

Dear Pine Forge Academy Community,

In all things we give thanks! God is good to us! Below please find our second special alert in green. The fire department requires that we move our female students to an alternate location. This evening all female students will be housed in the Allegheny East Conference Econo Lodges. These facilities accommodate six persons in a cabin, have hot water and heat, and full bathroom facilities. The Red Cross will graciously provide all female students with emergency toiletries, pillows, and blankets. We will commence the Thanksgiving Home Leave beginning Wednesday, November 19th at 1PM. We will have an accommodated itinerary for all boarding students Wednesday morning. School provided transportation will depart from the campus at 1PM, please read below for further details. Please be aware we will adhere to the following schedule today:

- 12PM Lunch (Conference Center I)
- 12:30PM Creative Arts/Choir/Study Hall (Library)
- 1:20PM Period 5
- 2:45PM Special Assembly
- 3:45PM Open Rec/Boys' Basketball Tournament
- 5:30PM Dinner (Conference Center I)
- 6:30PM Evening Residence

We encourage all parents to communicate with us regarding inquiries and home leave transportation through the following methods:

- **FAMILIES OUTSIDE OF PA/NJ/NY/MD AREA** - If you would like to secure accommodations on campus for your child up to Friday, November 21st, please contact Mrs. Fielder at 860-559-0297 beginning at 2PM today. Please provide your long distance travel information, flight information, and airport shuttle needs.
- **PARENTS OF FEMALE STUDENTS** - Please contact Kimbrough Hall deans if you will pick up your child this evening or Wednesday at 610-326-8717. If you have already arranged for home leave transportation, your transportation is secure. If you are unable to pick up your child and require school provided transportation please contact Kimbrough Hall at the number above.
- **PARENTS OF MALE STUDENTS** - Please contact Handy Hall deans if you will pick up your child this evening or Wednesday at 610-326-1614 or you may contact Dean Pottinger at 484-942-8138. If you have already arranged for home leave transportation, your transportation is secure. If you are unable to pick up your child and require school provided transportation please contact Handy Hall at the number above.
- **PARENTS OF OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS** - Please pick up your child at 3:45PM today, your child have an excused absence for Wednesday, November 19th.
- **GENERAL INQUIRIES** - Please contact the school at 610-326-5800 or at pfa@pineforgeacademy.org

Pine Forge Academy Pre-Arranged and Emergency Home Leave transportation will depart for the following areas at 1PM on Wednesday, November 19th:

- Northeastern Conference
- Trinity Temple
- Takoma Academy
- BWI Airport
- Philadelphia Airport

Bus chaperones will have students notify parents when they are within immediate proximity of the drop off point.

Parents who wish to pick up their children this evening may report to Wagner Hall. Wagner Hall will serve as the command center where your child's room and lodging information will be secured.

Fire trucks were dispatched to Pine Forge Academy's Kimbrough Hall dormitory at 9 a.m. this morning, due to a fire. Fire trucks were able to contain the fire, and no one was injured.

Students were already in class across campus, and the staff who were in the dorm at the time were able to exit unharmed. Students will continue with their regular school schedule for the rest of the day. Arrangements are being made for the 69 young ladies who are displaced as a result of the fire.

The fire department confirmed that the fire started in a dorm room after some articles of clothing were ignited due to its close proximity to a wall heater. The safety of our students and faculty is our highest priority and all parents have been notified.

Pine Forge Academy staff, led by Principal Nicole Falconer, will continue to monitor any further developments and keep you informed. Questions and further inquiries can be addressed to pfa@pineforgeacademy.org.

Here are some links to earlier local news coverage of the incident. It is anticipated that local coverage will continue on this evening's news.

<http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-southeasternpa/fire-displaces-100-students-from-pine-forge-academy-dormitory-in-douglass/29794088>

<http://www.pottsmmerc.com/general-news/20141118/fire-reported-at-pine-forge-academy>

Sincerely,

Nicole Falconer
Principal