

The Coop Scoop

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Please Join us for Orientation and Covenant Conferences



On August 17 and 18 Pioneer Springs will welcome students and families back to campus to start the important work of building close collaborative relationships with staff. At Orientation you will have an opportunity to meet your student's teaching team, hear an overview of the school year, get your carpool tag, and drop off school supplies. Please click here for [more information](#).

At Pioneer Springs we believe that a strong school-family partnership supports academic excellence. Covenant Conferences are an important first step in building that partnership. Covenant Conferences give families a chance to get to know their student's teachers, and to share important information about students. Families and staff also sign the Pioneer Springs Covenant, which outlines shared expectations about communication and collaboration, at this conference. Learn more about the [Pioneer Springs Covenant here](#). We are excited to start building our collaboration with you!

Middle School Students Explore!

Explore, a course unique to Pioneer Springs, expands academic achievement

Explore is a hands-on class designed to promote exploration and critical thinking through a variety of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities. Scholars in grades 6, 7 and 8 engage in four explorations and one service-based learning project each school year. Explore gives scholars an opportunity to work cooperatively with others, to practice communicating effectively with each other to solve problems, and to hone their public speaking skills through presentations. In Explore class scholars delve into a variety of topics, including Earth and Environmental Studies, Archeology, Aerospace Studies, Animal Sciences, Entrepreneurship, Architecture, Design and Engineering prior to choosing their academic focus upon entering the PSCS High School.



Got Boots? If your scholar left their boots on campus, please pick them up from the porch outside their classroom by August 15. Unclaimed Boots will be included in our back-to-school boot exchange. Note--boots make cozy homes for critters. Please check your boots before picking them up!

Important Dates & Items to Note

August 17-18
Covenant Conferences

August 17-18
On-Campus Orientation, [Click Here for More Information](#)

High school schedules will be distributed at orientation.

August 22
First Day of School



School Start and End Times & Carpool Information

[Click Here](#)

Academic and Events Calander

[Click Here](#)

Extracurricular Registration Open! Join Pioneer Plus & Athletics

Pioneer Plus ... *an extracurricular program providing students in grades 2-12 the opportunity to explore a wide variety of interests and activities*

Pioneer Plus registration is now open! Pioneer Plus programming is intended to spark curiosity and engage students, while supporting academic growth. Fall programs begin the week of August 28th and will run every Wednesday through December 15th. Pioneer Plus is scheduled to allow students to participate both in a Pioneer Plus program and on a school athletics team.

When: Programs will be held every Wednesday from 4:00 - 5:00 from August 28th, 2023, through December 15th, 2023.

Cost: The cost is \$100.00 for the semester.

Offerings include:

Odyssey of the Mind (OM): OM teaches students how to develop and use their creativity to solve open-ended problems in a team setting. OM is a two-semester engagement with competitions in the spring. 4th through 12th grade students are eligible.

PSCS Drama: Step into the spotlight where passion, creativity, and talent collide to make performances come to life! 2nd through 12th grade students eligible.

Chess Club: Chess promotes strategic thinking, anticipation, the consideration of consequences, and confidence--all skill levels welcome. Grades 4-12th eligible.

Science Olympiad (SO): Science, technology, engineering, and math come together in high-interest events from Crime Busters to Rocket Blast Off. SO is a two-semester engagement with competitions in the spring. 4th through 12th grade students are eligible.

[Please register here for a PP program.](#)

Questions? Contact Michele Rothschild at micheler@pioneersprings.org.

Athletics *"Erect no artificial walls that might limit potential, stifle creativity, or shackle innovation." - Mike Krzyzewski*

PSCS is pleased to offer a wide variety of competitive sports for eligible 7th-12th grade students. Athletes must be in good academic and attendance standing and are expected to attend practice two times per week in addition to competitions. The fall season will begin the week of August 28th and run through December 15th. In order to allow maximum participation in either two sports, or a sport and a Pioneer Plus program, practice days will be established based on student registration and will be communicated prior to the start of the season.

When: Practices will be held twice a week, September through December.

Cost: \$160 registration fee (includes jersey, gear, and competition fees)

What: Each team will compete in games and tournaments with other schools or leagues throughout the semester. Fall offerings include:

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- Archery
- Cross Country
- Basketball - Men's and Women's (8th through 12th grades only)
- Esports*
 - a. Rocket League
 - b. Fortnite
 - c. Apex Legends
 - d. League of Legends
 - e. Super Smash Bros. Ultimate
 - f. Overwatch 2
 - g. VALORANT

**Esports note* - Due to the unique requirements for this sport, Pioneer Springs has partnered with *Valhallan Esports* in Cornelius and practices will take place offsite at their gaming arena. Interested students can [check out their website](#) for a preview. _

[Register here](#) to play this fall.

Reach out to Nick Kaylor, Athletic Coordinator, at nickk@pioneersprings.org for additional information.