

PIONEER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE 49ERS



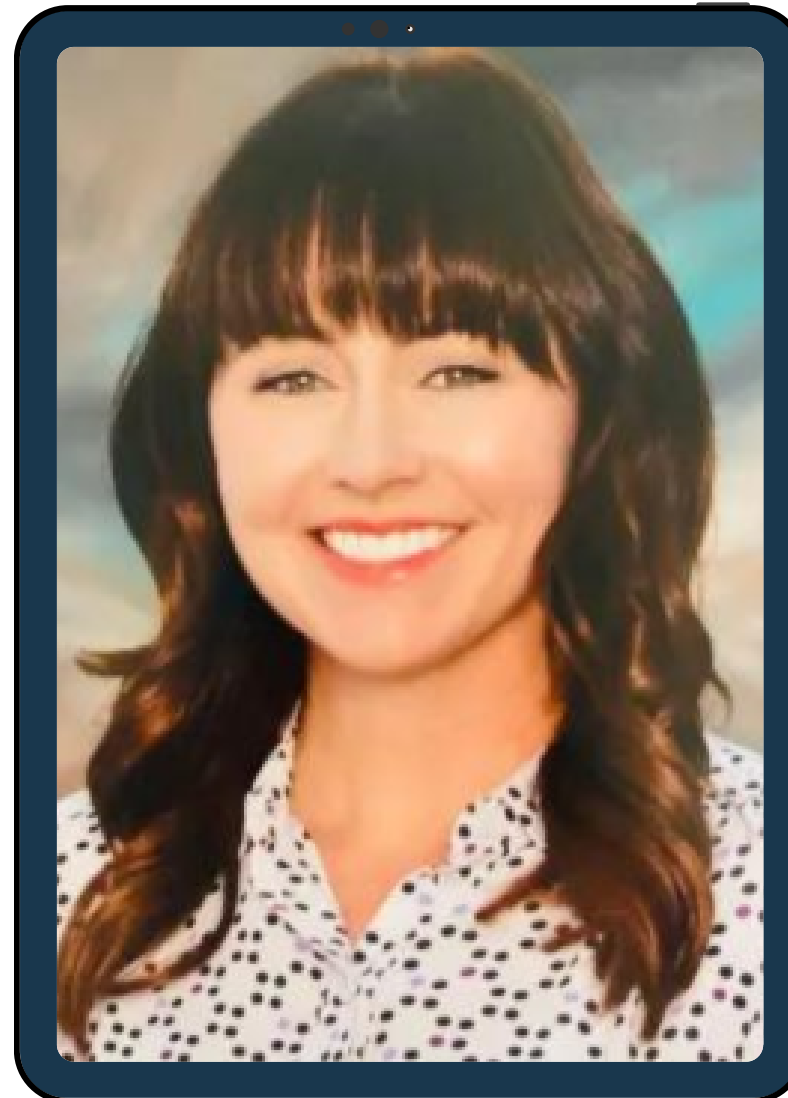
INCOMING 7TH GRADE
PARENT NIGHT

ADMINISTRATION TEAM

DR. KOTLEWSKI
Principal



COLETTE BOZEK
Assistant Principal



WHO ARE SCHOOL COUNSELORS?!

Ms. Ridgeway
Last Names A – K

Ms. Arguello
Last Names L – Z

School Counselors help all students with...

- Work through Academic Struggles
- Social Emotional Needs and Lessons
- Be a sounding board when trying to talk with family, friends and/or teachers.
- Advice for your future and how to prepare for high school, college and beyond!



PJH SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

- Individual Student Support
- Classroom Presentations
- Short Lessons through PSN
- Outside Referrals for Counseling/Support
- School-wide activities and campaigns on social-emotional development
- Small Groups
 - Girls Circle/Boys Council
 - Miner Detour
 - Academic Bootcamp
 - Social Skills
 - AND MORE!
- Topics we will cover this year:
 - Study Skills / GPA
 - College and Career
 - Bullying Prevention
 - Coping Skills / Mindfulness
 - Preparing for High School
 - Internet / Social Media Use
 - Alcohol and Substance Abuse
 - SOS: Signs of Suicide
 - Inclusion
 - AND MORE!!!



