

Hello Train Riders,

We are happy to pick you up from and drop you off at the Hamilton-Wenham train station. Here are some details to help you plan.

WHERE TO SIT: I encourage students to ride the front car with all other Pingree students. There will be students from others school in this first car, as well. Sitting together will help Pingree students look out for each other and make sure they exit the train at the correct stop.

DISCOUNTED TICKETS: Students will need their Pingree ID to get the student discount. IDs are handed out the first day of school. It is our experience that if students are polite on the train the conductors tend to let them ride for free. However, be prepare in case they decide to charge for a ride.

PICK UP AT HAMILTON-WENHAM STATION: Students should be taking the 7:00 a.m. train which arrives at 7:20 a.m. and the bus is scheduled to pick up at 7:30 a.m. The bus will arrive on the CVS side of the tracks where the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School students are also picked up (make sure to not get on the H-W bus). Be prepared to board the bus as soon as it arrives since it will take up much of this small parking lot.

DROP OFF AT HAMILTON-WENHAM STATION: The Lynn bus will make a special trip to the train station prior to starting its regular route in order to get students to the train for the 5:06 p.m. departure. Students riding the bus to the train station must allot enough time to get out of practice and be on the bus by 4:55 p.m. Since the bus is on a tight schedule, it will leave Pingree promptly, regardless of who is on the bus at the time. Coaches/activity leaders will permit the bus/train riders to leave practice at 4:35 p.m. Students, please help remind your coaches/activity leaders about this early dismissal and keep track of time until they get used to the adjustment. Note: all students are required to fulfill their activity and attend games. This means that sometimes students may miss the bus because games run late; at these times, carpooling may become very helpful.

EARLY DISMISSAL/LATE STARTS: On late start days, we have permission from the bus company for train riders to take the bus. Please check the Seabrook, Newburyport, Byfield, Boxford, Topsfield bus route for times.

COST: Families are charged \$500 per rider billed on September 15; this helps cover the fee for the bus.

COMMUNICATION: Changes to the schedule and updates about the bus will be communicated through email. If you would like a different or an additional email address on this list, please me know.

Hopefully this answers some questions that you may have, but please let me know if you have any others by emailing me at psidell@pingree.org.

Regards,

Pam Sidell