

Parents' Independent School Network (PIN)

The Parents' Independent School Network, Inc. (PIN) is a volunteer group of parents with children who are students at New England area independent elementary and secondary schools. PIN was formed to help parents share ideas and promote worthy programs at these independent schools.

One or two parent representatives from each member school attend six meetings each year. These PIN reps serve as the conduit between the diverse school communities. At PIN meetings, reps gather to share information about topics relating to non-academic issues, listening to speakers and panels and participating in discussion groups. Parents from member schools are welcome to attend these meetings.

PIN is run by a governing body of volunteer directors, PIN Inc., and is divided into two divisions: Lower/Middle School representing grades K-9 and Upper School representing grades 9-12. The groups typically meet every other month by division and come together once a year for the Annual Meeting, which includes a "Heads of School" panel discussion on a topic of current interest to our schools.

Each October PIN hosts its [Annual Joan Walter Lecture Series](#), which is open to the public and is a fundraiser for its schools' community service programs.

PIN's goals include:

- To discuss [topics](#) of mutual concern,
- To share ideas and practices which have benefited [member schools](#) and their students,
- To sponsor educational events, specifically the [Annual Joan Walter Lecture Series](#),
To support and foster PIN member schools' [community service](#) programs,
To encourage each representative to work closely with his or her school and the school's parent organization to disseminate ideas and information learned from the meetings
To share information through InfoShare about upcoming PIN member school events open to the public

To access resources on the PIN web site, visit www.pin-inc.org. A password-protected area for member school communities includes additional links to synopses of past meetings, survey results and InfoShare events board. To request a password, please contact the PIN rep for your campus.

The BB&N PIN reps for 2010-2011 are:

Upper School Mary Beth Orfao
Middle School Mark Schindler
Lower School Maureen Marota
Lower School Marjorie Lichtenberger