WHAT IS JUNIOR HIGH?



WHAT THE JR. HIGH DAY LOOKS LIKE

Every day students will take these 6 classes.
In addition, they will have a HOMEROOM class to start the day



ENGLISH



MATH



HISTORY



SCIENCE



PE



ELECTIVE

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

- PE Lockers/ Combination Locks
- Changing in the locker rooms
- **All of the AWESOME Sports!**



SAMPLE SCHEDULE

PERIOD	SUBJECT	TEACHER	ROOM	TIME	MINUTES
Homeroom		Mrs. Henderson	13	8:00–8:13	13
1	Science	Mr. Balcom	43	8:17–9:10	53
2	English	Mrs. Henderson	13	9:14–10:07	53
3	P.E.	Mr. Martin	PE	10:11–11:04	53
4	Math	Mrs. Banh	44	11:08–12:01	53
Lunch				12:01–12:31	30
5	Chorus	Mr. Harrison	MPR	12:25–1:28	53
6	History	Mr. Cassidy	19	1:32–2:25	53

School Hours Now 8:00–2:25 PM. Early out every Wed. at 1:25 PM

SPECIAL EDUCATION/ SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Please note that we work closely with the Elementary Case Carriers and district support staff.

We are prepared to support your kids appropriately when they arrive.



PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT TEACHERS!

- Even though your child is expressing his/her independence, he/she still wants (and needs) your support and guidance.
- Talk to your child about school and his/her personal and school life.
- Help your child be his/her own advocate. Encourage him/her to discuss concerns directly with the teachers.



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- Praise your child's effort and achievement.
- Always feel free to contact the school (teacher, counselor, administrator, etc) when concerns arise.

**KNOW YOUR CHILDREN'S
FRIENDS!!!!**



PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- PTSA
- Back to School Night
- Parent / Student / Teacher Conferences
- Career Day
- School Site Council Committee
- Watch DOGS
- Volunteer

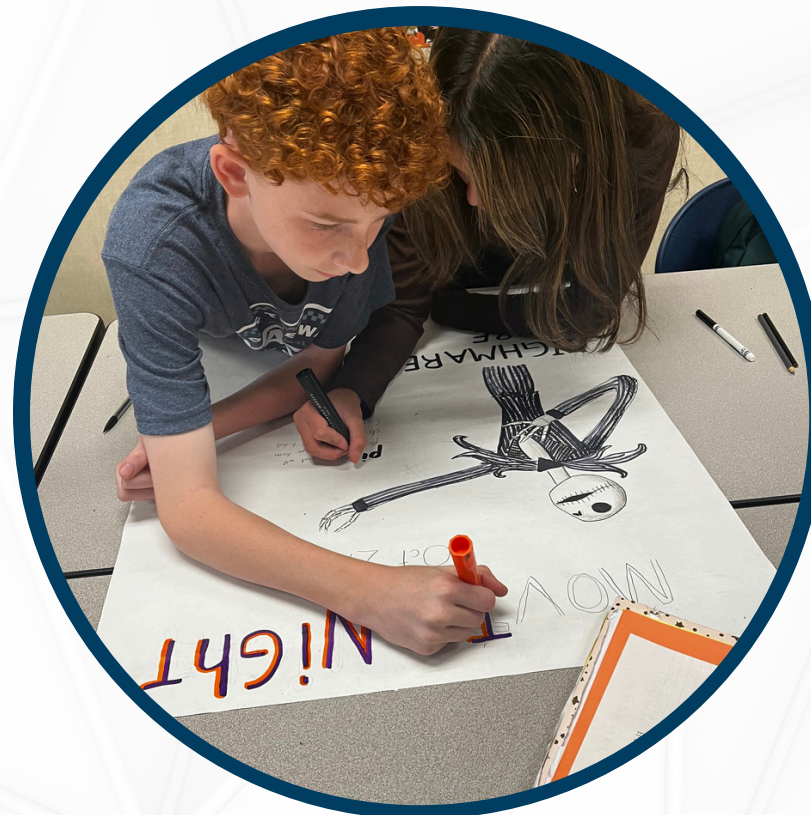
**YOUR INVOLVEMENT MATTERS MORE THAN
EVER, AS YOUR CHILD GETS OLDER!**

THE ELECTIVE WHEEL: SPANISH, ART & TECHNOLOGY



SPANISH

This is a course that will prepare students to have proficiency in the basics of the Spanish language and culture. This course will focus on developing students' interpersonal, interpretive and presentational communication skills via comprehensible input.



