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## PR to be Rebuilt Out of Gingerbread

### *Students Share Their Thoughts on the Crazy Remodel*

VIENNA RESTELLI STAFF WRITER

Last week, it was announced that PR would be tasked with remodeling all of the schools to be constructed out of gingerbread. This will begin in June of this year, starting with the reconstruction of the elementary schools and eventually the high school.

Construction workers say the schools will be ready by the time students return in August, as building with gingerbread is “easy, available, and affordable,” as construction worker Ginny Cookie said.

Despite this, students have varying opinions. Most have the same question — “Is it stable?”

Staff member Rory House reassures, “The gingerbread we’re using is unique and strong. When tested, it took a construction worker 4,522 bites on average to make a hole in the wall going from one side to another.”

Students are very excited about eating gingerbread during passing periods, besides sophomore Adrian Latte.

“I despise the taste of gingerbread,” he said with great feelings of anger. After taking a deep breath, he said, “Although, I do like the design of Rammy’s new costume.”

That’s right, even Rammy’s getting a new remodeling. He will now be known as Rammy the Gingerbread Ram. He will pass out gingerbread cookies during lunch periods next year.

Speaking of Rammy the Gingerbread Ram, merch will be going on sale starting at the beginning of next year. This includes fuzzy gingerbread socks, gingerbread ram plushies, gingerbread ram horn headbands, and many shirts/sweatshirts suited to the 2025-26 school year gingerbread theme.

“Theme?” Adrian Latte’s eyes widened when he heard this word. “Will there be more remodelings in upcoming school years?” he asked, a question most students probably have.

That would be true — the next remodeling for the 2026-27 school year has already been confirmed.

“Twizzlers?” Adrian questioned upon hearing the next school year’s theme. “Ohh well, I guess that’s better than gingerbread,” he said, as he took a bite out of a gingerbread cookie.

Students are encouraged to share their opinions and ask any questions they have about the school’s remodeling. A form is located on the PR website under the section “gingerbread remodeling.”



## PR'S NEW MASCOT:

### *Rammy the Gingerbread Ram!*

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Dear Readers,

This issue brings an abundance of breaking news. Stop what you are doing, kick back, and learn all about the upcoming changes at PR to benefit future school years and students. We hope these pages help you stay informed and inspire you. Thank you for being a reader of the Rampage! We couldn't do it without your support.

Sincerely,

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## Summer Break 2025

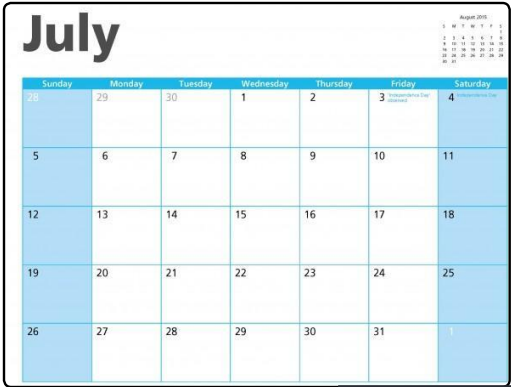
### Take A Look Into This Breaking News

HANNAHJAYNE SHANNON STAFF WRITER

The Pine-Richland School District has decided that all grades are going to only get a two week break this year. This break will take place in the middle of July on the 14th-25th. It was decided to do this because students have been missing too much school because of snow days, trips, and illnesses. This caused them to extend the 2024-2025 school year.

The 2025 graduates will not graduate until the first week of July. The reason they graduate earlier than the rest of the grades is because they need time over the summer to prepare for college or wherever they happen to go after high school. The school district feels like this is fair because the other grades do not have much to prepare for besides the next upcoming school year.

Freshman Harper Jackson said, "I wish we got a longer summer break.



I think it gives me time to collect my thoughts and get prepared for the next school year. I think two weeks is not enough." Jackson's brother Billy, a sophomore, said, "This sucks. I wish I could move school districts."

Junior Ava Raleigh said, "I feel like this is not fair for grades K-11. I don't understand why 12th graders get to get out sooner than us. I wish they could let us all out at the same time. I sort of like the idea but I wish it was something like a month instead of just two weeks."

