



SciTech Family Newsletter

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Dress Code

As we begin the second half of the school year, it is necessary to remind our students of certain expectations related to our school program at SciTech. Given the change in the weather, please be sure that your student is coming to school in appropriate attire. Students are welcome to wear knitted cardigans or sweater vests with a collared shirt or turtle-neck underneath, but **sweatshirts continue to be prohibited**. Please see the school dress code that is included in this newsletter for any questions you may have.

School Closures and Delays

Unfortunately it is that time of year when the weather may affect school. All school closures and delays are posted on the Pittsburgh Public Schools website (www.pghboe.net) and are announced on the local news channels and websites. **Please do not call the school.** In the case of a delay, school will begin two hours later than normal and we will follow an adjusted schedule in the building and we will still dismiss at 1:46 PM on Wednesday's. School based activities that occur after school, are cancelled when we have a snow delay. However, athletic contests between schools are only cancelled when schools are closed for the day or if the students have been dismissed early due to bad weather. If the weather becomes problematic during the school day, we will determine if it is appropriate to cancel our after school activities and then send a Blackboard message out to families.

Restorative Practices at SciTech

Interested in learning more about how Restorative Practices are used at SciTech? Check out the homepage on our website for a video that was recent created by Mr. McCoy and Mrs. Eidinger that explains how affective questions and statements are used in the classroom.

Check Out the SciTech Facebook Page and Website

Check out the SciTech Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pittsburghscitech. Use this site to stay even more up to date with all things SciTech! Also, check out our website at www.pittsburghscitech.com. This website has updates and happenings of SciTech, course descriptions, school information and much more.



End of Year Trips

The final payment for the High School Niagara Falls and Middle School Cincinnati & Kings Island trips will be accepted on Thursday, March 3rd. Students will be called to the office to make their payment on this day.

SciTech Office Hours

The office hours during the school year are Monday through Friday 6:30 AM – 3:30 PM (except for holidays). If you call outside of these hours, please make sure to leave a message and we will return your call the next school day.



Family Addresses & Phone Numbers

Families are reminded that if their address, phone number or email address changes during the school year, it is very important to call and notify the main office. The addresses we have on file are used for mailings and the phone numbers are used for our automatic calling system as well as for emergency purposes. At the start of the school year, all families are asked to complete and return Student Emergency Forms.



Reminder: Gradebook Information Available

We have login information for all SciTech parents and guardians to access student grades online. If you would like your login information please contact Mrs. Theuret at stheuret1@pghboe.net or 412-529-7652, email is best so that instructions can also be provided. Accounts for students to check their grades are not available at this time but we hope they will be available very soon!



SciTech Ski Trip

SciTech's ski trip to Hidden Valley is scheduled for Friday, February 19th. Permission slips are available at school which include information on cost and times. All monies and permission slips must be submitted to Mr. Rose no later than Friday, February 5th. Contact Mr. Rose with any questions at brose1@pghboe.net or 412-529-7632.



Parent Resource Area at SciTech

Have you had a chance to check out the Parent Resource Area at SciTech? It's located right next to the entrance of the main office. There are shelves of booklets and books that our students and parents can use. There are many different topics such as:

- Helping your student with homework
- Raising a teenager of character
- Parents and stress
- Financing a college education
- Understanding standardized tests
- Parenting teen girls
- And much more!

Stop in today to check it out!



Classroom Resources on Website

Through the most recent PPS Parent Survey, our families have let us know that one of the biggest challenges in helping their student is knowing what they are learning and what assignments there are. Our teachers have put together a variety of classroom resources to help our families help their students. These can be found on our website at www.pittsburghscitech.com under the Academics section and the Family section. Find a detailed flyer in this mailing that explains further. We hope that you find these useful!

Hillman Cancer Center Research Internship

Any 10th or 11th grade students interested in pursuing the biomedical field and interested in doing a research internship this summer at the Hillman Cancer Center, please see DrK in room 238. Applications for the UPCI summer research academy are due by March 17th. See the website for more information here: <http://upci.upmc.edu/UPCIAcademy/register.cfm>

Candy Grams to Support the Troops

Spread the love and support our troops this Valentine's Day! Interact Club will be selling Candy Grams to raise money to send care packages to our soldiers. Candy grams will be sold during lunch from Wednesday, January 27 to Thursday, February 11. The cost is \$0.75 for one and \$1.00 for two. Please contact Mrs. Lazzaro (jlazzaro1@pghboe.net) or see an Interact Club member with any questions.