

# PINOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL KNIGHT NEWS



September 3, 2023

## 23-24 CLASS SCHEDULE UPDATES!

Hello Pinole Middle Families,

Our third week of the year is down! Our students are settling into the Knight way and working hard in class. The one thing many students can see is that we have some large classes! We need to get the classes down to our contract limits.

As a result of the class overages, this means that we need to add and subtract classes from our schedule to make sure that all students have a place to learn. Unfortunately, that means some classes will need to be moved around, and there will be many schedule changes. On Tuesday, many students will have new schedules. We will try to make these changes as smooth as possible, but please know that student schedules may be different as we have to close classes and move classes to different periods. While the bulk of changes will be ready for Tuesday, schedule changes will continue throughout next week as we balance classes. We ask for your patience as we make these significant changes.

Unfortunately, we have to move some Spanish students' to Mandarin classes because there are way too many students in the Spanish classes. The one good thing about taking Mandarin is that Pinole Valley is an International Baccalaureate school that emphasizes Mandarin. Those students will get a head start on taking Mandarin.

Bart Bowers, Principal

## MEET OUR MUSIC & LEADERSHIP TEACHER

Ms. Fay is Pinole Middle School's music and leadership teacher. This is her 4th year teaching music at Pinole, and she's proud to be a Knight. When she's not at work, Ms. Fay enjoys spending time with family, reading, playing video games, and playing Dungeons & Dragons. Fun fact: the person who inspired Ms. Fay to become a music teacher attended Pinole Middle School around 50 years ago!



## PTSA NEWS & UPDATES

**PTSA Membership Drive Sept 1st - Oct 1st: click to join for \$11/member:**

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

PTSA is asking parents to attending special meeting 09/18/23 at 6:30pm in a library for our special election.

Knight Snack Shack grand opening will be 9/8 after school located by the gym.

Knight Back to School Dance will be 9/29 6pm-8:30pm tickets will go on sale 9/8 at the Knight Snack Shack \$10

## START & END OF SCHOOL DAYS

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.

## STUDENT IDS & LANYARDS

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.

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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

9/04 - Labor Day: No School

9/06 - Department Collaboration

9/07 - Official Williams Visit

9/08 - CARE Team Meeting

9/13 - Department Collaboration

9/14 - Back to School Night

9/19 - 1st Quarter Progress Report  
Grades Due in PowerSchool