





Cameron, 6th grader

"Cameron is more confident. He loves the aviation program. Recently we travelled to New York and he was called into the cockpit and the pilot was impressed with his knowledge! Overall I am grateful that he is at PGBA. He loves it!"

Janice Duncan, Proud Parent

Jessie, 8th grader

"I notice a difference between now and when he attended his other school. He studies more and he pays attention because Mr. Bolden is always on top of keeping him on track. I love that."

Adele Morin, Proud Parent



A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER



First, let me thank God for this academy. It is one of God's highly blessed schools. The purpose is to change the lives of boys so that they will go and impact the world in a positive way.

The goal of Piney Grove Boys Academy (**PGBA**) is to prepare and educate young men through Bible-based education. We are dedicated to producing leaders who are spirit-filled and able to inspire as well as guide others towards the fulfillment of the Great Commission, "go ye and make fishers of men," as our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has commanded.

I thank God, who uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Thank you to the principal, Mr. Alton Bolden, his staff, the Board of Directors, and the many volunteers who have made this vision a reality. You have brought glory to God as a result. Many blessings to all of you as we continue this journey.

Reverend Dr. Derrick J. Hughes, Sr. Founder

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I am grateful to God for the blessings He has bestowed upon Piney Grove Boys Academy. We have embarked on the great task of educating young boys to become intelligent, professional, well-rounded young men. The boys at PGBA are given opportunities to shine and learn. The boys are engaged in academics, as well as a wide range of events and activities such as golf, steel pan band, mime dancing, drill team and basketball.

They are given opportunities to visit institutions of higher learning such as: Florida Memorial University Aviation Program, the Miami Dade Medical College X Ray Department, Bethune Cookman University's Justice Department, Ecology Department and Biology Department.



Our visit to Tuskegee University included a tour of the campus and Monroe Field, followed by a tour of the historic Morehouse University. The experiences were filled with truly rewarding moments that the boys will never forget.

With all the dedication and time spent in molding our young boys into men, I leave you with what helps me through each day, the 5 P's – Prayer, Patience, Perfection, Persistence and Passion.

I am thankful for the hardworking teachers, staff, church members, family members and volunteers who continue to assist, encourage and mentor the boys on a daily basis.

As we move forward, we continue to strive to achieve even greater things. We know that with God all things are possible, we have no doubt that we will accomplish what we strive to do.

Alton L. Bolden, Principal

WHY PGBA?

Because: Changing the dismal statistics concerning young men and their future is **possible!**

Boys will be boys. Without consistent direction, guidance and leadership, boys will not be ready to handle the challenges ahead of them as they become men.

Our goal is to prepare boys and provide them with the tools to challenge and shatter the dismal statistics relating to the education and future of young men.

We create an environment for our boys that is designed specifically for their learning styles. We transform young men and build futures full of possibilities and opportunities. Our boys are community minded and corporately focused. They dress for success and learn to lead others, while being educated in an environment designed to better facilitate and encourage learning. Please consider investing in Piney Grove Boys Academy. Partnering with us to serve the future young men of our community impacts not only our students, but the future of our community.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Piney Grove Boys Academy is to provide a harmonious, educational environment that enhances the physical, mental and spiritual talents of the students for successful transition from boyhood to manhood.

CORE VALUES

High Quality Academic Instruction: Achieving student success by continuously evaluating and improving the academic rigor that reflect the highest standards. This is accomplished by teaching boys based on their learning styles (visual, oral and tactile).

Positive School Culture: Create a positive school culture that fosters the spiritual development of all students. This is accomplished by providing each student with spiritual leadership in the form of role models, mentors and counselors.

Physical Health: Promote the physical health of each student by providing opportunities to participate in physical activities daily. Provide opportunities for afterschool activities such as community service clubs, sports, and volunteering. Provide students with basic understanding of nutrition.



ACADEMIC TRACK

K-3 Primary

In our primary grades, we are committed to developing foundational skills. Our boys learn fundamental skills through A Beka Book Curriculum. The A Beka Book Curriculum places an emphasis on Reading and Arithmetic. PGBA offers a small pupil to teacher ratio, which ensures that each student's needs are met. The maximum class size is 18 students; each class with 15 or more students has a full-time teacher assistant in addition to the classroom teacher. Our students are taught in self-contained classrooms where they are engaged and enriched through instruction that is designed to promote higher level thinking skills. The A Beka Book Curriculum targets the following:

- Bible
- Reading
- Phonics/Spelling
- Arithmetic
- Writing/Penmanship
- Language, Science, or History



Romario, 1st grader

"I've seen changes since he's been here. He is a more rounded person. He's not a busybody, into other people's business. I see where there is growth. I commend his teacher, Ms. Holmes for taking the extra steps to tutor him because he was slow with his reading."

Anabella Griffiths, Proud Parent



Michael, 6th grader

"I appreciate what Piney Grove has set out to do and had done even in their short history. My son is more attentive, less impulsive and is becoming a well rounded individual thanks to the diversity of experiences they get to have."

