

PINOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL KNIGHT NEWS



October 1, 2023

IMPORTANT SAFETY & ELECTRONICS UPDATES

Phone Policy:

The WCCUSD Parent/student handbook states, in the student responsibilities:

"To refrain from using electronic devices including CD players, cell phones, games, etc., at school, except before and after school and during lunch. And to comply with the WCCUSD rule that the use of electronic equipment during class time and passing times is strictly prohibited."

Updates to Pinole Middle Policies

Phones should be off and away during school hours 8:20 am - 2:35 pm (1:35 Wed).

AirPods and headphones are included, unless they are connected to a Chromebook to listen to audio required for a class.

This includes passing periods.

The only exception is lunch. 11:33 - 12:13 PM or 11:05 - 11:35 AM Wed

Students who use their phones to record video of fights or conflict, or to spread threatening messages can be suspended for inciting violence.

If a student's phone is seen or heard, they will be asked to surrender their phone to a staff member. The phone will be held in the office for the remainder of the day. If a student violates the policy a second time a parent or other adult will be asked to pick up the phone from the office.

If violations continue, students will be required to leave their phone at home or surrender it in the office in the morning.

If a student refuses to comply with the request of a staff member to surrender their phone, their adult will be contacted to retrieve the phone from the student in the main office.

*Our
Custodial Staff
Shines!*

Happy School Custodian Appreciation Day

Monday is School Custodian Appreciation Day. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible custodial staff members: Mr. Steve Miles, Mr. Ariel Valladolid & Ms. Maria Diaz. Thank you for keeping Pinole Middle School clean and safe for all our students!

MEET MR. WARD!

My name is Shaw-London Ward I have worked with children for over 20 years in West Contra Costa County. However, I am new to the West Contra Costa School District. This is my second year at Pinole Middle School. I am looking forward to working with all the eighth graders, teachers and staff. I bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm.

PTSA NEWS & UPDATES

We would like to thank the administration, staff and parents that helped to set up and chaperone the dance.

We have a PTSA meeting coming up 10/12/23 at 6pm via Zoom.

It's not too late to join the PTSA.

If you have any questions please email pinolemiddlepta@gmail.com

Topic: Pinole Middle PTSA Meeting

Time: Oct 12, 2023 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89237134395?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89237134395?pwd=b0pqbVdOSFFVb1p0OWw4eW9ySnQxQT09)

[pwd=b0pqbVdOSFFVb1p0OWw4eW9ySnQxQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89237134395?pwd=b0pqbVdOSFFVb1p0OWw4eW9ySnQxQT09)

Meeting ID: 892 3713 4395

Passcode: 029941

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/2 - Faculty Meeting
- 10/6 - Lifetouch Fall Pictures during PE
- 10/9 - Indigenous People Day - No School for Students/
Classified Training Day
- 10/24 - End of 1st Quarter
- 10/25 - Minimum Day - Secondary Schools for Grading

**SIGN UP
TODAY**

Pinole Middle School's after-school program is now accepting applications. Please consider signing up your student using this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/jeQqfwy9GnPxwhoi7>.

Currently, we are offering the following programs:

- Anime: Thursdays 2:45 - 3:45 PM
- Black Student Union: Alternating Wednesdays 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- Cheer: Tuesdays 3:00 - 4:30 PM (audition required)
- Crochet: Tuesdays 2:45 - 3:45 PM
- Dungeons & Dragons: Fridays 2:45 - 4:30 PM
- English/Literacy Tutoring: Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:45 - 3:45 PM
- Math Tutoring: Tuesdays 2:45 - 4:30 PM, Thursdays 7:30 - 8:15 AM

ATTENDANCE NEWS

I. Parents/Guardians if your student is or will be absent from school please contact Ms. Ross.

She can be reached by phone: (510) 231 - 1436, extension 26302 or email: jennifer.ross@wccusd.net.

Note: Only a parent/guardian can call in a student's absence

II. Parents/Guardians if you are picking up your student early, you must

come into the main office and sign your student out. We will call your student to the office once you are here. Be sure to have your drivers' license or passport.

*Note: Students can not be released to anyone under 18 years of age, anyone not listed under contacts and rideshare companies (i.e. Uber, Lyft, etc) during school hours.

Lifetouch

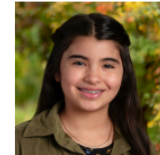
PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

¡YA LLEGA EL DÍA DE LA FOTO!

Friday, October 06, 2023
Pinole Middle School



Scan to order!
¡Echa un vistazo para encargarte!



How it Works:



Pre-order today on
mylifetouch.com
using your Student ID or
Picture Day ID:
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Students are
photographed on
Picture Day



Orders will be sent home
with your student after
Picture Day

Cómo funciona: Encarga de manera anticipada en mylifetouch.com usando tu ID de estudiante o la ID del Día de la Foto. Los estudiantes son fotografiados el Día de la Foto. Los pedidos serán enviados a tu casa con tu estudiante después del Día de la Foto.

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ATTENTION



**THESE ELECTRONIC DEVICES
ARE NOT ALLOWED AT SCHOOL!**

If seen, they will be TAKEN and returned at the end of
the school day.

PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED PROMPTLY!



YES

**ONLY GOOGLE CHROMEBOOKS ARE
ALLOWED OUT DURING SCHOOL HOURS!**