Senior Lucy Fields remarked, "I like getting an extra month of school. I'm feeling really bittersweet about graduating so I think it's nice that I get one more month with my friends before I go off to college."

Honors algebra 2 teacher Ms. Berry said, "I like the idea. Obviously I'm a teacher so I love seeing my students learn, and learning for a little longer is good for these kids' brains. On the other hand, I feel like I will be ill-prepared for my next group of students. I don't think I will be able to finish everything that I need to do over the summer. I also think this puts a lot of stress on the people in charge of schedules. There are over 1,000 kids that need to have schedules made within only two weeks for the teachers to efficiently make the schedules."

As you can see many people do not feel too strongly about this decision. It doesn't give anyone enough time to get ready for next school year. It's yet to be determined if this new schedule will continue in years to come..

## Nap Time Being Added to Next Year's Schedule

### Students Beaming Over New Elective

BAILEY RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

I think that this is the update that every high school student has been patiently waiting for- nap classes are coming to PR. Each high school student I have talked to has complained about not being able to nap in school, and they are envious of the pre-k kids who do get naps.

During a meeting on April 1, the idea of a nap period was discussed. One source said, "The real reason we decided to do this was so that our students feel better taken care of. They deserve the rest during the day, and we don't want students to become burnt out without them. We need to focus better on the care of our students, rather than yelling about sleeping in school."

So how is the nap time going to work? Well, every student will get the option to take the class or not. It would replace a study hall, so students will not be able to take both classes, unless they are a senior with all their desired credits.

The class will be a full 42 minute period, just like the rest of the classes, and will be held in one of the teacher's lounges, soon to be redesigned this summer. There will be bunk beds in each room, and lockers along the walls for students to keep all of their bedding so they don't have to carry it each day. Students will need to bring their own bedding, sheets and pillows.

Students will be able to pick the period of desired napping time, anytime between 1st- 9th period. They have to sign up for this class fast though, as it is expected to be a highly desired elective. Students will not receive credit for taking this class, as it just takes the place of a study hall.

# Student Life

## School Year Extending in 2025

### *Extending the Year Into*

### *Summer*

TAYLOR SERVAGNO STAFF WRITER

The 4th quarter will be extended. This means that the summer is cut short, and students will get out closer to August instead of June 5th. The reason: students will be encouraged to learn more since many had to miss school due to illness and two hour delays and cancellations.

Sophomore Bob Owens said, "It's really bad; I don't like this. I have a huge family vacation planned going to Greece with my family. Now I can't even go because it's on June 7th through June 20th. We can't reschedule either because it's out of the country, and we just don't have time to reschedule because it's so close to when we are supposed to go."

Junior Olivia Charlotte said, "This isn't good; I wanted to enjoy my



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summer and now I can't even do it because of school. We are supposed to have a break from school and be able to relax and now we can't even do that; how is that fair? My family and I usually go to our lake house as soon as school ends, now I have to wait so much longer or not even go at all. This shouldn't be allowed, every student needs a break from school."

## Breaking PR Announcement

### *PR Decides Students are off Friday through Sunday*

GIANNA UNGOR STAFF WRITER

Pine-Richland High School has declared that starting next school year students will be off every Friday. The decision was based off of students' need for a break: the students have been working so hard that it was determined that they deserve this. I interviewed fellow student, Ella Biot, and a staff member to see what they had to say about the change.

One of the English teachers, Mrs. Templeton, said, "I don't like the change; it should be reconsidered."

On the other hand, students are excited about having an extra day off school. I interviewed sophomore Ella Biot for further information.

**How do you feel about this new change?**

"I am super excited, I get to spend more time with my friends and family, which will be super exciting."

**Do you think students will perform better?**

"Yes, students will be in better moods and want to actually try when it comes to school work."

**How do your parents feel about this?**

"My parents were not to happy about it, but I told them that this is much needed for all students. My parents think that it will make students slack more and that there is no point in having an extra day off."

**Will your sport be impacted?**

"I hope not. I usually have track practice after school every Friday. My coach has not said anything yet."

