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What's Happening at Pine Point?

▲ First Day of School

Pine Point opened for the start of its 59th year with an enrollment of 270 students almost equally split in terms of gender with 134 boys and 136 girls. Student numbers are strong across all three divisions, Preschool (33), Lower School (152), and Middle School (95). The students come from 28 different communities across Connecticut and Rhode Island. The day is an exciting one for students, teachers, and parents.
(Click an image to enlarge photo.)



▲ Alumni Reunion

In early August a number of alumni returned to campus to catch up with one another.

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Physical Changes Around Campus

While the students departed in June, Pine Point was anything but quiet during the summer. In addition to Summer Camp, tutoring, community use of the facilities, and meetings focused on the coming year, there were a number of substantial changes made to the campus itself. Two of the most obvious involved a reworking of the walkway connecting the Mitchell, Campbell and Main Buildings with the Library/Technology Center and the installation of a concrete pad by the Hyde Shed on the athletic field to accommodate an astronomy dome.

Walkway Renovation



(Click an image to enlarge photo.)

As part of the campus master plan and in preparation for a new entrance configuration, the covered walkway was opened up and fashioned as a trellis while connecting the L/TC to the walkway. In so doing, the sense of a campus becomes more apparent, an openness to the center of campus - including the courtyard space and L/TC front entrance - now exists, and better link to proceed through the gardens and around to the future faculty parking area.

Observatory



Pad for Astronomy Hub

With aspirations of further strengthening our science program, an observatory will be installed this fall. Resting on a custom designed platform and vibration-free platform, the 14" Meade telescope will have the capacity to be operated from a home computer and track celestial objects at any time. An additional observation platform will be laid beside the observatory. The School plans to house several telescopes to be used by the Pine Point community as well as other outside groups who have partnerships with the School.

Opportunities and Announcements

▲ Recreational Bike Ride

Saturday, October 21, 8am
Please join us for our first recreational bike ride. We will leave Pine Point promptly at 8:00 a.m. and will bike approximately 25 miles and finish at the School. (It's our hope/intention to stop toward the end of the ride for cider and a donut at Clyde's. The Tour de France this is not!) More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the day.



▲ Visit by Dr. Anthony Wolf

Thursday, October 5
Please join us at Pine Point on October 5, 2006 to hear Dr. Wolf speak on the subject of "Parenting Today's Kids: What Works and What Doesn't" and to discuss his latest work, *Get Out of My Life but First Could You Drive Me and Cheryl to the Mall?* Dr. Wolf's visit is made possible through the generous support of Stonington Human Services in partnership with Pine Point.

Dr. Wolf is a frequent contributor to parenting magazines including *Parents* and *Family Circle* and has written a monthly column for *Child Magazine*. He has appeared on many television shows including *Today*, *Donohue*, *The View* and *CBS This Morning*. He is a widely sought after lecturer for both parent and professional audiences.

Please call the Main Office at 860-535-0606 to reserve a seat.

▲ 10th Annual Alumni Soccer and Field Hockey Game

Sunday, October 22nd, 1pm
Please contact Director of Development David Hannon (development@pinepoint.org) if you plan to play.



▲ Looking Ahead, Visit of Acclaimed Author Nathaniel Philbrick



Wednesday, November 1, 7pm
In its continuing effort to serve as a resource to the community and to shine a light on the

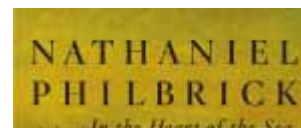
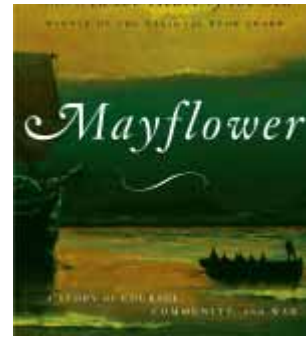




Photo by Ellen Warner

School's place as an institution of academic excellence, Pine Point will be bringing acclaimed author Nathaniel Philbrick to campus on November 1st at 7:00 p.m. to discuss his latest literary effort, *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War*.



Please call the Main Office at 860-535-0606 to reserve your spot. Copies of *Mayflower* will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

The Annual Fund

The beginning of school is a reminder that we need everyone's support to maintain the strength of Pine Point. It was heartening to say the least to receive a generous (and unsolicited!) Annual Fund gift made online from a parent on the first day of school. Last year, 53 donors took advantage of this new capability by making gifts totaling over \$11,000. Online giving not only has made it easier to make a gift, but it's cost effective and environmentally friendly by lessening printing, paper, and postage. *Every* gift makes a difference in the quality of program we offer at Pine Point.



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