

# PINOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL KNIGHT NEWS



August 21, 2023

## MEET YOUR "NEW" PRINCIPAL

My name is Bart Bowers and I am honored to have been named Principal of Pinole Middle School. Mark Dieter is the new Assistant Principal and comes to us from Bancroft Middle in San Leandro.

I am a Richmond native that was educated by the WCCUSD. I began teaching in 1986 at Richmond High School. I spent most of my career teaching Math to students throughout the district. Most recently, I have been the Vice Principal at Bayview Elementary for two years. I have been Assistant Principal at Pinole Middle School for the past two years.

My philosophy is that all students can learn. The key is being able to connect with students and discover what their needs are to be successful. It is important that I am firm but fair, and always consistent. My biggest asset is that I am a great listener.

So if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Best,  
Bart Bowers, [bbowers@wccusd.net](mailto:bbowers@wccusd.net)

## STUDENT IDS & LANYARDS

By now, all students should have had their 23-24 ID picture taken and received their ID & lanyard.

It is a district and school rule that all students and staff are to wear their IDs on a lanyard at all times while on campus.

If your student has not received their ID yet, please inform them to visit Mrs. Robertson in the Wellness Center (room B9) before school, during lunch and after school as soon as possible.

The 1st ID is provided to all students but replacements will cost \$3 for the ID & \$2 for the lanyard. Cash payments can be made in the main office & the ID will be distributed to the student later in the day.

## MEET YOUR NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

I am pleased to have been selected as Assistant Principal at Pinole Middle School. I joined the team in the middle of the first week of school. I have enjoyed getting to know students, staff, and other members of the community over the past few days.

I have been working in K-12 education for 22 years. I began my career teaching science at Newark Junior High in Newark, CA. I taught 7th and 8th grade science, a STEM elective, and served as Professional Development Coordinator over the 14 years I worked in Newark. In 2014, I started teaching 8th grade science and High School Biology at Encinal Junior/Senior High School, in Alameda, where I live. Encinal has a reputation as a very accepting and supportive community. I learned a great deal about the benefits of restorative practices and social and emotional learning while I was there.

Over the course of my career, I have developed an increasing interest in supporting students who are struggling for a variety of reasons. After earning a Masters in Educational Leadership from Cal State East Bay in 2017, I took my first step into administration as a Vice Principal at Bancroft Middle School in San Leandro last year.

I have two children of my own, a 12 year old, 7th grade son and a 15 year old, 10th grade daughter. They have helped me shape my perspective of schools and what the educational experience is like for students and families. I can see my children and their friends in the faces and experiences of the students I work with each day.

I look forward to getting to know the Pinole Middle School community more closely.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to introduce yourselves or to share questions and concerns with me.

Best,  
Mark Dieter, [mark.dieter@wccusd.net](mailto:mark.dieter@wccusd.net)

## 23-24 CLASS SCHEDULE UPDATES!

Students can request schedule changes beginning August 21st and will continue for two weeks (and only in the first two weeks of each semester thereafter). When changes begin happening, it will only be to change electives, core classes will not be changed without further conversation with student and parent/guardian.

Once requested, it may take the counselor up to a week to finalize any changes. Please be patient as there are only 1.2 counselors at our school and 384 students.

Ms. Amanda Edwards is our full time counselor and can be reached at [Amanda.Edwards@wccusd.net](mailto:Amanda.Edwards@wccusd.net) or 510-231-1436 ext 26305.

Ms. Monique Lopez-Jones is only on site one day a week and can be reached at [mlopez3@wccusd.net](mailto:mlopez3@wccusd.net) or 510-231-1436 ext 26304.

We ask your patience in the process of accurately assigning classes to all students and balancing class sizes.

On behalf of Mr. Bowers, Mr. Dieter, Ms. Amanda & Ms. Monique, we thank you for your understanding in this process.

## PTSA FIRST MEETING

Join the PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Staff & Student Association) for the 1st meeting of the school year. Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the school library.

To join the PTSA, click the link below:

<https://jointotem.com/ca/pinole/pinole-middle-pta>

## OUR NEIGHBORS & COMMUNITY

We must all remember to be good neighbors to our surrounding community. Please always be respectful while patronizing CVS, the gas station, McDonalds & Safeway.

It is also important that we be respectful of our surrounding community. We should not park in residential driveways or block someone's driveway at any times. This includes the many medical parking lots in front of the school.

Students must also remember to be safe when crossing the street and walking in the neighborhood. They should always be aware of their surroundings to avoid dangerous situations.

## REGULAR & COLLABORATION DAY SCHEDULES

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays

Start Time: 8:30 am ~ Dismissal Time: 2:35 pm

Wednesday Collaboration & Minimum Days

Start Time: 8:30 am ~ Dismissal Time: 1:35 pm

This week the teachers will be meeting by Department to plan best practices for the students.

