



Bowditch
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Buccaneer Bulletin



September 30, 2019

Hello Bowditch Community, Fall Intermission is almost here. Have a great Fall Break. There is a lot happening before then, so please read along for this week's updates.

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WHAT'S NEW?

Bowditch Scripps Spelling Bee - Spelling Bee Registration Ends Today!

Don't miss out on the chance to encourage your child to enhance their vocabulary. Students prepare for the written test (on Oct 30th) using 250-word study list available at the school office. What a great way to put a small portion of the fall break to good use! Register at <http://tinyurl.com/BowditchBee2019>.

Seussical TYA Family Information Night -

Monday, September 30 from 6:30-7:30pm in the media center. This meeting is for any student interested in being part of the *cast or crew* and **one adult family member**. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information.

School Schedule - Please note that **Tuesday, October 1st, Thursday, October 3rd** and **Friday, October 4th** are super minimum days with dismissal at 12:25pm.

Wednesday is a regular day with dismissal at 1:40pm.

Fall Intermission is from **Monday October 7th - Friday, October 18th**. School resumes Monday October 21st.

Parent Teacher Conferences - Conferences will be held from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 pm in the media center on **Tuesday, October 1st, Thursday, October 3rd** and **Friday, October 4th**. Each conference is 5 minutes in

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6th Grade Elections - 6th Grade elections will be on **Wednesday, October 2nd** during 2nd period.. Students should remove any posters on Thursday, October 3rd.

Bowditch PTSA General Meeting/Meet the High School Principals - Please join us on **Wednesday, October 2 at 6:00pm** in the Media Center for a PTSA General Association Meeting. You can find a copy of the agenda posted temporarily [here](#). Following the meeting, join us for the PTSA sponsored, Meet the High School Principals event at 6:30pm where 8th grade families can hear from San Mateo High and Hillsdale High School Principals to get a sense of what students can expect as they transition into high school next year.

Membership Cards & Baskin Robbin's Discount Cards - For PTSA Members attending this week's PTSA General Meeting on Wednesday 10/2, please stop by the Membership Table to pick up your PTSA Membership card and Baskin Robbin's Buy One Get One Free Discount Card. Other ways to pick up these cards will be communicated in the near future.

San Mateo High School Meet and Greet - Refer to their [website](#) for more information.
For those who did not get a lottery spot for one of the San Mateo High School Shadow dates, here is another opportunity to visit and learn about SMHS. The first Meet & Greet date is **Tuesday, October 1st, from 6:30pm-8:00pm** at the SMHS Library.

Come & Meet Principal Yvonne Shiu, Members of the Administrative Team, Teachers from Various Departments, as well as Current SMHS Parents & Students and learn about the incredible programs available at SMHS, from Biotechnology & Computer Science to Mandarin.

PLEASE NOTE: 8TH GRADERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE MEET & GREET EVENT WITH PARENTS.

To RSVP for the October 1st DATE, please click on the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3LYkO4AE4i-cEICDLPaNX8LTIbWCDI8h_Pp4ivyklMViP3w/viewform

Additional opportunities will be on **Thursday, November 7 at 6:30pm** in the SMHS Library
8th Grade Information Night is on **Tuesday, November 5th** at 6:30pm in the SM Performing Arts Center.

Aragon High School - Registration for 2019
Shadowing is FULL, please [CLICK HERE](#) to be placed on the wait list. Refer to their [website](#) for more information.

Aragon Expo Night - Wednesday, October 23, 2019 from

6:15-8:00pm. For all prospective 2019 parents/guardians and students

6:15-7:00 pm - Talk to departments & see student clubs (North/Big Gym)

7:00-8:00 pm - Watch a presentation about Aragon and what we offer students (Aragon Theater)

Hillsdale High School - 8th Grade Information Night

is on **Wednesday, October 30** starting at 6:30pm in the HHS auditorium. Information is also available on our website at our "Prospective Students and Families" page (<https://www.smuhsd.org/Page/1518>).

VOLUNTEER'S CORNER



Big THANK-YOUs to families who donated food for the variety show last Friday and drama club members who ran tech: Elliot, May, Ayushni, Anilla, Celine, Tina, Lian, Akanksha, Iris, Cheryl, Ananya, Martta, Kira, Vanshika, Mahalakshmi, Sharvika, Rya, Sharannya, Hannah, Heayam, Kiana, Violet, and Marina.

Thanks to Ms. Burndon, Mr. Song, Ms. Finninger, and Ms. Field for all the hard work they put in coordinating and directing.

There will be many more opportunities for students and families to be involved in the musical! Please reach out to Ms. Burndon if you're interested, and attend the Monday meeting!

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon. Sept. 30 - Scripps Spelling Bee Registration Closes

Mon. Sept. 30 - Seussical TYA Family Information Night

Tue. Oct. 1 - San Mateo High School Meet and Greet

Tue., Thur. & Fri. Oct 1, 3, 4 - Bowditch Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:25 dismissal

Wed. Oct. 2 - Bowditch PTSA General Meeting/Meet the High School Principals

Mon. Oct. 7 - Fri. Oct. 18 - Fall Intermission (No School)

PTSA Annual Direct Donation Drive - Many thanks to all who have already submitted their annual donation. If you haven't had a chance to donate, [here is the form](#) or you can also [donate online](#) via PayPal. Don't forget to request company matching from your employer. This year we are looking to allocate funds to update our library!

Game Night Committee Chair Needed - The Bowditch PTSA is looking for a parent to help organize a Family Game Night (preferably this fall, but open for discussion). Traditionally, Bowditch has not held a start of the year social. The PTSA is putting this opportunity to make it happen in your hands! Please contact PTSA President, *Harpreet McDermott* at bowditch.ptsa@gmail.com, if you are able to Chair this event.

City of Foster City Emergency Generator - The city of Foster City has decided to install an emergency generator fairly close to Bowditch. The generator will only be used in emergencies and will periodically run for a brief time to test. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAMQD) requires this information to be shared with residential and business neighbors within 1,000 feet of the proposed generator. [Here is a copy of the letter](#) sent home with the students.

Bowditch and SMFCSD Calendars -

- [2019-2020 Bowditch PTSA Calendar Sept24.pdf](#)
- Online version: <https://www.bowditchptsa.org/calendar>
- [2019-2020 SMFCSD Student Calendar.pdf](#)
- [2020-2021 SMFCSD Student Calendar.pdf](#)

Tip: You can add the Bowditch PTSA calendar to your google calendar by selecting Google's 'Add a friend's calendar' and use bowditch.pta@gmail.com

Like Us on Facebook! Our Facebook page features important reminders and information from the Bowditch community. Be sure and like us on [Facebook](#) so you get the latest scoop!

Share Your Child's Success - Did your child have any recent successes ? In keeping with the community spirit, we would love to feature any achievement of your kids that can be shared with all. Please send your stories to bowditch.comm@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities at Bowditch - Please complete the [2019-2020 Volunteer Opportunities form](#). Any amount of time that you have to give is appreciated. Please contact the Harpreet McDermott, PTSA Preseident, at Bowditch.pta@gmail.com with any questions.

Log Your Volunteer Hours - Have you volunteered at Bowditch this week? Please take a moment to [log your volunteer hours here](#).

Have a great week!
The Bowditch PTSA



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