



Pine Crest Elementary Magnet School of Innovation

Imagine. Create. Connect.

Back To School 2019

Back to School Message from Mr. Agosto

Welcome back to Pine Crest! We are so excited to welcome all of our returning students as well as meet our incoming Kindergarteners and new students! There are so many things to celebrate this year as we build on our successes of last year. As you know, PCES is Seminole County Public Schools' premier magnet school for computer science immersion and innovation. Our faculty and staff work tirelessly to create a nurturing environment where students are empowered to Imagine, Create, and Connect through in-class computer science immersion, unique learning experiences, and an innovation and design-thinking curricular approach. We are looking forward to this school year

As part of our Pine Crest family, there are a few important pieces of information I would like to share with you so you and your family can have the best experience possible for the 2019-2020 school year.

Attendance is important.

Regular attendance provides students the opportunity to master required skills at each grade level. Many important activities including class discussions, group learning experiences, and direct instruction cannot be replicated with written work at home. For the 2019-2020 school year, we are striving towards a school-wide goal of no more than 5 absences or tardies per student all year. Join us in working towards this important goal.

New Building Construction.

As I am sure you noticed when you arrived, construction on our new innovative learning center is happening. This year will call for flexibility on all our parts especially when it comes to parking, front gate walkers, and car rider lines as we try to accommodate construction and prioritize the safety of our students and staff. Please be patient and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns this school year.

School Hours

Our school hours this year are as follows:

M, T, Th, F – 8:35am to 3:05pm
Wednesday – 8:35am to 2:05pm

Breakfast is available to ALL students beginning at 8:00am in the cafeteria.

Please DO NOT drop off students before 8:00am as we do not have supervision available for students arriving that early.

Calendar of Events

8/8 – (6:00pm) Kindergarten Curriculum Night
8/9 – (8:30am) Meet the Teacher
8/12 – First Day of School
9/5 – (5:30pm) Curriculum Night (grades 1-5)
9/9 – (9:00am) Dividends Coffee and Information Session
10/17-10/18 – No School (Teacher Work Days)

Uniforms

All PCES students are expected to adhere to the school dress code as follows:

- Top Colors: Navy, White, Light Blue, Gray
- Bottom Colors: Navy, Black or Khaki/Tan
- Tops and Bottoms must be plain, solid-color Closed-toe shoes

Clothing meeting the uniform requirements can come from your closet, garage sales, or your favorite store or catalog. Target, Wal-Mart, and Old Navy are just a few of the stores that have reasonably priced items that fit the dress code. Pine Crest Logo shirts are not required, but are encouraged to show our school spirit and identity. For more information and resources, please visit our website.

Communication through SchoolMessenger

There are many ways to stay connected to PCES and SCPS this school year! One new way teachers will be able to communicate with families is through SchoolMessenger. Families can receive emails, text messages, and phone calls via this service.

Steps to Access SchoolMessenger

1. Go to the SchoolMessenger website - <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>
2. Create an account using the same email and phone number that is on file with Skyward Family Access
3. Set up your communication preferences and notifications

Download the SchoolMessenger App on your mobile device to stay connected on the go!

