

SciTech Parent Newsletter

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Tripod Surveys

Our District is committed to elevating student voice. As such, your child will be asked to complete the Tripod Student Survey again beginning the first week of March. We know that students are capable of providing valuable feedback about their teacher's effectiveness and other experiences that they are having at school. Please see the attached letter from Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Donna Micheaux regarding the second administration of the Tripod survey.

Invitation to Collaborative Meeting regarding School Dress Code for 2015-2016

The Pittsburgh Science & Technology Academy has a unique dress code exclusive to the school. As we are working diligently to create a culture of high expectations and academic excellence for all learners, it is our hope that the dress code helps foster a positive learning environment free of distractions and disruptions. Please join select members of our staff and community partners as we discuss our dress code policy for the 2015-2016 school year. Our goal is to continue to work on our standard of dress (business casual) so that all students understand these expectations. This collaborative meeting will help us to identify areas within the policy that may require additional clarification for students and families. This meeting will be held at SciTech Wednesday, April 8th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. We appreciate your support.

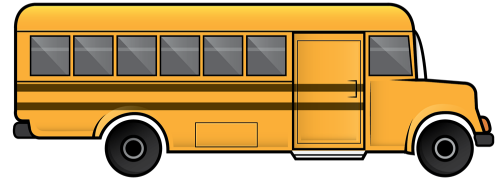
Scheduling for Next School Year

High school students have received information regarding the scheduling process for next school year. We do ask that all parents/guardians look through this information with students so that everyone is aware of the course offerings that are available. High School course descriptions are also available on our school website. There is more flexibility in scheduling as students move from 9th grade (Associate level) to 12th grade (Executive level). Please reach out to our school guidance counselor, Mrs. Ashcom by email at eashcom1@pghboe.net or 412-529-7623 if you have questions.

Please note that our middle school students follow a set sequence of courses. The only variable is mathematics. Current math teachers, along with student grades and test data, help determine the placement of students in math for the coming school year.

Start of School 2015-2016 School Year

Please be reminded that the first full day of school for students is Monday, August 31st. It is critical for students to be at school every day and especially at the start of the school year.



Interact Club Bounce for Bundle-Up

Interact Club and National Honors Society are sponsoring a basketball-themed event to benefit Project Bundle-Up after school on Thursday, March 12 from 3-5pm at SciTech. Students are asked to fundraise at least \$10 to participate in the event, where there will be snacks, drinks, basketball games and other activities as well as a DJ. All proceeds benefit Project Bundle-Up, so students are encouraged to fundraise as much as they can, as there will be a prize for the top fundraiser. Students also will receive a free dress down day for attending. Please see Mrs. Lazzaro, Mrs. Obritz, or an Interact or NHS Member during lunch to sign up. Permission slips and money must be turned in by Tuesday, March 10 to secure a spot at this fun event. Students are reminded to bring sneakers if you plan to participate in the activities.



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.



Next PSCC Meeting– Thursday March 12th 6-7

Join us for the next PSCC Meeting on Thursday March 12th from 6-7pm. **The topic will be around new courses being offered at SciTech to support and challenge our SciTech students.** Dinner and childcare will be provided . The PTO meeting will immediately follow.