ART

This is an introductory course in art. Students will create original artworks through exploration in various art-making styles, media, and technique. Focus will be given to developing a student's artistic perception and increasing creative expression.



TECHNOLOGY

Using modeling and simulations, students will experience and apply selected basic elements of technology. Techniques of problem solving will be introduced. Students will touch on coding, engineering and more!

YEARLONG CLASS – YOU WILL TAKE ALL 3 CLASSES & STUDENTS CANNOT CHOSE ORDER



CHORUS

- Year-long elective
- Open to both 7th and 8th graders
- No audition or any previous choir experience needed
- Learn how to sing in a fun, positive, and supportive environment
- Performs at scheduled Pioneer school events and District Choral Performances.
- Being a part of choir is a positive way to build friendships in junior high



BAND

- Open to ANY student regardless of experience.
- Class will focus on fundamental techniques and beginning music theory.
- Performs at a band festival and concerts at Upland High School.
- Pioneer has a limited amount of instruments for you to borrow.
 - Band consists of Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion sections.



JAZZ BAND

- Meets before school at 7 am (Zero Period)
- Auditions at the beginning of next school year!
- Jazz Band is a supplemental band class



YELLOW PRE-ENROLLMENT CARD

PARENT
MUST SIGN!

HAVE A
PARENT
FILL OUT

Upland Unified School District 2025-2026 ENROLLMENT for Pioneer Junior High 7th Grade

Elementary School: Upland's Favorite Elementary School	Teacher: Mrs. Wonderful
Student Name: Mikey Miner	Primary Phone: (555)222-7777
Address: 2222 Home St. Upland, CA 91784	Parent/Guardian email: BestParent@gmail.com

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Mrs. Miner _____

Choose Your Elective Class - ALL electives are for ONE year

1. (REQUIRED) My ONE elective choice is: (check only one)	<input type="checkbox"/> CHORUS <input type="checkbox"/> BAND <input type="checkbox"/> WHEEL (ALL: Intro to Spanish/Art/Technology) *subject to change
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2. If you chose Band, please list your band instrument of choice? (Band experience **NOT** required)

Instrument: _____

Optional Electives* (check any that apply): ☐ AVID ☐ YEARBOOK ☐ Pioneer School News ☐ Advanced Chorus

NOTE: An **application is required for these electives. If you are selected for any of these optional elective choices, this will be your elective **instead** of the choice in #1.*

