

PINE PLAINS RACING

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MEET THE TEAM

Here at Pine Plains we have an incredible opportunity in the 2025–26 school year; to further the mission of Stissing Mountain High School and to provide dynamic and innovative programs for their students. As a member of the new class from Winners Circle Project, Pine Plains Racing is building a Mark 5 Shelby Cobra and competing against six other local schools. At the end of year, the cars will compete in a race at Lime Rock in CT. Here at Pine Plains we are split into two classes, the marketing/visual communications class and the build class.

In the Marketing class we are in charge of making content and creating posts for social media, as well as creating the logo for the team. We also write newsletters throughout the school year. Although building the car is super important, we also have a very important role in the program as well, since we are tasked with telling the story of the race car team.

By Emma Brenner and Alexa North

BEST DAY IN OCTOBER

Ag Fair has been a tradition for our community for nearly a century. It's a day that every student looks forward to every year. Ag day is an event when our whole school gets together and participates against each other in activities all day long to earn points. At the end of the day, the winners of Ag Day are announced. It's a day for everyone to enjoy. People all over town gather up as a community at the school. A small town meets up for a very big day. During the day, different groups will sell food and try to make money for each grade. There is always something for everyone here.

AG day is a day where we don't have to do school work and do fun activities instead. A school day with no stress and replace that stress with joy.

One of the highlights from Ag Day is that our FFA chapter hosts a car meet up. This year, we had a booth at the car meet-up to talk about our new race car classes, and to interview the car owners. This Spring, we will host our first ever car show. So make sure to check our next newsletter for the date!

By Kyle Fredericks and Christian Gomez



A TRIP TO BMW HEADQUARTERS



On October 24th, our class went to BMW North American Headquarters in New Jersey. While we were there, we met up with everyone in charge of the Winners Circle Project and the supervisors of different departments of BMW North America. We first met some of the other students and teachers from the six other schools participating in WCP, and sat down and enjoyed lunch while networking with our peers.

Next, we all got into groups for a tour of some of the different departments at the incredible BMW campus, such as the STEP program - which is BMW's own training school to become a technician. In order to work on a BMW, you must go through their own technician training program which is really cool.

After the tour, we thanked the people at BMW and returned to our buses for a short drive to Terrace on the Hudson, where all the schools competed in a networking mini-challenge, with the winner getting special props on stage after dinner. Founder and CEO of The Winners Circle Pius Kayiira gave an inspiring speech, and was joined by some of the key players for WCP on stage. We thought this was a fun day for everyone on our team because it was our first time meeting the other 160 student participating in this program, even though the idea of it made us a little nervous!

By Caroline Zengen



Stissing Mountain Community

Stissing Student Spotlight

By Audrey Zengen

At Pine Plains Racing we appreciate the hard work both of our teams put into our project. In **Student Spotlight**, we want to highlight students who went above and beyond. We asked our teachers to select one student to spotlight. Our first *Student in the Spotlight* is **KYLE FREDERICKS**.

Kyle was our first driver in the sim series, and tied for 3rd place out of 7 competitors! *His hard work and dedication to doing well in this race has awarded him this student spotlight.*



Kyle Fredericks

Our next race is December 17th.

Christian Gomez is our next competitor. He will be racing *Sonoma* in the sim.



Christian Gomez

TEAM RACING SCHEDULE



Winners Circle Project

2025/26 SIM Racing Schedule

	Date	Race Condition
Watkins Glen	19 Nov 25	Drive-through
Sonoma	17 Dec 25	Rain
Interlagos	14 Jan 26	Night
Daytona Road	25 Feb 26	Tire Change
Long Beach	25 Mar 26	Driver Swap
Laguna Seca	22 Apr 26	Multi
Lime Rock Park	13 May 26	—

Scan here for the livestream to cheer on Pine Plains Racing!



all races begin promptly at 1 PM



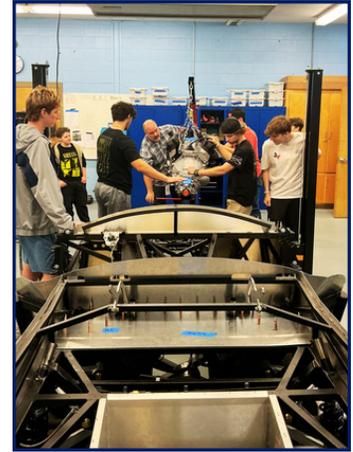
BUILD TEAM UPDATE



working on the wiring



Mark giving some pointers



installing the engine

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Thank you to our title sponsor!



Mr. John Wilber, PP Auto body

Scan the QR code for an interview with Mr. Wilber
Pine Plains Auto Body has graciously donated their expertise to prep and paint the race car body for us! We are so lucky to have their help and support to make our car look amazing!

Follow our social media or scan the qr code to join our contact list to keep up to date on the happenings throughout the year's journey!



A trip to Seymour Smith + Cold Spring!

We took a trip to visit the youngest learners in our district the week of Thanksgiving. We told them about the car, (many of the kids saw the car at Ag Day when they came to our school for a visit), and asked them to help design the color scheme of the car. The winning design will be chosen at our car show in the Spring, but in the meantime, here are a few of their amazing designs!