Lisa Barker, Proud Parent

4-6 Intermediate

Our intermediate grades are committed to educating young boys to impact the world. The classrooms are equipped with networked computers and LCD projectors. Our teachers prepare our boys to be successful in the 21st century. A Beka Book Curriculum drives intermediate instruction and targets the following:

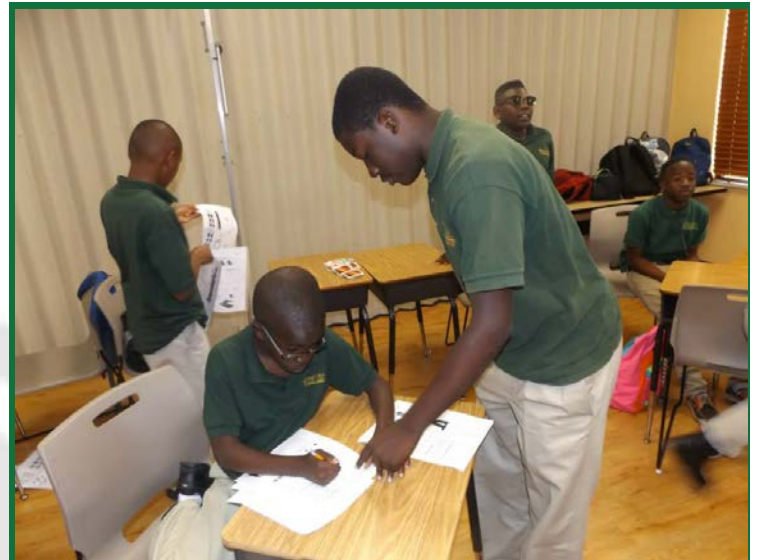
- Bible
- Reading/Language
- Penmanship/Spelling
- Arithmetic
- Science
- History

ACADEMIC TRACK

7-9 Secondary

Students are prepared for college and career readiness. The classes are structured with learning experiences, which strengthen and expand basic skills and advance mathematics and science. We demonstrate the most effective way for students to utilize the Internet as well as academic websites. Enrichment courses such as physical education, computers and fine arts are offered on a quarterly basis to enhance student learning experiences. In addition to academic enrichment courses, our secondary students participate in elective classes such as drama, mime, chorus, and art. The A Beka Book Curriculum targets the following:

- Bible
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Electives



DelMarco, 8th grader

"He more talkative and outgoing. The class structure has helped him out with is academics. He is more involved and has improved academically. The extracurricular activities have helped him grow as well."

Josie Sea, Proud Parent

After School Activities

PGBA boasts an extensive optional selection of after school clubs and activities, which provide additional learning and growth opportunities. Our after school clubs/activities include:

- an after school program daily until 6:00 p.m.
- weekly tutoring sessions
- homework assistance
- steel pan drum ensemble
- community service projects
- student council
- debate
- math super stars



LIFE SKILLS

Technology

As we advance further into the 21st century, technology has become more and more integrated into our everyday lives. Tablets are replacing or substituting computers and laptops, and the implementation of online learning has become second nature. The rapid and vast adoption of these technological innovations has completely changed the way we conduct instruction, including how knowledge is digested and taught in our classrooms. Here at PGBA, we offer the following technology sources:

- Interactive Mimio Boards
- LCD Projectors
- Computer Lab (laptops & desktops)
- Destination Knowledge (Mind Play Ascend Math)
- Virtual Learning/Online Instruction
- Reading Plus
- Tablets

Clubs and Activities

Being a part of a club can be a very rewarding experience for a young adult. In addition to our many camps and enrichment programs, we organize school clubs such as:

- Choir
- Instrumental Band
- Steel Pan Band
- Mime Dancing
- Drill Team
- Golf
- Flag Football
- Basketball
- Chess



Citizenship

Citizenship education describes activities that educate students on interacting and building relationships within the community. The classroom is not the only place where kids have to learn how to get along with and help others as members of a community. They must also learn how to understand and analyze difficult situations and learn how to problem-solve in a way that benefits everyone. As we aim to build character and strive to educate young boys to impact the world, we actively participate in community events as well as partner with organizations such as:

- Kiwanis Club (Neighborhood park clean-up)
- Waste Management (Earth Day)
- Homes Inc. (5K Fun Run)
- Miami Dolphins (Bag 1 Million Meals)
- City of Lauderdale Lakes (Community Garden and City Black History Parade)
- City of Fort Lauderdale (Christmas on Las Olas & Toys for Tots)

Pre-Professional Experiences

Students at PGBA are offered many opportunities to explore possible career choices by actively engaging in pre-professional learning. The pre-professional experiences prepare our students to function effectively and efficiently in the workplace regardless of their field of work. Students participate in hands-on exploration and weekly conversations with career professionals on a one-on-one basis. PGBA also offers college exploration tours to provide first hand exposure to college life. Our Pre-professional experiences consist of the following fields:

- Aviation
- Medical
- Legal



Deron 7th Grade, Damari 6th Grade, and Devin 1st Grade

"The opportunities that my children have been exposed to (I.E. College Tours, Studying Careers in Aviation/Medical, Golf, Community Outreach, & Interaction with Leaders such as Calvin Hughes, Col. Bill Shepard, & Mr. Upchurch) are a few of many that they will carry with them forever."

Damena Simmons, Proud Parent

Thank you to our Education Partners





Nathan, 1st grader

"Since attending PGBA, my son has become more responsible, more disciplined, and definitely more exposed and enlightened. He has evolved into a young man."

Roxanna Snape-Smith, Proud Parent



Jaylan, 7th grader

"This program offers our young boys of tomorrow a great opportunity at higher learning. PGBA has excelled our young boys of all colors for everyday life challenges. Our young boys are learning how to be leaders of tomorrow."

James Roscoe Jr., Proud Parent





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