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GRADE TEACHER BY MARCH 10th

APPLICATION REQUIRED ELECTIVES

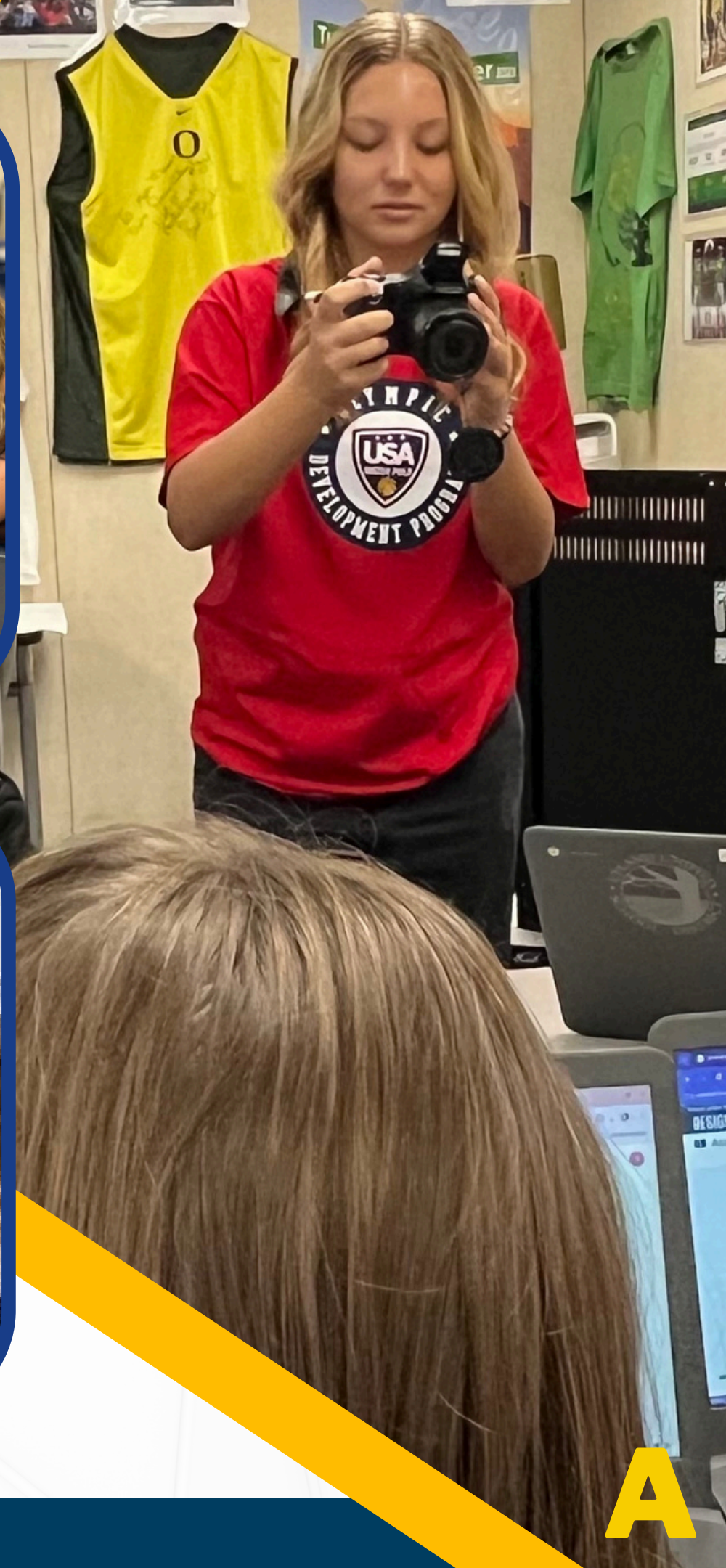
The next 4 electives require you to fill out an application.

If selected for these electives,
it will **REPLACE** the one you choose
as your first choice!

YEARBOOK

- Students in this class will be interviewing other students, interacting with teachers, capturing images of student life at Pioneer, and attending all after-school events. Students will learn how to write stories and captions for photographs. They will learn about yearbook design and how to use a yearbook publishing program. There is extensive use of computers in this class.

Students should have STRONG WRITING SKILLS during 6th grade.



A.V.I.D

Advancement Via Individual Determination

- Are DETERMINED TO SUCCEED!!!
- Have the potential to improve academics with proper guidance and training
- Are open-minded towards learning new skills
- Maintain a G.P.A. above 2.0
- AVID Elective teaches Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Critical Thinking.
- May be first in their family to attend college*
- Capable of committing time and effort to be successful in school

*family may have some college or college grad, however student may need extra support



PSN

Pioneer School News

- Students produce a LIVE, daily news program which runs school-wide during homeroom.
- Create and edit commercials that will be shown.
- Students selected will rotate through a variety of roles, including on-camera, reading the announcements, using MAC computer programs, and running behind the scene technology for broadcasting.
- 7th and 8th Grade elective class.
- Looking for highly motivated students showing Pioneer Pride.
- Required to be at school by 7:50 to prepare for the Homeroom broadcast.



ADVANCED CHORUS

- Interest Form to audition for Advanced Chorus.
- Local performances, benefits, sports games, Disneyland
- Mr. Harrison will contact parents/students.
- Students should choose CHORUS on their Yellow Elective Form
- Will replace Chorus if selected for Advanced Chorus.



