

# *Pinewood*

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## PREPARATORY SCHOOL

### **Accelerated Math Program - Grades 4 & 5**

It has always been our school's goal to effectively meet our students' needs by focusing on individual strengths to achieve academic success. Starting in 2016-2017, Pinewood Preparatory School will offer an accelerated math program in 4th and 5th grades. Grouping these students in math, based on their individual strengths, will better serve all students in those grade levels.

Eligible students for the accelerated class will have the highest national percentile in Total Mathematics on the Stanford Achievement Test taken in the spring prior to 4th and 5th grade. For the purposes of identifying students new to Pinewood with high potential in this area, a nationally normed group aptitude test will be used. If a student is selected, parents may opt for their child not to participate. There will be no more than 18 students in these accelerated sections.

This more rigorous track will implement abstract mathematics, going beyond the solid foundation of the Saxon Math program. Students will also have additional opportunities to apply mathematical concepts to real-world situations by completing a variety of performance tasks. By adjusting the rate of pacing, these students will best use their analytical skills to develop multiple strategies for problem solving.

Students in the regular math classes will have the benefit of lessons focused on their strengths and needs. This personalized attention will enable them to gain confidence by building their math ability. All Pinewood students will receive outstanding math instruction and guidance.

**Please contact our Lower School Principal, Rhett Frampton, to get more information. Her email is [rframpton@pinewoodprep.com](mailto:rframpton@pinewoodprep.com).**