidents or behaviors. The phrase **if you see something, say something** is reinforced from grades K-12. This concept applies to our community as well. Our tips line is monitored 24/7 by NRPD (**724-449-TIPS**).

We look forward to spending many fun-filled Friday nights and other evenings with our students, parents and community members. Please contact your child's principal or the athletic department if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Go Rams!

Sincerely,

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