



The Pinkerton Crow

Published three times a year for the parents/guardians of Pinkerton Academy students

Summer 2010

Our mission and vision at Pinkerton Academy

Our mission: To nurture the growth of all students in a challenging and respectful environment. The Academy fosters a student-centered community with purposefully designed, interactive, and relevant learning opportunities. While celebrating the strengths of our traditions, we encourage innovation in response to a changing world. **Our vision:** Pinkerton is a unique, independent academy where students will become responsible citizens and accomplished readers, thinkers, and communicators with a passion for learning.

Pinkerton Academy set to open for 2010-2011 school year

School will start at Pinkerton Academy for all 10th, 11th, and 12th graders on Tuesday, August 31. All 9th graders will start Monday, August 30, with a special Orientation Day (see story below). All students should check their homeroom assignment boards and report to homeroom by 7:15 a.m. on August 31. **Assignment boards will be located for: sophomores - outside room 100 near the cafeteria parking lot; juniors - in the lobby of the Ek Science Building; seniors - in the lobby of the Spaulding Arts and Humanities Center (near the cafeteria).** Questions about bus routes and schedules should be directed to First Student at 432-7417 for Derry, 778-6900 for Chester, and 378-9385 for Hampstead. Parents who have activated their **Edline** accounts (see next page) may view student schedules on August 16.

Freshmen: Join us at the annual Field Day!

On August 10, Pinkerton Academy would like to invite all incoming freshmen to our annual Freshman Field Day. Members of the incoming Class of 2014 will do some team-building, learn about after school clubs, take ID photos, set up computer accounts, tour the campus, enjoy some ice cream, receive a gift from the Alumni Association, and meet new friends! We are planning activities so you can meet other students and faculty before the Freshman Orientation Day on August 30. Please see the flyer included in this mailing for drop-off and pick-up times. You can visit our website at www.pinkertonacademy.net to RSVP.

Freshman Orientation Day set for August 30

On Monday, August 30, school will officially start for all new 9th graders with Pinkerton's annual Freshman Orientation Day. Freshmen will have the opportunity to become familiar with their teachers, schedules, classes, and the campus without the presence of upperclassmen, who will start on Tuesday, August 31. There will be tours of the campus for parents on August 30 at 7:30 & 8:30 a.m., which are separate from student activities, and are mainly for relatives and family members who would like to tour the facilities. The tours, led by members of the Student Council, will start from the front of the Field House. On August 30, 9th graders should plan to arrive prior to 7:15 a.m., check the homeroom assignment lists that will be **posted along the outside of the Shepard Building**, and report to their respective homerooms by 7:30. Individual class schedules will be distributed in homerooms. Lunches may be purchased at school or brought from home. Buses will be operating and the school day will end for students at 12:45.

Freshman Parents' Night - August 30

There will be a **Freshman Parents' Night** on August 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Stockbridge Theatre in the Spaulding Arts and Humanities Center. The session will provide parents with an opportunity to meet members of the administration, to familiarize themselves with expectations, policies, daily operations, and to ask questions. For more information on Orientation Day activities, call **Dean of Students Glenn Ahrens, at 437-5200 extension 2112**. Interested parents who would like a tour of the campus before the 6:30 p.m. session, should meet in front of the Field House at 5:30 p.m. for a 45-minute walking tour.

Transfer student information session to be held on August 30

Transfer students in grades 10-12 and their parents are invited to attend an informational session and tours of the campus on August 30 at 9 a.m. in the senior cafeteria in the Spaulding Arts and Humanities Center. The session will feature presentations on the student planner, guidance department, sports team information, cafeteria and food services, library procedures, and special education services. There will also be information offered on individual class (e.g. sophomore) activities including upcoming special events, dues, and how to run for class office. A question and answer period from a student perspective will be offered by transfer students from previous years. Speakers at this session will include Dean of Students Glenn Ahrens, Associate Dean of Students William Lonergan, Guidance Director Jan Deleault, Athletic Director Tim Powers, Food Services Director Susan Gerges, Head Librarian Marilyn Dent, Student Support Counselor Chris Hinds, and School Psychologist Cheryl Rainforth. **Campus tours for transfer students and parents will follow from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. A social time for transfer students, complete with lunch, will be held from 11:30 a.m. until Noon.**

Early release day schedule set for 2010-11

In order to facilitate staff development, Pinkerton Academy has scheduled five early release days for the 2010-11 school year. These days are September 30, December 9, February 17, March 10, and May 12. On each of these days, students will be released at 12:30 and buses will run their normal routes beginning at 12:45 p.m.

Students must carry Pinkerton Academy ID cards

Each student must carry an ID card at all times. All new students and incoming freshmen, are scheduled to have their ID's taken during Freshman Field Day and Freshman Orientation Day. Students who lose their ID's may have replacements taken in the Registrar's Office Monday through Friday any time before period A. There is a \$5 fee for replacement ID cards.

Reminder: Cell phone and dress code policies

Students may only use cell phones before 7:15 a.m. when school begins, in the cafeterias during lunch periods, and after 2:10 p.m. when school ends. Cell phone usage is **not** allowed between classes. Usage includes making calls, texting and checking times. Cell phones should not be visible or on during the school day, unless noted previously. Emergency calls may be made from administrative offices with permission.

