

# PINOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL KNIGHT NEWS



October 8, 2023

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY & ELECTRONICS UPDATES**

***Horse Play is rough play in which people push and hit each other, or behave in a silly way. Other terms for horse play include rough housing, tumble, clowning around, romping, fooling around.***

We have had numerous unfortunate incidents at Pinole Middle School.

Many students have been horse playing in the hallways. This has led to fights.

Children are playing until one of the participants decides it is serious.

Moving forward any student caught horse playing will receive a consequence. With each infraction the severity of the consequence will increase.

Please discuss with your scholars the importance of following the rules, and also cursing will not be tolerated.

### **Updates to Pinole Middle Policies**

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

Air Pods 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.

## **MEET MR. YAO!**

Hello my name is Lawrence Huang though I go by Mr. Yao because Yao is a nickname all my friends and family call me. This is my first year at Pinole Middle School and although I am not a first year teacher, it may seem like it because last year I taught a very different student population. I may make many changes to my class throughout the year as I am still figuring out the best way to teach Pinole Middle students. During my spare time, I enjoy playing the game SuperSmash Ultimate, watching Japanese anime and playing Yu-Gi-Oh cards which some students may also play.

## START WITH HELLO!

This week we'll be giving you some information about this call to action, facts about mental health, and a challenge that our school will participate in. This week, Start With Hello is focused on reducing isolation and loneliness. Isolation is when someone is apart from everyone else around them. They don't talk or hang out with others very much. Loneliness is a sad or uncomfortable feeling when someone is alone. This week we're going to learn about how to tell if someone is socially isolated or lonely and what we can do about it.

- **Did you know that 70% of adolescents experience loneliness? That's nearly everyone at our school.**
- **Your challenge this week is to say hello to someone you don't usually talk to. Try to pick someone who is new or seems to not be hanging out with anyone. You can give a small wave, say hi, or even just give them a smile. Most everyone wants to be included, so be friendly today and see if you can help our school feel more welcoming!**

## THERE'S STILL TIME

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>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

10/9 - Indigenous People Day - No School for Students & Teachers/Classified Training Day

10/10 - School Site Council (SSC) monthly meeting, 5 pm in Library

10/24 - End of 1st Quarter

10/25 - 1st Quarter Report Card Marking - Minimum Day - Secondary Schools

10/27 - PMS & WCMS Trunk or Treat

## WMCS & PMS TRUNK OR TREAT

Get ready for this year's Trunk or Treat happening Friday, October 27th from 4:30 - 8:30 pm. This is an annual collaboration between Pinole Middle & West County Mandarin Schools and we need your help.

Are you interested in decorating your trunk for the event? If yes, contact the PTSA or the office to sign up.

Can you donate candy to pass out to children? If you can, drop off your donations with Ms. Lorena at the front desk.

Can you volunteer to set up, clean up or work during the event (multiple spots available)? If yes, contact the PTSA or the office to sign up.

Click on the link to sign up! [PMS Trunk or Treat 2023](#)  
With your help, this can be an amazing experience for all students & families.

## 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 [pinolemiddleschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:pinolemiddleschoolpta@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



**PINOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND  
WEST COUNTY MANDARIN  
PRESENTS**



The PTAS of WCMS and PMS are welcoming all our families to join us at Halloween Trunk or Treat 2023!. This will be a kids and family friendly event with sale of food, drinks and desserts. Families will be entertained with games, music and creatively decorated trunks.

FAKe weapons, Violent or scary themes or costumes will not be allowed at this event. We thank you for accommodating and hope to see you at this fa-BOO-lous event!



**FRIDAY OCTOBER 27, 2023 |**

**4.30 PM - 7:30 PM**

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