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Panthers and Panther Families,

Happy New Year! Over the Holiday break the state government and state health department launched an initiative to get rapid COVID-19 tests in the hands of local schools to provide to their families. Their goal with this initiative is to keep kids in schools. Pine Valley is very aligned in this goal. After being made aware we would be getting these tests, a memo was released to school administrators outlining how schools could utilize them. We were given three options; "Implement Test to Stay" (if county adopted), "Test on the First Day Back", and "Use as Part of On-Going Surveillance Testing."

Our tests will be arriving in our district today. We will have enough for every student to receive one test. In order to maximize the benefit of these tests for our specific district we are making them available to any family that would like to request a test for their child, and are maintaining extra tests on the Pine Valley premises.

Any extra tests that remain on premises will be saved in the hopes of a Test to Stay option or for students who go to the nurse's office with symptoms (if families have given consent prior for the child to be tested on-site). This consent is again attached to this letter for you to return if you would like to. Please note that we will not test your child without your written consent.

In order to request a test, call your student's main office secretary to set up a contactless pick up time any time for the remainder of this week or next week. The elementary school's phone number is 716-988-3293. The high school's phone number is 716-988-3276. If you are unable to pick up the test, please let us know and we will make accommodations to get it to you. If you have children in both buildings, pick one main office to communicate with. Both offices will be working together. **Please note these tests are available as a convenience to our families and are in no way mandated.**

If you test your child at home and receive a positive, we have been asked to provide you with the following link to self report to the county. (Please note this link is also on our homepage for your convenience.) In addition, please report the positive result to your child's school health office.

<https://chqgov.com/form/report-a-positive-covid-19-home->

Thank you for trusting us with your children. Stay safe and healthy Pine Valley.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryna Moritz". The signature is stylized and includes a large flourish at the end.

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