

# Pittsgrove Township Public Schools

**1076 Almond Road  
Pittsgrove NJ 08318**

**Pre-K – 12 District  
1800 Students**

Available Seats	
For the	
2012-2013	
School Year	
K	5
1	1
2	1
3	1
4	1
5	1
6	1
7	1
8	1
9	7
10	1
11	1
12	1

## **SCHOOLS AND PROGRAM:**

Pittsgrove Township is a rural agricultural community with a significant population of professionals that covers 46.85 square miles in Salem County with approximately 1,800 students in grades PreK-12 and a township population of about 9,000. The Pittsgrove Township School District is comprised of five school buildings: Norma pK- K, Elmer 1-2, Olivet 3-5, Pittsgrove Township Middle School 6-8 and Schalick High School 9-12. Each of these five schools boasts their own unique strengths and attributes while sharing a common commitment to academic success and character education throughout the district.

### **Norma Elementary (preK-K)**

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! Norma School has many fun and fascinating things planned for this upcoming year. In kindergarten, our students will be focusing on letters, sounds, hand writing development, pre-writing and pre-reading in the beginning of the school year. By the end of the year, the students will be emergent readers and writers who are confident with their letters, sounds, sight words, and numbers. Some of them will be doing simple math problems and reading beginner level books. It will be amazing to witness their transformation throughout the course of the year.

The students at Norma School definitely work on academics however, they also work in other areas. Kindergarten students will develop gross motor skills through playing, games, and activities. The students will also engage in hands-on activities and group activities to develop various skills and foster critical thinking, social skills, self-regulation and other components that will assist them in being successfully engaged and productive in our school community.

### **Elmer Elementary (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)**

Elmer Elementary School welcomes approximately 250 first and second grade students every day. We strive to provide our students with many worthwhile learning opportunities, which will help them grow and mature into well-rounded individuals.

Excitement and anticipation fill the air, as we draw closer to the beginning of the school year. Our school is a buzz with summer type activities. Whether custodians cleaning and prepping the building, classroom teachers busily getting their classrooms ready, administration reviewing procedures, or the technology team placing a new Mac Lab in our Media Center, our school will be ready to receive our incoming students in September.

Pittsgrove Township Schools is committed to providing students with an educational program that meets the needs of diverse learners. Our first and second grade students are no exception. They will be challenged by district curriculum, which includes a Balanced Literacy and Every Day Math program.

With interactive white boards in every room and a new Mac lab in the media center, Elmer offers cutting edge technology while maintaining a family-like atmosphere in a small school setting.

### **Olivet Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)**

Olivet provides dynamic age and grade appropriate activities for our students in an effort to provide a well-rounded education. Students can participate in Student Council, Safety Patrol and PALMS for our students to assist in developing leadership skills. In addition, Olivet will continue to offer various mentoring programs for students who need academic and/or social skill support.

Olivet provides a challenging and supportive academic program with many opportunities for students to succeed. A continuation of the Balanced Literacy and Everyday Math program happens at Olivet. Students can take part in a robust program of art, music and French while taking advantage of technology resources, including a new computer lab, iPad2's and interactive whiteboards.

### **Pittsgrove Township Middle School (PTMS) (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)**

Technology is an integral part of the Pittsgrove Township Middle School experience. PTMS has provided a "one-to-one" laptop program for six years for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. This year, all incoming 8th grade students will receive an iPad2 for their use 24/7 for the 2011-2012 school year. Our students and teachers have embraced the enhanced experiences that this technology has to offer.

PTMS offers a complete gifted and talented program in Language Arts and Math in grades six through eight. In addition, the master schedule has been enhanced for this coming year to include a modified schedule on Wednesdays when all students will participate in P.E.A.C.- Personalized Education, Activities, and Clubs. This small-group instruction class is designed to offer our students with opportunities to explore their interests in various clubs, assist students with their academic program, and instruct students in Character Education and Anti-Bullying Awareness. Students will greatly benefit from this time centered around their needs and interests.

### **Schalick High School (SHS) (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)**

Schalick High School offers one of the most dynamic educational experiences in the area. A wide variety of classes for all ability levels and interests, are coupled with unique programs like the Arts Academy.

Pittsgrove Township participates in a county-wide partnership with Salem County Vo-Tech as part of an Academy Program at the high school level. Students can choose from three different programs in the School of the Arts: Drama/Theater, Dance and Art. This program also partners with the Appel Farm Center for the Performing Arts to provide Artists in Residence to supplement daily instruction. With a continued commitment to enhance 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills in technology, the high school has updated its Graphic Arts, Speech & Media, and Computer Science labs in addition to iPad2's.

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