

# Discover The Pingry School

Providing Professional Growth and Opportunities



**PINGRY**  
EXCELLENCE & HONOR

## *At Pingry, It's All About the People*

**P**ingry is known for its long tradition of excellence in all areas of school life—academics, athletics, and the arts. We have a commitment to an education that emphasizes honor and character, respect, and service. Our community values and celebrates a broad range of cultures, which is critical to offering multiple perspectives and fostering intellectual engagement. One of the most important aspects, and benefits, of being part of the Pingry community is that all of our faculty and staff have the opportunity to personally connect with students. Pingry teachers strive to create a collaborative environment in their classrooms, and students are encouraged to develop their passions and take risks. Pingry coaches strive to build championship teams while making sure student-athletes learn sportsmanship, teamwork, responsibility, and self-discipline. The goal is always to create lifelong learners and problem-solvers who are prepared to contribute as leaders in a global society. As a member of the Pingry community, you will have access to programs and resources to help develop your teaching skills and expand your interests, while enriching the lives of both you and your students.



*Headmaster Nat Conard enjoys engaging with students on campus.*



## About Pingry

- K-12 coeducational, independent, college preparatory day school.
- Two campuses in central New Jersey: Lower School (K-5) in Short Hills; Middle School (6-8) and Upper School (9-12) on 200 acres in Basking Ridge.
- More than 1,000 talented students from various cultures and backgrounds.
- Recognized throughout the United States for its academic excellence, Honor Code, arts, athletics, and connections between faculty and students.
- Mission: to foster in students a lifelong commitment to intellectual exploration, individual growth, and social responsibility, while preparing them to be global citizens and leaders of the 21st century.

## Traditions of Excellence and Honor

In 1861, Dr. John F. Pingry founded a school that, in addition to challenging students intellectually, instills in each student honor, moral responsibility, and commitment to service for the greater good that will continue throughout a purposeful and principled life. Pingry's Honor Code (which originated as the Honor System in 1925) is the most fundamental part of the School's value system. In the spirit of giving back and working for the greater good, the School has a thriving Community Service program that requires each student in Grades 7-12 to complete at least 10 hours of service each year, including Community Service Day in October.

*The Wilf Family Commons in The Carol and Park B. Smith '50 Middle School. The area serves as space for assemblies and other School events, and students can collaborate on assignments.*

## Support of Collaborative Faculty and Staff

Pingry has over 240 faculty and staff; approximately 70% of the faculty hold master's degrees, and 18 hold doctorates. This close-knit community includes veteran teachers and teachers who are new to the profession—including career-changers. The faculty embodies Pingry's commitment to intellectual engagement, student-centered learning, collaboration, inclusion, and respect. For one year, every new teacher is paired with an experienced teacher who acts as a coach to help with the transition to our community. During the second year, teachers receive mentoring from a master teacher, centering on issues of pedagogy.

## Professional Growth

Pingry provides generous support for professional growth opportunities. Teachers consistently engage in these activities to remain at the forefront of their disciplines. Among these opportunities are conferences and workshops, visits to other schools, Summer Fellowships, and the pursuit of advanced degrees. Pingry awards nine endowed chairs to recognize outstanding teaching, dedication to students, and contributions to School life. Teachers can also propose new courses that they believe will enhance the curriculum and benefit the students.

*Lower School Librarian Ann D'Innocenzo.  
Students in the Lower School use iPads (K-3) and Chromebooks (4-5).*



## Excellence in Academics

Pingry's focus on academics can be seen from two perspectives: bright, inquisitive students who achieve success inside and outside of the classroom, and outstanding teachers who are given tools in the classroom to support in-depth study of their subjects, including the 1-to-1 laptop program that requires Middle School and Upper School students to have laptops in class, and a modified block schedule that provides more time for student-centered pedagogies, thereby enhancing the learning process. Seniors perform well in the National Merit Scholarship Program (an average of 10 Semifinalists and 35 Commended Students each year), and they are admitted to the country's top colleges and universities.