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AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS



FALL

Volleyball
Flag Football



WINTER

Soccer
Basketball



SPRING

Track & Field

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- Lunchtime Activities
- Clubs/Dances
- Student Recognition Spirit Assemblies
- Activity Day (Big Al's/Knott's)
- Field Day
- Music performances
- Honor Roll Lunch
- Career Day
- March Madness!
- Student Travel Opportunities
 - Washington DC, NYC, London, France, Ireland, Florida
 - Are not school-sponsored & extra cost

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FRIENDS





LUNCH



Fun

Pie your teacher
12/15 @ Winter Social
Nelson, Arguella, Pulido, Cassidy, Dixon, Hackbarth 2 tickets

GAmeS





Where Everyone Belongs

Peer Support Program

Each 7th grade student is assigned two WEB Leaders

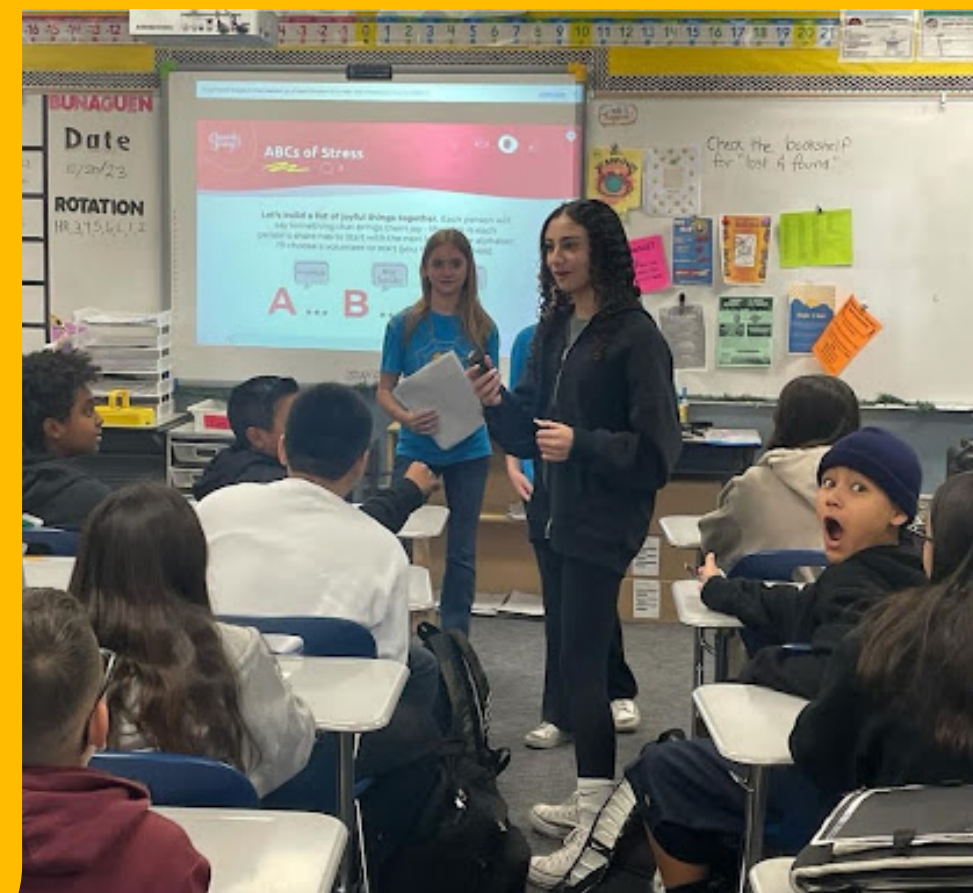
WEB Leaders

- Facilitate New Student Orientation/WEB Day-August 11th
- Hosts social and academic events for 7th grade students

WEB Alerts- mentorship support throughout the year

WEB Lessons in 7th Grade Homerooms

Us on Social Media!!! Instagram @pjh.web



Changes...



