



# Green News

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## The Green Group Continues to Expand

The Green Group is making significant progress on several fronts this spring and we need everyone in the community to help our efforts. Why not become part of the solution, not part of the problem?

### Recycling



The new recycling system is in place at the Martinsville Campus! Director of Facilities, Mike Virzi has been working hard to get an effective system in place. Several weeks ago our new blue recycling bins arrived. Green Group members spent an afternoon unpacking them. Reinforcements from the Winter Track team helped finish the job. Mr. Virzi and his staff deployed the containers during vacation. They came in threes, one for paper, one for bottles and plastic, one for waste, during vacation. Senior Wyatt Komarin's power point presentation informed the community of how the system works and highlighted the importance of recycling.

A goal for Green Group members this spring is to make sure the system is 100% effective. Please encourage members of our community to put all discarded items in the appropriate receptacles. Note any glitches in the system and send any suggestions to Mr. Delman at [pdelman@pingry.org](mailto:pdelman@pingry.org).

### Invasives

Pingry is under siege by an army of invasive non-native plants! These pervasive invaders are crowding out our native plants and trees, and if left unchecked will dramatically alter the ecosystem of our woods. Green Group members have already made two forays into a hot spot area west of the baseball field. This spring armed with new heavy duty loppers a crack team of Green Group volunteers plan to clear a large quadrant of invasive species.



### Reducing Catalog Waste

Long time assistant to Headmasters and Green Group member, Barbara Stockhoff has initiated a program to cutback on the mountain of catalogs that inundate the Pingry mail room each week. Many departments currently receive multiple copies of the same catalog, often sent to teachers no longer at Pingry. Barbara and her team write to the companies requesting that mailings cease and encouraging greater reliance on on-line catalogs. Everyone can help with this effort by following Barbara's lead and canceling mailings of paper catalogs to your home.

Please contact Barbara at x1232 or by email [bstockho@pingry.org](mailto:bstockho@pingry.org) if you are interested in helping with this project.

### Composting

A group of Green Group members led by senior Olivia Delia are working on a program to compost waste food from the kitchen. The current plan calls for Pingry to compost organic material and distribute it to local farmers. We also hope to increase our use of local produce grown at these farms

