

# Pinewood

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Dear Pinewood Community,

Can you believe we are halfway through the fourth quarter of school? The exact halfway mark is April 23 and from that point to the last day of school is 26 days - even less if you are a senior in high school. Wow. That went sort of fast, right? It really seems like just a week or so ago we were getting used to our new learning format and now we are looking at the finish line! Spring has always been a favorite season of mine. I love being outside and enjoying the warm (but not crazy hot) weather. I love seeing the trees come back to life and the flowers bloom. Spring fever has always been a downfall of mine. I have always struggled to stay focused this time of year. I am betting this is getting difficult for our students too. It's nice outside, thoughts are moving to summer and these next 26 days stand in the way. But hang on, we are almost there.

It was ten years ago at this exact time that I had a newborn and an almost three-year-old. I was staying home quite a bit then as you tend to do while learning how to handle a toddler and a baby at the same time. My three-year-old was given the movie "The Princess and the Frog" as a gift when her little brother was born. It became an instant hit in our house and it was viewed nearly every day. One song has stuck with me for these past ten years, "Almost There." In case you haven't watched this movie a kabillion times as I have, the song speaks about how hard the main character has worked to make a dream come true. She has had trials and tribulations, but she is almost there. We are almost there, guys.

Keep your focus strong as we finish this year. It has been a different year, one we will always remember, but we need to hit that finish line strong. We can't let these trials and tribulations get in our way. Make lists of things you need to get done and schedule them into your day. Give yourself some time to enjoy outside, but make sure you get work done first. Don't let the challenges of today get in the way of completing this school year to the best of your ability. If you need help, reach out to teachers, administrators, the guidance department ([abright@pinewoodprep.com](mailto:abright@pinewoodprep.com) and [bdiffley@pinewoodprep.com](mailto:bdiffley@pinewoodprep.com)). We are here to cheer you on to that finish line of May 28. In light of this different year, we have all had to change our thoughts and perceptions about this school year. There are still many unknowns and that is difficult to accept. Focus on today and what you need to do to set yourself up for a great finish! The smell of sunscreen and the feel of sand between our toes is closer than you think. Princess Tiana said it best, "[We are almost there!](#)"

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