Registration vs Orientation

- **Orientation** is the process of completing events and/or activities that familiarize new students with routines and procedures.
  - Orientation Activities will occur in the spring and summer.

- **Registration** is the process of planning your schedule for 6th grade.
  - All students currently projected to attend Pine Grove Middle, even if anticipating attending a private school or other middle school, must complete the registration process.
Life as a PGMS Cougar

• Students take 7 classes each day.
• Each class is approximately 50 minutes.
• Students have about 3 minutes to transition independently to the next class.
• Students are assigned a gym locker and will be required to change for gym.
• Due to current construction, there are no regular lockers. Students are allowed to carry their backpack.
• All 6th graders eat lunch together in the cafeteria. You do not need to pre-order lunch but you do need to memorize your pin.
Each year teachers sponsor a variety of After-School Activities for students. Examples are:

- Student Council
- Yearbook
- Drama Club
- Art Club
- Environmental Club
- Broadcasting Club
- Cross Country
- Badminton
- Track & Field
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Intramurals
Required Courses in 6th Grade

All grade 6 students will automatically be enrolled in the following courses. Enrollment will be based on teacher recommendation and student data.

- Language Arts
- Science
- Math
- World History
- Reading or Spanish
- Physical Education & Health

This is a preliminary course request for students. Some requests, like Advanced Academics, will take place later in the school year.
Elective Courses

- Students will pick two elective courses to take during 6th grade.
- Elective courses will be on an A Day/B Day rotation following the BCPS A/B calendar.
- Elective Courses are selected for the entire 2023-2024 school year.
Elective Options

Music

Students can only take ONE performing art (music) course in sixth grade.
Music Options

- **Chorus** - For students who want to sing and improve their voices and musicianship in a group setting. This culminates in at least two (2) evening performances each year. You may consider joining even if you did not take chorus in 5th grade.
- **Strings** - For students who have interest in playing a stringed instrument (violin, viola, cello, bass) and improving their musicianship in a group setting. This culminates in at least two (2) evening performances each year. You may consider joining even if you did not play an instrument in 5th grade.
- **Woodwinds** - For students who have interest in playing a woodwind instrument (clarinet, flute, saxophone, etc.) and improving their musicianship in a group setting. This culminates in at least two (2) evening performances each year. You may consider joining even if you did not play an instrument in 5th grade.
- **Brass Percussion** - For students who have interest in playing a brass or percussion instrument (trumpet, trombone, baritone, drums, mallets) and improving their musicianship in a group setting. This culminates in at least two (2) evening performances each year. You may consider joining even if you did not play an instrument in 5th grade.
Additional Options
Other Elective Options

- **Art** - For students who enjoy creating artworks in a variety of mediums.

- **Project Lead the Way (PLTW)** - For students who have an interest in science and engineering skills. Students are enrolled in semester courses titled Medical Detectives and Flight & Space.
What next?

• Review the Elective Options

• Determine the TWO elective courses you would like to register for.
  o Reminder only can be a music course!

• Complete the Course Request Registration on Focus following the directions provided.

• Deadline for Course Registration is Friday, January 6.
Questions?