As in the past, the administration will be making a concerted effort to prevent students from wearing inappropriate and/or unsafe clothing or footwear to school. Warnings and eventual detentions will be issued to students who are out of dress code. Students who are in gross violation of the dress code will be sent home or held in administrative offices until appropriate clothing is provided. **The full policy is listed on the inside cover of the student planner and on the Pinkerton website, but major changes are as follows:** Students should wear safe, comfortable shoes; flip flops and athletic slides are prohibited. Students must wear collared, casual or dress shirts, polo shirts, turtlenecks, sweaters, or T-shirts with sleeves and appropriate necklines. Any sleeveless shirt, top or dress is prohibited. Acceptable shorts or skirts will be no higher than knee length when the person is standing normally. All pants and shorts must be worn at the waistline or above.

Important dates and activities

The following are school-related activities that occur **early** in the school year: Josten's Ring Company-Sep. 7-9; Senior Corn Roast-Sep. 18; Homecoming-Sep. 25 / Homecoming Dance-Sep. 25; Mack Plaque Weekend-Oct. 2; Freshman Reception-Oct. 15

Save the date!

All underclassmen will be photographed during their English classes for the yearbook in mid-September* by Pinkerton's official yearbook photographer, BKM Photo (www.bkmphotolic.com). **Pinkerton dress code applies.** Students and parents will have the opportunity to purchase individual photo packages. It is NOT necessary to purchase a photo package to appear in the yearbook. All photos taken will appear in the yearbook. ***Photo Dates: 9/15--All Juniors; 9/16--All Sophomores; 9/17--All Freshmen**

One make-up/re-take day will be scheduled at a later time. Please make every effort to have your photo taken at the appropriate day and time. Please contact the yearbook office with any questions at 437-5200 ext. 5116 or critic@pinkertonacademy.org.

Senior parking permits & dues collection August 23 and 24

Parking permits will be required for all student vehicles in the student parking lot. Permits will be issued to seniors only. Permits will be available on August 23 & 24, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Senior Cafe. **Eligible students must have senior status, present a valid NH operator's license, a valid NH registration showing student or parent ownership (not a photocopy), a check or money order for \$35 (payable to Pinkerton Academy), and have paid all 4 years of class dues. Cash will not be accepted.** Senior dues will be collected at the same times that permits are issued. Permits will be issued again Sept. 1 & 2 at 2:45-3:30 p.m. in the Sr. Cafe.

Parent/teacher conferences set for September 30

Parent/Teacher Conferences this year are scheduled for September 30. Pinkerton will once again use an early release to hold parent/teacher conferences. Teachers will be available to parents in the afternoon from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Teachers will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be released at 12:30 and buses will run normal routes at 12:45 p.m. Parents who have activated their Edline accounts can review their student's progress on a regular basis.

School's Edline program available for interested parents

Parents: Information for each class your child is in will be posted bi-weekly on Edline, and will include grades such as individual homework assignments, tests/quizzes, term averages, and attendance from each class. By mid-August, we will also post student schedules, attendance & discipline, and other school-related information such as locker number, lunch account balances, homeroom number, etc. **All parents of freshmen** should have received documents in the mail recently on how to set up their Parental Edline account. If you did not receive this important document, contact Mr. Bruce Berchtold by e-mail: bruceberchtold@pinkertonacademy.org. Parents of upperclassmen may continue to use their old accounts. Edline has several important features to help you stay informed on your student's status. For example if your student is absent in their first period class, we will e-mail you a notice by 10 a.m., so please be sure to provide your e-mail address when you create your account.

Voluntary student accident insurance available

Information regarding voluntary student accident insurance is included in this packet. Parents and students should be aware that students who are injured during the school day, or while participating in school activities, **ARE NOT COVERED** by the school insurance. However, Pinkerton Academy does make available a Student Accident Insurance Plan to all students.

Attendance policy - tardies/dismissals

A complete explanation of our attendance and tardy policies can be found on pg. 4 of our Student Planner. Pinkerton Academy is a closed campus, which means students cannot come and go at will during the school day. Any students arriving late (after 7:15A) or being dismissed during the day, must check in with or out of the appropriate attendance office. If a student is to be dismissed for a legitimate appointment, the student must bring a parental note to the appropriate attendance office before 7:10A. Being on time to school and being present in your classes is a good habit to establish and will result in greater student success.

Finally, but most importantly for parents

We ask and encourage all parents to explore carpooling and utilizing district-provided buses. In order to provide a safer and more efficient traffic flow, we are asking that everyone drop-off and pick-up their students in the rear parking lot of the Spaulding Arts & Humanities Center. In the morning, the area in front of the Field House will also be available for drop-off. (This area will be closed in the afternoon for pick-up.) Please note when exiting from the Science lot that **only right turns** are allowed. Please be alert when entering lots as there is considerable vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the mornings and afternoons. Finally, please allow extra time due to traffic congestion. Please note that there will be no traffic entering the campus from Pinkerton Street behind the Social Studies Wing due to construction.