

# **Pinecrest School plants daffodils honoring children from the Holocaust**

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FORSYTH COUNTY, Ga. — Pinecrest Academy's Middle School students received impactful lessons on Nov. 18, where 425 grandparents and other family members joined together for The Daffodil Project.

During this, 360 daffodils were planted by the students in front of the Middle School building, each daffodil commemorating a child whose life was lost in the Holocaust.

Started by Am Yisrael Chai, a non-profit Holocaust Education and Awareness Organization, The Daffodil Project is a world-wide project empowering Holocaust education. Am Yisrael Chai aspires to build a Living Holocaust Memorial by planting 1.5 million daffodils around the world to remember the 1.5 million children who passed in total.

The site at Pinecrest designated for the daffodils was named the "Children's Memorial Garden," and was dedicated and blessed by Middle School Chaplain, Fr. David Barton, LC, just before the daffodils were planted.

At the conclusion of the daffodil planting, students gathered to listen to the story of Mr. George Rishfeld, a Holocaust survivor and United States immigrant.

"Besides imparting historical facts about World War II and the Holocaust through this unit of study, we were able to show a parallel between societal issues that our world faced many decades ago and those we face today," Denise Cress, Pinecrest Academy Middle School Principal said. "We hope that our

students have been inspired to think deeply about what's going on in our world today, and that genocide is still happening, posing a real threat to the sanctity of life. The Daffodil Project provided students a chance to honor the innocent children whose lives were senselessly taken during the Holocaust and the chance to hear the first-person account of a Holocaust survivor was enthusiastically received by our students.”