

# Pine Hill Middle School

Monthly Parent Newsletter

May 1, 2026

Dear PHMS Families,

As we enter the final stretch of the school year, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support, partnership, and commitment to your child's success. May is always a busy and exciting time in our middle school, filled with important learning milestones, end-of-year activities, and opportunities for students to reflect on their growth.

Over the coming weeks, students will be completing final projects, assessments, and preparations for the transition to the next grade level. We encourage you to continue checking in with your child about assignments, staying connected through our school communication platforms, and reaching out to teachers with any questions or concerns.

Below is some information regarding The OHS Leo's Club Mental Health Walk on May 9th, PHPD's Walk, Bike and Roll Program on May 6th & The YMCA boys and girls summer camps for 2026. Please take a look!



**OHS LEO CLUB  
MENTAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS  
WALK**

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

All donations will be used to enhance our calming space at OHS

**OVERBROOK HIGH SCHOOL  
1200 Turnerville Rd. Pine Hill, NJ**

- Support youth-led community service
- Promote mental health awareness in our community
- Make the world a better place



Contact Cheryl Fisher [cfisher@pinehillschools.org](mailto:cfisher@pinehillschools.org) with any questions



**Pine Hill Police Department**

**WALK BIKE & ROLL  
TO SCHOOL**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Join students around the world to celebrate the benefits of walking and bicycling to school!

**Walk, Bike & Roll To School is an annual event that:**

- Promotes physical activity
- Teaches safe pedestrian and bicycling skills to children
- Spreads awareness of how walkable & bikeable a community is and where improvements can be made
- Builds a fun, environmentally friendly habit
- Reduces traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools
- Facilitates positive interactions between community leaders, parents and children

**Register bikes with PHPD!**

On May 6th, students who register their bikes with Pine Hill Police Department will receive a bracelet for riding safe!



**PINE HILL**  
*Learning...Leading...Doing Well*

Learn more at [walkbiketoschool.org](http://walkbiketoschool.org)

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by the National Center for Safe Routes to School.



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## 2026 UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet Camp Ockanickon & Matollionequay staff and learn about Overnight Camp!

**APRIL 16  
6:00 PM**

### VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

Join us for a virtual information session to learn about our overnight camp programs!

### OPEN HOUSE

Check out the scenery, meet the staff, and go on a guided tour around the property.

**APRIL 19 &  
MAY 3  
1:30-4 PM**

**APRIL 26  
10:00-3:00 PM**

### ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES

Volunteer for a day of camp beautification. Lunch will be served, and you will receive free camp swag!

### SETTING YOUR CAMPER UP FOR SUCCESS

Join us for a Zoom information session to learn various techniques and strategies for setting up your camper for a successful sleepaway camp experience!

**MAY 6  
6:00 PM**

**MAY 17  
REGISTRATION  
NOT OPEN YET**

### NEW CAMPER ORIENTATION

For our first-year registered campers, experience a day at camp! Tour our facilities, meet the staff, and experience the magic before summer starts!



REGISTER AT [YCAMP.ORG/REGISTER](https://ycamp.org/register)  
OR EMAIL [CHARLOTTE@YCAMP.ORG](mailto:CHARLOTTE@YCAMP.ORG)

[YMCA of the Pines](https://ycamp.org)  
[Camp Ockanickon](https://ycamp.org)

**the Y**  
THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF YMCA OF THE PINES**

**Camp Ockanickon**  
Sleepaway Camp for Boys

**Camp Matollionequay**  
Sleepaway Camp for Girls

**Lake Stockwell**  
Co-ed Day Camp

**WATCH THE YMCA OF THE PINES CAMP VIDEO!**

**OPEN HOUSES**  
**CAMP OCKANICKON AND CAMP MATOLLIONEQUAY**  
Sunday, April 19  
Sunday, May 3  
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM  
**LAKE STOCKWELL**  
Sunday, April 19

For details on all of our programs, go to [www.ycamp.org](https://www.ycamp.org)

This is not a school-sponsored event. YMCA of the Pines is a nonprofit organization.

All new campers who either bring this flyer to an Open House or register online using the QR code (CAMPUS) will receive \$50\* off their total camp fees. \*Other campers may apply to the YMCA of the Pines for a scholarship. Camp and cannot be combined with any other offer.

**LET THEM GO, WATCH THEM GROW! SUMMER 2026**

**COME AND SEE WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT...**

**SLEEPAWAY CAMP**  
Camp Ockanickon for Boys & Camp Matollionequay for Girls

**Sleepaway Mini Camp**  
Ages 6-8 | Sessions 2 & 3  
Sunday - Wednesday  
At Ockanickon and Matollionequay, our mini-camp is a perfect opportunity for younger campers to experience a sample of what sleepaway camp has to offer.

**Sleepaway Main Camp**  
Ages 7-18 | Sessions 1-6  
1-week and 2-week sessions available  
At Ockanickon and Matollionequay, we focus on fun, character, and achievement through individual and collaborative achievement. For and adolescent campers, we offer a variety of activities and participate in a wide variety of activities supervised by caring, positive role models.

**Sleepaway Co-Ed Camp**  
Ages 7-18 | Session 7  
1-week  
All for of overnight camp is a great environment. Activities are co-ed and adults are single-gendered. Campers participate in activities designed for both genders and character. All under the supervision of our exceptional staff.

**LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

**Counselor in Training Program**  
Age 16 | Sessions 1-3  
3 Weeks  
Designed to develop character and leadership skills - taking the first steps towards being a great camp counselor with hands-on learning.

**Groundbreakers: Service Trip**  
Ages 14-16 | Session 1  
Make a powerful difference in the local community by taking on new service projects daily while returning to camp each night for fun activities.

**WILDERNESS TRIPS**

**Session 2: Trailblazers**  
Ages 13-15  
Hike 27 miles along Pennsylvania's Old Susquehanna River and camp three nights in some forests.

**Session 3: Rangers I & Session 4: Rangers II**  
Ages 14-16  
A 5-day backcountry adventure backpacking the Appalachian Trail and paddling the Delaware River.

**Session 5: Ockanickon: Castaways Canoe & Fishing Trip**  
Ages 12-15  
Paddle the Delaware River, fish along the way, and camp while learning outdoor living skills.

**Session 6: Matollionequay: Great Vibes: Canoeing & Yoga**  
Ages 12-14  
Canoe the Susquehanna River and enjoy daily yoga for adventure, balance, and mindfulness outdoors.

**Session 6: Ockanickon: Senior Castaways, Canoe & Fishing**  
Ages 14-16  
Paddle the Susquehanna River, fish along the way, and build canoeing and outdoor skills.

**Session 6: Matollionequay: Cruising, Canoeing & Cooking**  
Ages 14-16  
Canoe the Susquehanna River and cook delicious campfires while learning outdoor living skills.

**Session 7: Canoe & Survival - Co-Ed**  
Ages 12-14  
Paddle 40 miles on the Susquehanna while learning survival skills for fire-making and shelter building.

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**YMCA OF THE PINES** 1303 Stokes Road, Medford, NJ 08055 | 609-654-8225 | [ycamp.org](https://ycamp.org)

Thank you again for being such an important part of our school community. Together, we can ensure a strong and positive finish to the school year.

*Pia Garbutt*

Pia Garbutt, Ed.D.

Pine Hill Middle School, Principal



**May 4-8:** Teacher Appreciation Week & Scholastic Book Fair

**May 11-15:** NJSLA Testing

**May 19:** Spring Band Concert

**May 21:** Spring Choir Concert

**May 22:** School Open-make up snow day

**May 25:** Memorial Day School Closed

**May 28:** 8th Grade Dance