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The first day I picked up the children, our son said, 'I had the best day of my life!' We know we made an excellent decision to join the Pine Crest community.

We want our sons to be adaptable, able to shift, able to create, and to be able to jump into new ventures. Our sons talk about things not yet in existence. Pine Crest opened our sons' eyes to all that is out there for them. We credit the teachers who are so committed to our children's learning.

At Pine Crest, it all comes together, and we know we are part of something big.

It is remarkable how well managed Pine Crest is. Everything is intentional and driven by research. There is a plan, and we do not deviate from it unless it has been carefully considered. We believe in our mission, leadership, and approach to education. This is Pine Crest's moment, and we are proud to be part of it.

On our visit to campus, I knew that I wanted to invest in the Pine Crest experience for our daughter. It felt warm and inviting to walk through the campus. I saw the technology. I saw well-rounded opportunities for whatever one excels at doing. I was intrigued with the behind the scenes and felt excited as a father for my daughter to have these experiences. It really touches my heart to give her options and experiences I didn't have.

We are in a community that invests in exceptional education, presence of mind, emotional intelligence, self-awareness, kindness, and security. Pine Crest is a great example of a top-notch community that has this 360-degree arena.

I love that my daughters are in a school with budding doctors, lawyers, entrepreneurs, and talented people who will serve the community in different ways.

We need global citizens differently now than how we needed global citizens just several years ago. It is important to understand society and how technology is influencing society. It is impressive that the School is focused on giving children the building blocks to be future ready.

People have to be very open-minded to be future ready for this new world. You have to use technology to stay ahead. You have to walk through this new world with an open heart and an open mind to develop relationships. The biases we carried from other generations are falling down very quickly.

At Pine Crest, it is about finding each child's passion and providing them with building blocks for success. It is about continuously rethinking every aspect of the curriculum. It is making sure students understand the risks that come with technology and how to use tools that allow for the solutions to problems. We don't need knowledge as we once did; our children access information in a second. Students are learning firsthand the actions to take with information in order to get to solutions. Pine Crest students know that successful people reach beyond words and commit to action.

The only thing that really matters is that you learn how to learn. You are to keep your learning agility and be a lifelong learner. That is the biggest part of being future ready. You have to be self-driven to learn.

This is the most impressive school academically, emotionally, and socially. Pine Crest is the whole package deal.

Wanting students to become fine persons, teachers proactively bring out each child's initiative. They create the platform for each child to determine their own path to walk and develop the ability to figure things out.

Future ready means being emotionally capable to be brave and having courage to do what you need to do.

Pine Crest was a life-changing experience for me. I wanted that for our kids. We knew our kids needed to be here.

I watch the friendships and interactions of Pine Crest alumni. They conduct business together; they do social and business networking. They are achievers. There is a common ground among Pine Crest graduates. It is a beautiful thing.

I am a big believer that what is important is not the title but rather the journey that rises from a developed work ethic and doing your best in every job you have. To be future ready is to feel productive and have a sincerity of your intentions that comes through.

To be future ready is to be grounded, to have a strong sense of reality, and to do the right thing. It is not all green grass. Sometimes you hit a dirt road, and you even can get stuck on the green grass. This point in time is just a step in the journey.

Pine Crest changed my life, and I know that it will nurture my daughter's leadership, initiative, and kindness. Everything builds forward at Pine Crest; it is a progression. And we know this next year is going to be great!

We were looking for a good culture, good funding, and good alumni. We wanted to feel attached to our children's school. It is nice to see alumni sending their children to Pine Crest.



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To be future ready is to have awareness and worldliness. It is the ability to take information and use information to come out with a new thought.

Pine Crest is forming independent students who are strong young people. They are learning there is a way to interact with others; their pathway is important; and they have to find their accountability.

We wanted to expose our daughter to the best education so that she can be the best she can be. We heard about Pine Crest over and over. We went for a visit and had never seen anything like it. It feels like a university with so many tools, incredible teachers, and extracurricular offerings. We walked away in awe. If she was accepted, we would move. We cried when we opened the letter of acceptance.