Ready or not.... “CHANGE” is coming

SOCIAL MEDIA



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**Parents Guide
to Roblox**



**Parents Guide
to Discord**



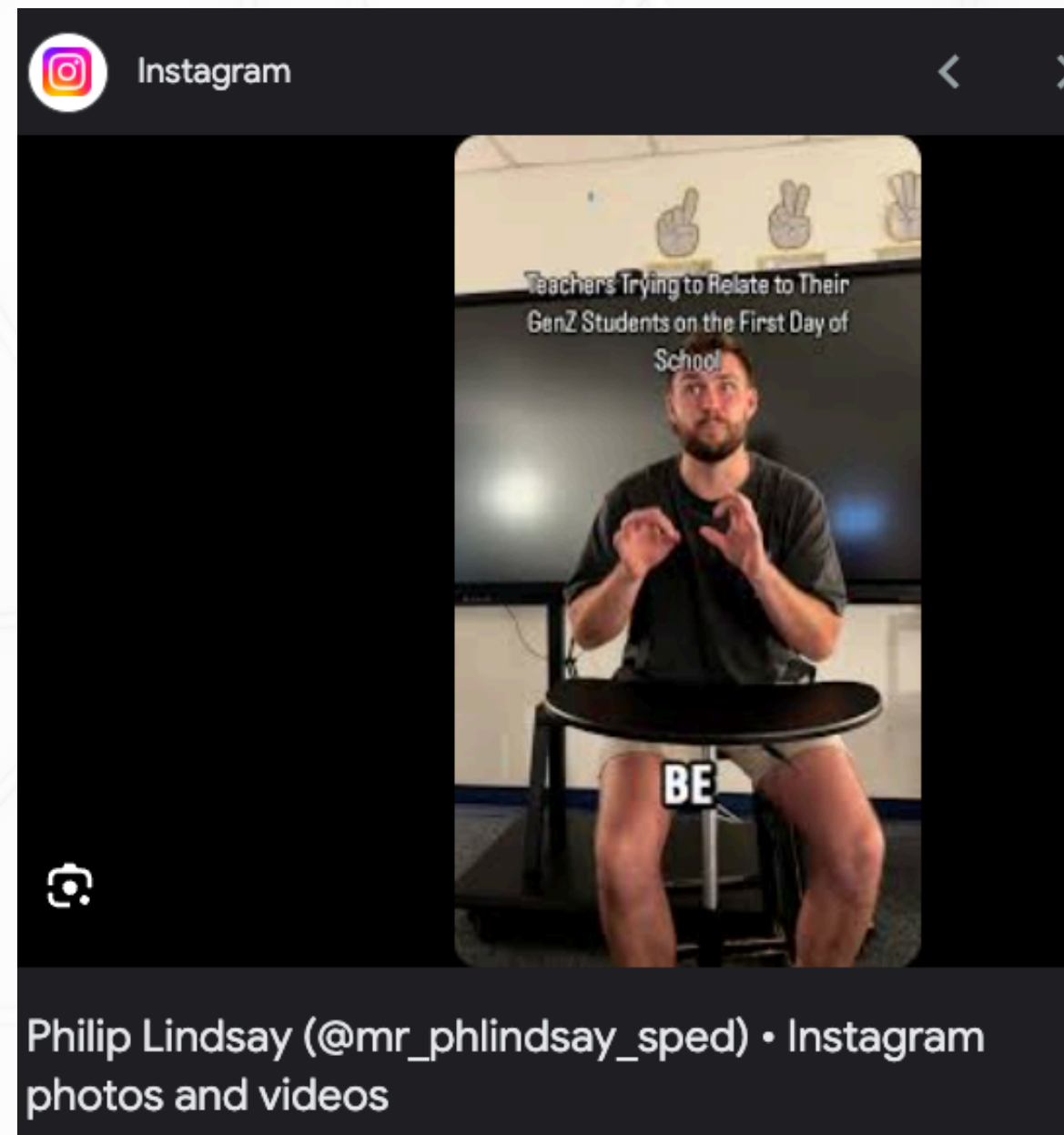
**Parents Guide
to Instagram**



**Parents Guide
to Snapchat**



SOCIAL MEDIA



Changes...

You can expect









Increased Academic & Personal Responsibility

- Planning for high school, college, and career
- On average 30 min per subject of homework
- Learning to self-advocate
- Learning how to use their Planner & Aeries Gradebook



