





July 29, 2022



The Principal's Weekly Message

Dear Pine Valley Families, Students, and Staff:

Welcome Back (Happy New Year)

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer vacation. A lot has been happening on campus to prepare for the new school year. Our custodial team has shined the floors, cleaned the carpets and prepared the grounds for the return of our Puma's. Teachers return next week to build the best pedagogical experience for your children. And our Admin team has dived deep into the most transformative leadership approaches to ensure that every student receives an inclusive, equitable and just education. More to come on this subject in the next few messages.

I am elated to greet your students on August 10th! I promise you that I'll do everything in my power to provide them with the best educational experience! My hope is that they will never want to leave Pine Valley. :)

WEB Day & Welcome Back Coffee - Friday August 5, 2022

Our leadership team will welcome our 6th grade students and any other student new to Pine Valley on WEB day. What does WEB mean? Where Everyone Belongs. I am attaching a flyer for the event to this email. All your questions will be answered from reading it. The purpose of WEB day is to support a smooth transition to middle school. Also, it's a day to reconnect with old friends and begin to forge new friendships. I hope to see new families at the Welcome Back Coffee which begins at 9:30 AM in front of the Gym.



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Registration – Future Fund

Our registration opens Monday, August 1st. You will be able to order physical education clothes (PE), make a family donation to our Education Fund to reduce class sizes, as well as donate to our fabulous PTA. If you are a family of an 8th grade student, you can order the panoramic photo (taken in the spring) and register for the 8th grade events. There is much more to take a look at so please go to our website (link below) and click on the Registration Button.

Educational Benefits

Did you know that your family may be eligible to receive discounts on utilities, TRAFFIX bus passes, SAT/ACT testing, after-school learning opportunities, and more? The Educational Benefits form (previously known as the Free and Reduced Meal application) may provide assistance to qualifying families. See the Child Nutrition webpage to learn more and submit your application.

Annual Update

Just a reminder that if you have not already done so, please go into your Parent Portal to complete your Annual Update. The portal is also easily located by clicking on "IC Portal" in the top bar of your school's website.

Language Acquisition Programs

Additionally, I want to share information on <u>Available Language Programs</u> and <u>Language Acquisition Programs</u>. Our school district offers language acquisition programs. If you are a parent/guardian of a student who is actively trying to learn English, there is a program available at Dougherty Valley High School. And if there are a number of families that would like to establish a new program at Pine Valley, please click on the link and learn the steps that need to be followed.

COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 test appointments will continue to be available at the Education Center, 699 Old Orchard Drive, Danville. Beginning on Monday, August 8th, the new schedule will be Monday - Friday 7:30 - 4:30, with a priority for staff in line. <u>Appointments are required</u>.

Digital Desices and Parent Guide to Digital Classroom

New students in Grades 6-8 will receive their device on the first days of school.

Returning students, including 6th graders, should have their device to bring to school on Wednesday, August 10th (fully charged). Please take a few moments to carefully review the information in the Parent Guide to the Digital Classication.

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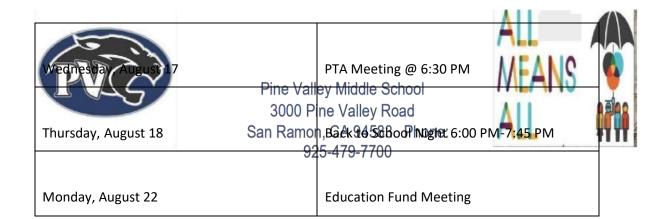
Breakfast/Lunch Meal

The State of California has mandated that all schools serve both breakfast and lunch on a daily basis. This includes minimum days.

Pine Valley will serve breakfast in the MPR from 7:35 a.m. to 7:55 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays. Wednesday breakfast will be from 9:05-9:25 a.m. There is no charge for any meals this year. However, students will need to enter their ID numbers into the Point of Sale system when picking up meals. Please encourage your student to memorize their student ID number. Not knowing this will slow down the check-out line.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

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Friday, August 5th	WEB Day (6th Grade students and students who are new to Pine Valley (any grade)
Monday, August 8	22-23 Class Assignments available in the Parent Portal around 2:00 PM
Wednesday, August 10	First Day of School (Minimum Day)



Useful Links:

<u>Pine Valley Middle School Website</u> <u>SRVUSD (Our district website)</u>