**Do you think having a three day weekend cuts down the high school experience?**

"No, not for me at least. I think Fridays are a waste."

**Anything else you would like to add?**

"Yes, I think this was one of the best things that's ever happened to me. Our school has stepped up their game and I'm totally here for it. I have no complaints whatsoever. I think students get too consumed in school and just need that extra day to slow down and catch up."



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## Night School

### *A New Addition to School Curriculum?*

AVA BARSON STAFF WRITER

Students are usually tired in the morning from waking up for school but what about staying up late for it? A new night school option has been added to the curriculum. This addition will be taking action during the 2027 school year. These classes are open for anyone to take and they have brought in some new staff members to teach the classes at night. But what started it all? Reasons for the need for night school involved fatigue: Students were tired everyday and wanted more free periods during their school day. Students will be able to swap a period in the school day for a night class, meaning during that period of the day you get the time off but you have to show up to the night class you signed up for. They will be listed in the community portal as any other class would be.

The night classes will span 8pm to 12am. This means there is a limit per person during their school day. You can only take one night class. If staff members want a free period they have to cover a night class to make up for the free period time they would receive. Say the staff member wanted a second period off, if they want to do that they would have to cover one of the night classes or the night detentions.

Any student who receives a detention will have to attend one of the night detentions offered. They will also happen during the 8am-12pm time period. Educators are hoping this will help lower the amount of students who are assigned detentions.

During the students' free period, students will be able to leave the school. There will be an option on the attendance forms for a night class period. If students do not return in time for their next class, they will be given a night detention. For extra security there will be officers who remain at the front of the school to make sure that returning students are safe and responsible.

Freshman Jon Feltz said, "I am excited for this change but part of me thinks it won't work so well just because it's a big change."

Teacher Mrs. Money said, "I am not ready for such a big change but the opportunity to get out and see some sun during the day is rewarding."

Sophomore Maya Fernandez said, "I think this will help me a lot because I spend most of my time at night trying to fall asleep because my sleep schedule is so messed up. Hopefully this will help me out though."

Further information will be provided soon about whether they are fully sure about this change but until then, if you are a night owl keep this opportunity in mind.

## School Ending at 12 Starting in 2026

### *Navigating Changes*

ERIN ZHENG STAFF WRITER

Starting next school year, school will still start at 7:45am, but the classes will generally be shorter and there will be no need for lunch since the day will end at 12pm.

"I'm literally so happy, but I kinda wished that school could start at 8:45 cause I wanna sleep in more. I'm fine with it ending at 1 if that's what it takes to sleep in." Freshman Billy Bob Joe AppleJack said.

Homeroom will start at 7:45 and the first class will start at 8. Each class period will be around 37 minutes, so it will end 10 minutes earlier than the amount of time each period is currently.

This means there will be more time for socializing and sports, as well as time for students to complete their homework instead of rushing to do it late at night or waking up extra early just to finish it by the deadline. It also takes some pressure off the students about classwork and homework. There's enough said about the students, but what about the teachers' thoughts?

"I feel like it's a good thing that school's ending early because it'll give students more time to catch up on missing work. Some students have so much work all piled up because of the amount of work they have to do, but not enough time to do it." Mrs. Bumblebee states.

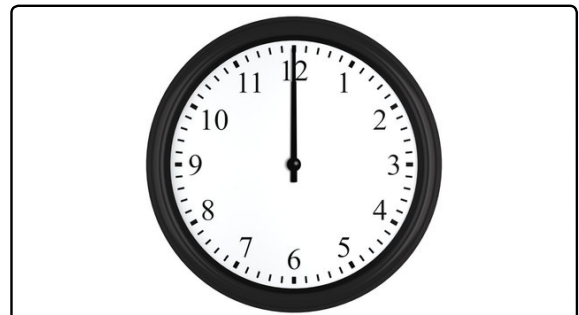


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## Breaking News: Mandatory Class Outside *Above 55 Degrees Means Learning In Nature*

ISABELLE HOPPE STAFF WRITER

High school students are busy and spend far too much time inside, especially from the months of December through March. The cold weather makes going outside very unappealing, yet when the weather *is* nice, busy schedules overtake most of the sunny hours of the day. In a surprising move that is sure to shake up our usual routine, it has been announced that starting this spring, all classes will be held outdoors whenever the temperature exceeds 55°F.