*Upper School Director  
Dr. Denise Brown-Allen  
also teaches math.*



# Excellence in Athletics

The athletics program emphasizes sportsmanship and provides every student the opportunity to experience the value of team sports. Nearly 90% of Upper School students play on 55 varsity and JV teams. Pingry athletes continue a tradition of distinction that is reflected in the hundreds of championship trophies that line the hallways and in the School's Athletics Hall of Fame that honors individual players, teams, coaches, and members of the athletics staff. Outdoor facilities include an all-weather synthetic turf field; several sport-specific fields for football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, baseball, and softball; a 400-meter all-weather track; 12 tennis courts; and a cross-country course that laps the 200-acre campus. Indoor facilities include two basketball gymnasiums; a six-lane 25-meter pool; a wrestling room; a fencing room; and a state-of-the-art strength and fitness center staffed by two strength coaches. Several Pingry coaches are members of national and/or New Jersey Halls of Fame, and the School is raising funds to construct the 44,000-square-foot Miller A. Bugliari '52 Athletics Center (to include a multipurpose sports arena, squash courts, and 4,500-square-foot Strength and Conditioning Center) that will help Pingry's athletes continue to reach a high level of achievement.

## Fall Sports

Cross Country (B/G)  
Field Hockey  
Football  
Soccer (B/G)  
Tennis (G)  
Water Polo (B/G)

## Winter Sports

Basketball (B/G)  
Fencing (B/G)  
Ice Hockey (B/G)  
Skiing (B/G)  
Squash (B/G)  
Swimming (B/G)  
Winter Track (B/G)  
Wrestling

## Spring Sports

Baseball  
Golf (B/G)  
Lacrosse (B/G)  
Softball  
Tennis (B)  
Track (B/G)



*Boys' Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach Mike Webster, also a Middle School history teacher, with his student-athletes.*

# Excellence in the Arts

Pingry offers courses and extracurricular activities in drama, music, and fine arts, and 80% of Upper School students participate in the arts program, which is based in the Hostetter Arts Center. Any student may also audition for the annual Fall Play, Winter Musical, and Middle School Musical that are performed in a dedicated space, the Macrae Theatre. Along with these three productions, students participate in dramatic presentations throughout the school year, such as DramaFest, the Drama IV Spring Play, and plays and musicals at the Lower School. The music department's two largest annual concerts are the All-School Festival in December and the Antoine du Bourg Spring Festival Concert. Another highlight of the arts department is the Hostetter Arts Center Gallery that houses rotating exhibits by Pingry's arts faculty and visiting artists throughout the school year.

## Music Ensembles

**Balladeers**  
(female a cappella group)

**Buttndowns**  
(male a cappella group)

**Men's Glee Club**

**Women's Glee Club**

**Jazz Ensemble**

**Orchestra**

**Wind Sinfonia**



Students in the Drama Department's production of *Seussical*.



First-grade students work with Lower School art teachers Russell Christian and Lindsay Baydin to create a chameleon made entirely of bottle caps.



Music Department Chair Dr. Andrew Moore rehearses the Upper School male a cappella group known as the Buttndowns.

## “Plus Ones”

Just as students pursue their passions, our teachers do the same. To get to know the students outside the classroom, and to embrace school life, all teachers engage in an extra activity—a Plus One. A teacher might coach a team, advise a club, or, perhaps, assist with a drama production. Pingry aims to have teachers strike a balance between “investing” (trying something new) and “harvesting” (working with an existing passion). All faculty are encouraged to coach, and they meet with the Director of Athletics to determine how their interests might align with Pingry’s needs.

*Art teachers Rebecca Sullivan and Peter Delman are advisors to Pingry’s Green Group. It is dedicated to sustainability. They were joined by teacher Zak Cohen, Director of Global Education Jeff Jewett, and students at the People’s Climate March in Manhattan.*



## Pingry’s Compensation and Benefits

Our benefits package includes:

- **Medical and Prescription Drug Insurance**
- **Dental Insurance**
- **Vision Plan**
- **Retirement Plan**
- **Group Life Insurance with AD&D Coverage**
- **Supplemental Employee-Paid Life Insurance**
- **Short-Term and Long-Term Disability**
- **Medical/Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts**
- **Health Savings Accounts**
- **Financial Support for Advanced Degrees**
- **Tuition Remission for Employee Children**
- **Wellness Program**

## The Pingry Honor Code

The Pingry experience is based on mutual respect and personal integrity. The foundation of this belief is Pingry's Honor Code, which, since 1926, has set the ethical standard that underlies every dimension of school life.

