

Dear Sinaloa Families, Parents, and Community,

On behalf of the Teachers and Staff, I would like to welcome each and every one of you back for an exciting year at Sinaloa Middle School. My name is Jeff Wallace, and I am honored to serve as the new Principal at Sinaloa for the 2019-2020 school year. I have spent this summer getting to know many of the teachers, parents, and students from the school, and I have been incredibly impressed with the caring community we have here at SMS. I look forward to building upon that Culture of Caring, and working with your students to improve their confidence, creativity, well-being, and academic achievement.

Prior to becoming Principal at Sinaloa, I served as the Principal at John Swett High School in the East Bay. During my five years at John Swett, we worked hard to improve academics, increase safety, and create a positive and equitable school culture. I am proud to say that during that time, we doubled our A-G college readiness rate, reduced our suspension rate by over 75%, and also created many new programs for the students. I believed strongly that by empowering teachers and staff to use their creative potential we could achieve great things, and the results showed that this was definitely true in the end.

I spent my teaching years at Novato High School, where I taught many different levels of Math such as Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry, and I also worked with many students in classes such as AP Stats, and Pre-Calculus. In addition, I served as the Athletic Director at NHS, and the head Boys and Girls Varsity Soccer Coach where I led multiple boys and girls teams to the NCS tournament. I may even have coached some of your current students as a soccer coach for North Marin United over the past decade. Novato has been a very important community in my life, and I truly love the parents and kids who I will be working with.

As Principal at Sinaloa, I look forward to working with parents, teachers, and others to build a strong school community. I believe that the school can be a central hub for the everyone in our town, and I hope to create an atmosphere where all students and families feel informed, welcomed, and supported. If you ever have any questions, or just need to talk with me, please feel free to contact me at any time, or come down to the school to chat. My door is always open to meet with parents about any issues that may arise.

You can reach me several ways, via email at [jwallace@nUSD.org](mailto:jwallace@nUSD.org), by calling the school office at 415-897-2111 ext. 5435, or simply by coming down to the school to meet with me.

Thank you for all that you do, and as a proud father of three children myself (15 mos, 4, 7), I know that parenting is difficult at times, but that the love we have for our kids is greater than any other force on earth. I assure you that I will care for the safety and academic excellence of your children with the same dedication that I give to my own, and together we can all make this year a great one!

Sincerely,

Jeff Wallace  
Principal  
Sinaloa Middle School