"After a long winter of cramped lecture halls, we've decided it's time to break free and let learning happen under the sky," said administration. "We're confident that this new policy will not only boost student morale but also improve overall engagement with the material."

The basic outline of this new model is that any day with a temperature exceeding 55°F will trigger the new outdoors policy. If the temperature drops below this threshold, classes will return to their usual indoor locations.

In terms of technology, it will be essential that students make sure to take their laptops outside with them. The school has installed wifi boxes that have a wider radius of connection, so wifi will not be a concern with this new model.

When it comes to locations, this will be left up to the teachers. Options are not limited and nowhere on campus is off limits. Some of these options include the courtyard, the tables by the back lot, or even the Ram Cage.

There's no doubt this policy will be a game-changer for the spring semester. Get ready for the first outdoor class of the year on April 1st. After all, who needs walls when you have the entire sky as your classroom?



Photo taken by Isabelle Hoppe



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## The Start of Pine-Mars

### *Mars and PR are Combining School Districts*

SOPHIA KERNS STAFF WRITER

It's been confirmed that there will be a merger between Mars and Pine-Richland. All Pine-Richland and Mars students will attend the same school starting in the 2025-2026 school year. There will be many changes for all students.

It might be a longer drive for the Mars students to get to Pine-Richland, so to fix this problem, helicopters will be used to get to school quicker.

Since we have so many new students coming to Pine-Richland next year, each school will be getting an update. The elementary schools, Richland Elementary, Hance Elementary, and Wexford Elementary will remain mostly the same, but they will be removing the playgrounds of each school to accommodate the need for new classrooms. Eden Hall will be removing the courtyard to make more space, but their playground will be able to stay. Since they are adding more classrooms, Eden Hall will be getting a new biome.

They will be calling it Galaxy, in order to make the Mars students feel more at home. Pine-Richland Middle School will be receiving a second floor. The staircase plans to be where the courtyard currently is. The biggest change will be to Pine-Richland High School. The current building will be for freshmen and sophomore students, and a whole new, more modern building will hold the junior and senior students. Of course, all of this construction will take place over the summer and be finished by mid August.

The most exciting change will be to our beloved mascot, Rammy. Since the school district is now called Pine-Mars, Rammy will wear an astronaut suit from now on. He will be referred to as Space Rammy. Next year, make sure you welcome the Mars students and make them feel at home. This is a big change for everyone, so enjoy and adjust to Pine-Mars.

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## PR's School Day To End At 10:00am Starting April 31

ADDYSON FISCHER STAFF WRITER

In a breathlessly worded news statement earlier today, the Pine Richland School District made a formal announcement that the whole district would be let out early for the remainder of the school year—officially on April 31.

One source said, "We've listened to our students and parents. We've decided an interactive way of learning is all about more napping and recess and surprise breaks. It's all about learning how to live your best life!"

Students will be let out at 10:00 AM each day starting on April 31. According to a survey, over 97% of students replied in one voice saying "yes" when asked, "Would you like to get out of school early every day?"

Despite some criticism, one source said: "Play is the highest form of learning" and "crayons can now be given out in a 10-pack instead of 24 – who needs all those colors anyway?"

The cafeteria will now serve "Brunch," and "Pancake Pizza" and "Cereal Sunrise" as options.

As the community buzzes with excitement about the new policy, foolishly optimistic students have already begun posting countdowns to their 'new lives' of endless days filled with play. "I'm so excited! I'll get to play video games all afternoon!" one student exclaimed, oblivious to the challenges of life without schooling.

New Schedule to  
be out by  
summer break!

*What do you think of the new change to the school day? Email a Rampage Staff Writer to share your thoughts.*

## A New Security Adjustment

### Pine-Richland Will Require Lanyards For Students

GRACELOGUE STAFFWRITER

For next school year, Pine-Richland has made the announcement that students will now require a lanyard attachment for both entrance rights and attendance. Due to the prior security incidents this year, the district decided that students must carry a new identification requirement that must be viewable at all times. Staff are required to ensure that students follow these rules on school grounds and security checks will be placed at random each quarter.