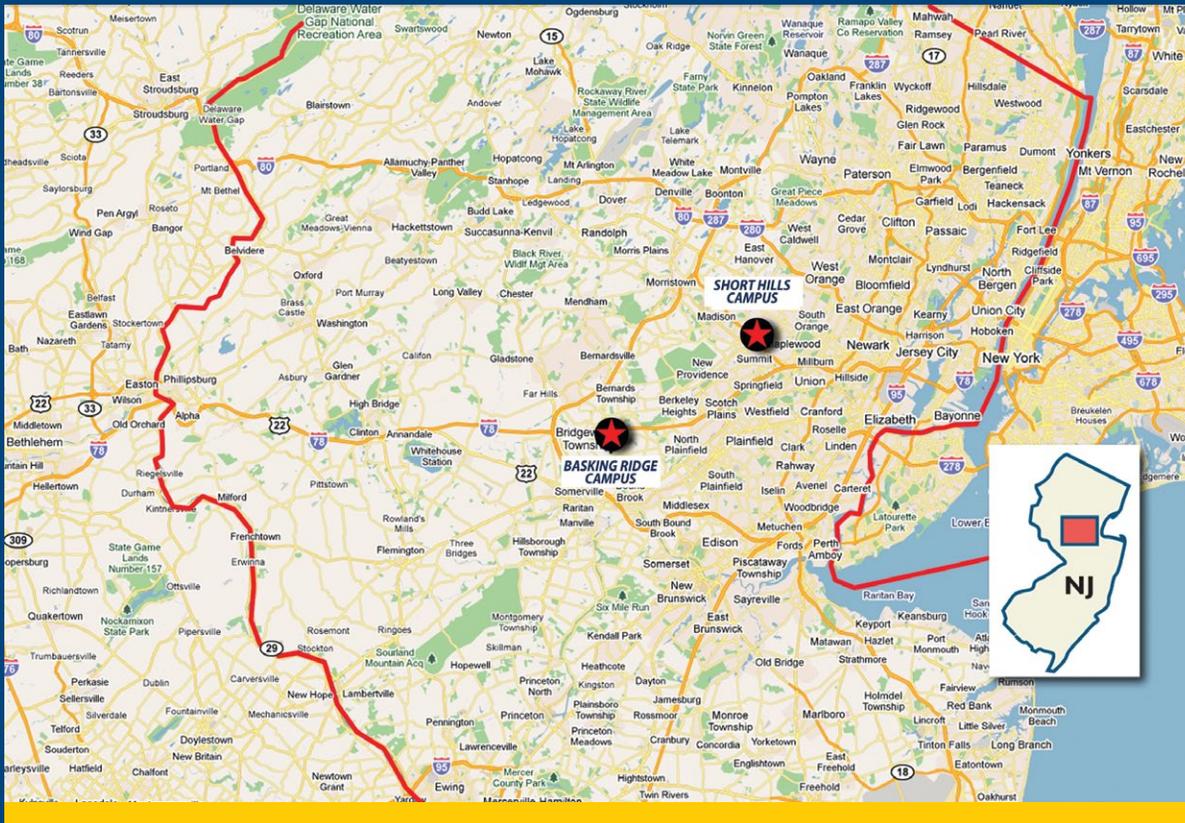
Pingry believes that students should understand and live by standards of honorable behavior, which are essentially a matter of attitude and spirit rather than a system of rules and regulations.

Decent, self-respecting behavior must be based on personal integrity and genuine concern for others and on the ethical principles which are the basis of civilized society.

*Created by Pingry students, 1926;  
Adopted by the Pingry faculty, 1949;  
Revised, 1988*

# Where Pingry is Located

Our Short Hills and Basking Ridge Campuses are located a few minutes from I-78, east of I-287.



## To Explore Teaching Opportunities at Pingry

Please contact or send a letter of interest, résumé, and college transcripts to:

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