

*Jane Pinaud Wilson* – ALUMNI & FACULTY



Jane Pinaud Wilson is the middle child in a family of 5. Jane, her three brothers and one sister all graduated from Northside High School. Jane was the valedictorian of the Class of 1978. Both of her children, Megan and Alex, also graduated from Northside.

After teaching at Winder-Barrow High School for 10 years, Jane moved back to Warner Robins and began teaching math at Northside High School. She taught in a math classroom for 14 years, served as a math coach for 3 years and became an Intervention teacher for the final 3 years of her 20 year service at Northside. Working as both a math coach and an intervention teacher allowed Jane to gain experience helping students in all subjects and working one-on-one with students. This experience helped groom her for her current position as a member of the staff at Jay's HOPE Foundation 4 Kids with Cancer.

16 years ago, Jane became a hospital homebound teacher with Houston County Schools, in addition to her regular duties. She initially worked with Chris Johnson, an upcoming 10th grade football player at Northside. Chris was battling Leukemia and needed a special person to work with him and understand that he was going through quite a difficult medical condition. This work with Chris and many other childhood cancer patients led Jane to realize her true calling in the area of education. Jane was led to work with children and their families as they battle childhood cancer. Jane volunteered with Jay's HOPE Foundation and tutored many of the children. When Jane retired from Northside High School in 2016, she joined the staff at Jay's HOPE Foundation. She is still on staff and loving every minute of it!

In May of 2022, Jane was diagnosed with breast cancer. Having cancer has been quite a unique blessing for Jane. She is able to work with these children from a different perspective. She can understand the side effects from chemotherapy, the fear of scans, the uncertainty about the future and so much more. The conversations with the patients and their parents have become much more real.

While Jane is no longer employed at Northside High School, she still works with them to help support and educate people about Childhood Cancer. Jane and her mom also continue to purchase tickets to the football games. While they weren't able to attend in 2022 because of Jane's health, they plan to be back at it again in 2023.

*What does Northside High School mean to you?*

Northside means people banding together to bring education and family values together. It is definitely a community that will be in my heart forever.