If a student forgets their lanyard, they will be placed in the office and a call home will be formally made for a parent or other accessible family member to deliver the missing lanyard.

Pine-Richland plans to make this a strict precaution within the school to ensure the safety of the students and staff during school hours. QR codes will be placed in homerooms in the morning and if late, the attendance check will be made within the office.



The students are allowed to customize the lanyard as long as it is school appropriate and the ID attachment is not affected in any manner. These ID's will have a picture of the student that is taken at the beginning of the school year, birth date, grade, and their identification number. These lanyards will be renewed every year for all attending students.

Students who do not abide by these requirements will be promptly sent to the office as well as a potential detention and a call home.

On Saturday April 26th from 5 to 8pm, we are going to Wave Away Cancer at Mini-THON. Join us to show support for all families in need! Even if you can only join for a part of the evening, we could use your support. We will still have the Buffalo Wild Wings Wing Eating Competition as well as Zumba, Knockout, Cornhole and more!



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## *Steelers Legend to Hold the Reigns of Pittsburgh College Football*

SHOME RAO STAFF WRITER

On March 26th former Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger signed with the Pittsburgh Panthers. Not to play football of course, but to coach.

After an abysmal ending to their previous season, Roethlisberger has been hired to help turn the team around on the offensive side.

After a talk with Pat Narduzzi, the head coach of Pitt Football, they agreed that it would be a great idea to have a former quarterback lead the offense, one from Pittsburgh at that. Big Ben understands the culture, and he knows how to really work an offense differently.

The contents of the deal have not been released yet, but it's safe to say that he will stay for a few years.

Statements have come out from other former Steelers like running back Le'veon Bell, jokingly saying they would also love a coaching job in the NCAA.

Another statement has come out from the Pitt Football program that Roethlisberger will also help coach the quarterbacks on the Pitt roster. As of now their quarterback room contains Julian Dugger, Eli Holstein, David Lynch, and Jake Frantl. Roethlisberger will help develop these players and make sure they are ready for college football, and possibly the NFL.



Other notable players on the offense include running back Desmond Reid and Carnell Tate, who recently transferred from Ohio State. Tate says he's looking forward to the new offense, and after the hire of Big Ben, he's definitely excited for the season later this year.

Despite Roethlisberger's audible-heavy playstyle, the Pitt Football organization is confident in his teaching. Hopefully, their season can turn around and the Panthers can have a strong run for the College Football Playoffs.

## Pine-Richland Spring Break Canceled

### Break removed to compensate earlier cancellations

BREE ARTHUR STAFF WRITER

This year spring break will be canceled due to earlier weather cancellations and delays, and the missed days will be made up during the dates of April 13-19.

Senior Brooklyn Henderson said, "I am upset about the cancellation of spring break... My family had plans to go to Bermuda." Many are in similar situations like Henderson. Many PR families are having to cancel trips and make new plans. Freshman Macy Ramirez said, "I would rather have to go to school longer into the summer instead... I am going to miss this break."

Many find it very upsetting to be missing out on their spring break. There is word that students are signing a petition to have an additional three day weekend added to compensate for the missed break. Junior Chloe Smith stated, "I am definitely going to be signing this petition; I need to have a break from school. It is so stressful."

In the future there is talk for an additional break in the new year as another possibility. More information is coming out in the next month or so, but as of April 1, no new news has been gathered.



**PROM NEWS:** Pine-Richland High School's Prom will be held Saturday, May 10th at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. This year's Prom theme is Hollywood Night.

Tickets will be on sale starting tomorrow and running through April 9, in the Pine-Richland High School front Lobby before school. Tickets will be 110 dollars per person. Permission slips can be picked up outside of Room 100 and have also been emailed to all students. 10 per table and seating will be determined at time of ticket purchase. Any questions, please email Mrs. Brough and Mrs. McCarthy.

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# APRIL FOOLS!

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ACTUALLY FAKE NEWS.

HAPPY APRIL FOOLS DAY! :)

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