Aeries







Pioneer Junior High School												
	Name	Term	Per	Teacher	%	Avg	Current Mark	Trend	Missing Assignment	Past 5 Days	Last Updated	
Details	Acc History 7 - Tri 2	Trimester 2	1	Balcom, J.	92.38		A-	 Details	0	- - - - -	Feb 27	
Details	PE 7/8	Trimester 2	2	Marquez	92.04		A	 Details	0	- - - - -	Mar 03	
Details	P3 7/8 Compact - 2nd Tri	Trimester 2	2	Davis	90.45		A-	 Details	0	- - - - -	Mar 01	
Details	Science 7 per 4 - TRI 2	Trimester 2	4	Balcom, K.	94.51		A	 Details	0	- - - - -	Mar 04	
Details	7th Grade P5 (T2)	Trimester 2	5	Perkins	89.57		B+	 Details	1	- - - - -	Feb 26	
Details	Exp Tech 7	Trimester 2	Per.6	Marshall	96.36		A	 Details	0	- - - - -	Mar 01	

Continuously evolving gradebook via AERIES





Aeries

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Details	English 7 - T2	Trimester 2	1	Corral	74.37		C	 Details	5	- - - - -	Mar 04
Details	P.2 Science 7 - Tri 2	Trimester 2	2	Abasta, J.	48.20		F	 Details	2	- - - - -	Feb 27
Details	P.3 Math 7 - Tri 2	Trimester 2	3	Abasta, J.	55.17		F	 Details	8	- - - - -	Mar 04
Details	History p.4 Trimester 2	Trimester 2	4	Allen	71.05		C-	 Details	3	- - - - -	Feb 15
Details	PE 7/8	Trimester 2	5	Pulido, M.	90.23		A-	 Details	1	- - - - -	Mar 01
Details	Exp Tech 7	Trimester 2	Per.6	Marshall	65.85		D	 Details	1	- - - - -	Mar 01

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A FEW HELPFUL SCHOOL-WIDE EXPECTATIONS

- Cell Phone Policy
- Smart Watches, Airpods & other electronic devices
- Attendance & Tardies
- Gum Free School
- Cross the street using crosswalks



- All shirts and tops must cover the upper body, shoulders, and midriff
- Sleeves on shirts and dresses
- Skirts/shorts – ends of fingers and palm meet
- Hats have a 1" brim (no baseball caps)
- No pajamas/slippers/slides (must have heel coverage. Crocs in sport-mode)

PBIS

- Schoolwide positive recognition program
 - Miner Tickets
 - WEB Applause Day
 - ASB Assembly Recognitions.

Honor Roll

- Students need to have a 3.5 GPA for the trimester
- Honor Roll Lunch

Presidential Honor Roll

- Awarded to students who maintain a 3.5 GPA for the first 5 consecutive trimesters or an overall GPA of 3.75

Homeroom Competitions

Positive Incentives



P.B.I.S. / Discipline

➡ **What is Positive Behavior Intervention Support?**

- A proactive approach that supports a positive school culture so that all students can succeed academically and behaviorally

➡ **Pioneer PRIDE** (Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Demonstrate Safety, Empathy)

- Students are taught how to appropriately act in all areas of campus (classrooms, hallways, locker rooms, eating areas, entering/exiting campus, etc.)
- Every 6 weeks school-wide recognition occurs for students meeting expectations or re-teaching for students needing additional support

➡ **Restorative Practices:** Restore Peer Relationships

➡ **Progressive Discipline Model:** Ed. Code & District Board Policy



Class Schedule Pick Up

Must have your online Registration Packet complete!

Tuesday, August 12th

- P.E. Clothes . . . \$25
- P.E. sweatshirt (optional) . . . \$20
- Yearbook . . . \$50

(Price will increase after registration day to \$60)

****PRICES MAY CHANGE****

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 10th

Deadline to
turn in your
elective
registration

April 30th

Pioneer
Showcase
(Open House)

5:30–7 PM
(**bring the
whole family!**)

August 1st

Registration
information
available on
PJH website

August 11th

7th Grade
Orientation

WEB Day

August 12th

Registration /
Schedule Pick up
day. All paperwork
completed–
Emergency card,
proof of TDAP, etc.

August 18th

First day of
JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOL !!!

QUESTIONS?

STUDENTS WITH LAST NAME A – K, COUNSELOR – LEE RIDGEWAY

LEE_RIDGEWAY@UPLAND.K12.CA.US

STUDENTS WITH LAST NAME L – Z, COUNSELOR – AMBER ARGUELLO

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – COLETTE BROZEK

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PRINCIPAL – DR. CHRIS KOTLEWSKI

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