

Pines Collegiate Academy 6-12

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Dear Pines Collegiate Academy Families and Community Members,

Greetings! I'm Shawn Aycock, your proud principal, and I'm thrilled to welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year at **Pines Collegiate Academy 6-12!** This year marks a significant and exciting new chapter as we expand our academy to proudly welcome our **inaugural ninth grade class**. We are deeply committed to empowering every student to reach their full potential within our expanded scope.

Celebrating Our School Grade!

We have wonderful news to share with the Pines Collegiate Academy family! Through the hard work and dedication of our entire school community, **we have once again maintained our "B" school grade!** This achievement is a testament to the continued progress of our students and staff. We are especially excited to share that we were just **one percentage point shy of earning an "A"**, showing how close we are to reaching the very top tier! We are committed to building on this momentum and continuing to strive for excellence in every area.

Important Updates and Dates for 2025-2026

We have some important changes and key dates to share as we prepare for the new academic year:

- **Updated Website:** We are excited to announce our new, updated website is now live. Please visit <https://pines.browardschools.com/> for the latest information and resources.
- **School Hours:** Our instructional hours for students are now **9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**.
- **New Student Orientation:** Orientation for our new students will take place on **Wednesday, August 6th:**
 - **Middle School New Student Orientation:** Schedule pick-up will occur in the cafeteria at **9:30 AM**, with orientation will start at **10:00 AM** and tours will immediately follow.
 - **Ninth Grade Orientation:** Our special orientation for the incoming class will begin at **1:00 PM** in the media center.
- **First Day of School:** We officially kick off the new academic year for all students on **Monday, August 11, 2025**.

Safety & Supervision

Student safety remains our top priority. Supervision will be available from **8:30 AM to 4:00 PM**, and students should not arrive on campus before **8:30 AM**. We kindly ask that families utilize our designated

car loop for all student drop-offs and pick-ups. Please note that Walgreens is not a designated pick-up or drop-off location. Walgreens management has asked us to advise families that students and adults may be issued trespass warnings by Pembroke Pines Police for unsafe and/or inappropriate behavior on their premises. To ensure your child's safety, please plan to pick up/drop off through our car loop, secure bus transportation for your child, or direct your child who walks/rides a bike to go directly home after school.

Unified Dress Code / ID Cards

For safety, **all students are required to wear ID cards at all times. Middle School students at Pines Collegiate Academy are required to wear unified dress code daily.** Uniform items can be purchased at any store. Temporary IDs will be distributed during the first week of school. All students are expected to adhere to the Student Code of Conduct and the Discipline Matrix. Please be aware that if ID cards are lost or damaged, replacements will incur a \$5 fee starting from the 5th replacement, and consequences will be issued for non-compliance with ID requirements.

Additional Information

- **Transportation:** Bus riders must Register2Ride in order to be routed to a bus. The Transportation department is routing students on a first come-first served basis. To register or check your child's bus pass information, visit <https://www.browardschools.com/transportation>.
- **Food and Nutrition:** This year, to qualify for free or reduced-price lunch for the 2025/26 school year, families must complete a Meal Benefit Application at www.myschoolapps.com.
- **First Day Packets and Code of Conduct:** Important documents will be distributed to students on the first day. Please review these materials and return completed forms by Friday, August 22, 2025. The Student Code of Conduct is available online at <https://www.browardschools.com/codeofconduct>.

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff at Pines Collegiate Academy, we express our excitement to serve you and your children and foster an environment of growth, mastery, and unmistakable Collegiate Pride!

Best regards,

Ms. Shawn Aycock
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