We have business colleagues and friends who are graduates, and they say the favorite time of their lives was being a Pine Crest student. We watch them connect professionally and socially. We want that for our children.

It is unbelievable to see the care and compassion the students have together. It is little examples along the way that add up to culture. Culture is hard to describe; it is the makeup of the people and things happening that make it a special place.

To be future ready is to have a strong work ethic. It is more about how you are learning than what you are learning. It is about learning to analyze and apply information to use your entire life.

I am happy about the balance at Pine Crest. The academics and all the other opportunities allow my kids to get exposure to things they wouldn't see otherwise. They have balance, joy, and happiness.

At the end of the school year, we asked our son, 'How do you like Pine Crest?' Without hesitation, he replied, 'I don't like Pine Crest, I LOVE PINE CREST!'

In the interview process, we saw the quality and commitment offered at the highest degree to our daughter. We know Pine Crest is the right place to have access to the best opportunities, to teachers interacting with children, to the best education beyond the core, to working in teams, to being a leader, and to being positive, resilient, and not letting mistakes get in the way.

Our son was so excited to go to campus for his classes. He shared pictures of places on campus and talked nonstop of his friends and teachers. We saw consistency in his activities and discipline. He talks about his classes and how they can be challenging. This is priceless to us.

I see our children's emotional development, their development as individual people. We are happy they are being prepared for a world that is not always easy. I know they will have their impact.

Our son loves Pine Crest. He gets excited about hands-on projects in sciences, the interaction with the kids. He loves his teachers. This year has been a great adventure for him.

We are pleasantly surprised with the attention given to social and emotional learning. The teachers are nurturing, working individually with each child in order to give honest and clear feedback. They are setting students up for success and wanting them to be the best they can be.

We did not have to settle on academics, the arts, or athletics. At Pine Crest, we have the cake and the icing too!

There are these special moments after school when we step into the elevator, and she says, 'Mom, I am so happy. Thank you.'

The most important piece of any school is the teachers because success begins in the classroom. Pine Crest teachers take students on the journey, inspire them, and create the whole.

She loves that learning is brought to life. She literally can put her hands into it.

The quality of education is the greatest gift we are giving our kids. We changed our lifestyle to send our children to Pine Crest.

What we like best is that we are trying to raise good humans, having empathy and appreciation for all people. They are giving back, bringing what they are learning outside of the Pine Crest world. I feel confident that, together, we and Pine Crest will prepare our children for all that is to come.

The Pine Crest community has a collective passion for learning. Everybody is on board and rowing the boat together, rowing hard.

Her teachers are fun and charismatic individuals. They are funny, smart, and on top of everything in a warm, supportive way. They are the spirit of the school.



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I want our children to help people and solve problems in whatever capacity their passions lead them. The world needs people who are problem solvers, who have grit and tenacity. Communities need people who run to challenges, not away from them.

My daughter's favorite part of Pine Crest is her classes. Because she went to another school, she is aware of the opportunities here. She is the kid who says, 'Thank you for letting me go to Pine Crest'.

We looked for a world-class education like Pine Crest. We trust that everyone has the same vision and objective to help every child, to know every child, to help each child navigate their learning.

Pine Crest is giving our son the skills to succeed when there is increasing automation, competition, and changing technology. The rapidness of change is leading to obsolescence in many careers. Pine Crest graduates will be aware and know how to capitalize in an environment that is constantly changing.

We like to support faculty enrichment because we are so astonished at the amazing job of our teachers. When you talk to the teachers, you know how committed they are. They bring out each child's curiosity. We could not be happier to be part of this community, and we are thankful.

When we took the tour, I saw culture, systems, sound business infrastructure, and decades of experience. We saw the video on emotional intelligence, and that is all I needed to see. Pine Crest is not just speaking but delivering by integrating innovation and emotional wellness throughout the curriculum. I didn't need the rest of the tour. I didn't know a school like this existed.

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