

PINOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL KNIGHT NEWS



August 27, 2023

MEET YOUR NEW TEACHER LIBRARIAN

This is Mrs. Joffe's 23rd year teaching and her 5th year as a Teacher Librarian. She loves to help students find books that are a perfect match and instill the love of learning.

When Mrs. Joffe is not reading a mystery novel, she likes to go on hikes with her husband, watch her two sons play sports and hang out with her two dogs.

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-ptsa>

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.

CLASS, REGULAR & COLLAB SCHEDULES

Remember, class starts at 8:30 am every day! If students are not in the classroom at that time, they are considered TARDY.

Parents, please leave home 10 minutes earlier to give your student enough time to be in the classroom on time.

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



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.

23-24 CLASS SCHEDULE UPDATES!

Students can request schedule changes for 1 more week (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 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 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/29 - Williams Mock Visit & Principals' Meeting
- 8/30 - All Faculty Collaboration
- 8/31 - PTSA Mtg @ 6:30 pm in Library
- 9/04 - Labor Day: No School
- 9/06 - Department Collaboration
- 9/07 - Official Williams Visit
- 9/08 - CARE Team Meeting
- 9/13 - Department Collaboration